

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Original Application No.168/2023/EZ

Dilip Nath

Applicant(s)

Versus

Principal Chief Conservator
of Forest (PCCF), Assam & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 08.04.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Dilip Nath, in person (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Malabika Roy Dey, Adv. for State Respondents,
Ms. Anamika Pandey, Adv. for R-6 (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Dilip Nath, the Applicant is present in person (in Virtual Mode).
2. Ms. Malabika Roy Dey, learned Counsel appearing for the State of Assam has passed on before us an order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of the Assam High Court dated 04.02.2025 in PIL/76/2018 ; the same is taken on record. This order records the statement of the Standing Counsel, Forest Department that a detailed survey of villages within the notified Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary has been carried out and the Forest Department is to prepare a roadmap for removal of the encroachments from the forest land of the area referred to.
3. The issue in the Original Application is with regard to allegations of illegal encroachment and depletion of forest in the Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, District – Sonitpur, Assam. Since the issue involved in the present Original Application is identical to that of

the pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Gauhati in
PIL/76/2018, we direct this case to be listed on 16.07.2025.

4. **List on 16.07.2025.**
5. The parties shall intimate the outcome of the PIL pending before the
Hon'ble High Court.

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

April 08, 2025,
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