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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL
PRADESH)

Case No. : PIL(Suo Moto)/1/2026

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VERSUS

IN RE- THE STATE OF MIZORAM AND 4 ORS
REP BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
MIZORAM SECRETARIAT, AIZAWL- 796001

2:THE SECRETARY
TO THE GOVT OF MIZORAM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT AIZAWL

3:THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT OF MIZORAM
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION DEPTT
AIZAWL

4:THE SECRETARY
TO THE GOVT OF MIZORAM
LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT DEPTT
AIZAWL

5:THE SECRETARY
TO THE GOVT OF MIZORAM
. ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPTT
AIZAW

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. T J MAHANTA, SC, GHC

Advocate for the Respondent : ,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MICHAEL ZOTHANKHUMA
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV KUMAR SHARMA
ORDER

Date : 18.05.2026

(M. Zothankhuma, J)

Heard Mr. T. J. Mahanta, learned Senior and Standing Counsel, Gauhati High Court, assisted by Ms. P. Sharma. Also heard Mr. Biswajit Deb, learned AG, Mizoram and Ms. P. Bhattacharya, learned Addl. AG, Mizoram.

2. The respondents have submitted a summary of the issues that are to be decided pertaining to felling of trees within the heart of Aizawl city, for the purpose of widening of a certain section of the roads within Aizawl.

3. The learned AG submits that in place of the felled trees, 2000 tree saplings would be planted and Rs. 47.34 Lakhs has been sanctioned for the same. He also submits that though 170 trees had been initially identified for felling and permission granted for the same by the Forest Department, the trees requiring formal permission for felling was 107. He submits that after further consultation, it was found that 53 out of the 107 trees could be retained. As 44 trees had already been felled, only 10 additional trees needed to be felled. However, the respondents now require 23 trees to be felled.

4. The learned AG submits that he will submit an affidavit in this regard within a week. The affidavit should contain the name of the species of the saplings to be planted and the area in which it is to be

planted. The size of the trees to be felled should also be stated in the affidavit and the manner of disposal of the felled trees should also be informed.

5. List the matter on **26.05.2026**.

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Comparing Assistant