



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

Case No. : WP(C)/340/2023

Somkhim Mossang
Son of Lt. Ranjung Mosang,
Permanent Resident of Village Lungpang, PO/PS Nampong, District
Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh,
Presently Posting at DFO Nampong Forest Jairampur. Arunachal Pradesh
PO/PS Namsai, District Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF AP and 2 Ors.
Represented by Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Changes,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

2: The PCCF (Principal Chief Conservator of Forests) (Wild and BD) cum
Chief Wildlife warden Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar.
Age: 0
Occupation :

3: the Conservator of Forest (HQ), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar.

Advocate for the Petitioner : Chorpok Modi

Advocate for the Respondent : GA (AP)

**BEFORE
HONBLE MR. JUSTICE NANI TAGIA**

ORDER

Date : 25-07-2023

Heard Mr. C. Modi, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Ms. K. Wangmo, learned Junior Government Advocate representing the State respondents.

2. This writ petition is directed against the order dated 13.07.2023, passed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, vide No. FOR. 187/EA/EA/2022/(SFS) / 20358 - 90, whereby, the petitioner, who has been working as a District Forest Officer (DFO), Nampong Forests Division, Jairampur, for the past 4 (four) years has been transferred and posted as DFO Southern Resource Survey Division, Deomali, contending that the petitioner will be retiring from service on 28.02.2021 and no employee who is on the verge of retirement should be transferred.

3. Though the petitioner has put to challenge the aforesaid order of transfer, dated 13.07.2023, whereby, he has been transferred and posted as DFO Southern Resource Survey Division, Deomali, yet the petitioner has submitted a representation to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, dated 14.07.2023, whereby, he has made an appeal for posting him in the Office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Southern Circle, Deomali with additional charge of DFO, SRS Division, Deomali. From the aforesaid representation dated 14.07.2023, it appears that the petitioner would like to be posted in the

Office of the Office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Southern Circle, Deomali with additional charge of DFO, SRS Division, Deomali. Vide the impugned order of transfer dated 13.07.2023, the petitioner has already been posted as DFO Southern Resource Survey Division, Deomali. Thus, though the petitioner has put to challenge the impugned order of transfer dated 13.07.2023, whereby, he has been transferred from Jairampur to Deomali, the petitioner appears to be not averse to him being transferred at Deomali.

4. The only wish of the petitioner appears to be that he would like to be posted in the Office of the Chief Conservator of Forest, Southern Circle, Deomali with additional charge of DFO, SRS Division, Deomali, as indicated in the representation, dated 14.07.2023, submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh by him.

5. In that view of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner, dated 14.07.2023, on its own merit, within 2 (two) weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of, in terms above.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant