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

Case No. : WP(C)/5658/2026

SRI KALINDRA KUMAR DAS
S/O- LATE KHAGENDRA NATH DAS,
R/O- VILL- P.O.- KARIA, DISTRICT- NALBARI, ASSAM, PIN- 781339.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 6.

2:THE DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
ASSAM
KAHILIPARA
GUWAHATI-19.

3:THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
NALBARI DISTRICT CIRCLE
NAIBARI
ASSAM
PIN-781314.

4:THE STATE SELECTION BOARD
REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN CUM THE SECRETARY
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 6

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. I H SAIKIA, MS L HMAR,MR K KASHYAB,MR. B BORAH,MS. L MISAO,MR. M R CHOUDHURY,MR. K KALITA

Advocate for the Respondent : SC, SEC. EDU.,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY

ORDER

Date : 13.11.2026

Heard Mr. I.H. Saikia, learned counsel for the petitioner; Ms. P. Das, learned Secondary Education Department for all the respondents.

2. The petitioner is presently serving as a Post Graduate Teacher, Bezara Higher Secondary School where he was appointed in the year 1994. The respondent authorities in the Secondary Education Department published an Advertisement on 11.06.2019/14.06.2019 inviting applications for selection and appointment to the post of Principal of Karia Higher Secondary School, Karia, Nalbari. Finding himself eligible in terms of the criteria set forth in the Advertisement, the petitioner submitted his candidature in response to the said Advertisement. It is stated that apart from the petitioner, there were other applicants who participated in the process of selection initiated by the said Advertisement.

3. It is further stated that the School Selection Committee conducted the selection on 18.06.2019 and upon completion, the School Selection Committee prepared a select list and forwarded the same to the State Selection Board for consideration. The petitioner claims that in the select list forwarded to the State Selection Board, his name figures at Serial no. 1 in order of merit.

4. The cause of grievance for the petitioner to approach this Court by the present writ petition is inaction allegedly on the part of the respondent authorities in bringing the process of selection initiated by the afore-mentioned Advertisement to a finality. As more than seven years have elapsed since the date of Advertisement, the petitioner has sought for a direction to the respondent authorities to bring the process of selection initiated by the Advertisement to a finality within a reasonable period of time.

5. Ms. Das, learned Standing Counsel, Secondary Education Department appearing for the State respondents has submitted on the basis of the instructions received from the

respondent no. 2 vide an Office Letter no. E-408545/1018 dated 12.11.2026, addressed to her, that the matter of selection to the post of Principal Karia Higher Secondary School is presently under consideration of the Secondary Education Department, Government of Assam. Ms. Das has submitted that the process will be brought to a finality within a reasonable period of time in terms of the Service Rules, which regulate such process of selection and appointment. Ms. Das has submitted that a period of three months will be a reasonable period of time for the State respondent authorities to bring the entire process to a finality. She has, thus, submitted that without adjudicating on the merits of the claim of the writ petitioner, the writ petition, at this stage, may be disposed of with a direction to the respondent authorities to bring the process to a finality in accordance with law within a period of three months.

6. Mr. Saikia, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that if the entire process is brought to a finality within a period of three months, the writ petition may be disposed of with the afore-said terms.

7. In view of the broad consensus arrived at by the learned counsel for the parties in the afore-stated manner, this Court is of the view that instead of keeping this writ petition pending and without any determination on the merits of the claim of the writ petitioner, the same can be disposed of with a direction to the State respondents authorities to bring the process of selection and appointment to the post of Principal, Karia Higher Secondary School, District – Nalbari initiated by the Advertisement dated 11.06.2019/14.06.2019 to a logical conclusion in accordance with law within a period of three months from today. It is ordered accordingly.

8. A copy of this order is to be supplied to Ms. Das, learned Standing Counsel, Secondary Education Department for communication to the respondent authorities.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant