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

Case No. : Bail Appln./3517/2026

SRI LAWRENCE NAG
S/O LT AJUB NAG
R/O- VILLAGE-SEALKOTEE KOILABARI BAGANGAON, P.S.-CHABUA,
DISTRICT-DIBRUGARH ASSAM, PIN-786184.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE PP, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR M A ISLAM, MS L DAS,MR J I MONDAL

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBIN PHUKAN
ORDER

04.11.2026

Heard Mr. M.A. Islam, learned counsel for the accused and Mr. R.J. Barua, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State respondent.

2. This application, under Section 483 of the BNSS, is preferred by accused, namely, **Lawrence Nag**, who has been languishing in jail hazot, since 20.10.2026, in connection with **Chabua PS Case No. 72/2026**, under Sections 196(1)/299 of the BNS, read with Section 67 of the IT Act, for granting

bail.

3. Notably, aforementioned case has been registered on the basis of one FIR lodged by one Sankar Nayak and 5 others, on 20.10.2026.

3.1. The essence of allegation made in the FIR, dated 20.10.2026, is that one Lawrence Nag, resident of Sealkotee Koilabari Bagan Gaon, was making derogatory comments in his Face-Book account about Hindu religion and women, which are shameful to female community. He also made derogatory comments about the Hindu God Shiva, Brahma and Saraswati and as such, there is possibility of communal disharmony.

4. Mr. Islam, learned counsel for the accused, submits that the accused was arrested on 20.10.2026 and since then he has been languishing in jail hazot for last 15 days. Mr. Islam further submits that in view of the nature of acquisition in the FIR, dated 20.10.2026, further custodial detention of the accused may not be warranted in the interest of investigation and therefore, it is contended to allow this application.

5. Per-contra, Mr. Borua, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, has opposed the application.

6. Having heard the submissions of learned counsel for both the parties, this Court has carefully gone through the application as well as the documents placed on record.

7. It appears that the accused was arrested on 20.10.2026 and since then he has been languishing in jail hazot for last 15 days. The IO also got sufficient time for investigation.

8. Thus, balancing the period of detention with the nature and gravity of the offence alleged in the FIR, this Court is of the view that further custodial

detention of the accused may not be warranted in this case.

9. Accordingly, it is provided that on furnishing a bond of Rs. 20,000/- only, with one surety of like amount to the satisfaction of the learned **Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dibrugarh**, the accused be enlarged on bail.

10. In terms of above, this bail application stands disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant