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

Case No. : Bail Appln./3524/2026

SRI SUNTI DEORI
SON OF LATE BOGADHAR DEORI,RESIDENT OF VILLAGE BORCHAPORI,
POLICE STATION NARAYANPUR,DISTRICT LAKHIMPUR ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : ALHAJJ I UDDIN, MRS. ROMA ENGTIPI,MR ROBIUL HOQUE,MRS. R MOMTAZ

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBIN PHUKAN

ORDER

10.11.2026

Heard Mr. A. I. Uddin, learned counsel for the accused and Mr. R. J. Baruah, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State respondent.

2. This application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha

Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 is preferred by the accused, namely, **Sunti Deori**, who has been languishing in jail hajot since 15.10.2026, in connection with Bihpuria P.S. Case No. 197/2026, corresponding to G.R. Case No. 998/2026, under Section 13(1) of the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, for grant of bail.

3. It is to be noted here that the aforementioned case has been registered on the basis of one FIR lodged by one Ankurjyoti Borah, S.I. of Police, Dhalpur outpost, on 15.10.2026.

4. The essence of allegation, in the FIR dated 15.10.2026, is that while the informant was conducting Naka checking in front of Dhalpur Police Outpost, a TATA Ace vehicle, bearing Registration No.AS07CC1323, was intercepted and upon checking the vehicle, 6 Nos. of cattle were found, who were being transported in an inhumane manner.

5. Mr. Uddin, learned counsel for the accused submits that the accused was arrested on 15.10.2026, and since then, he has been languishing in jail hajot for the last 27 days. He also submits that the petitioner has relevant documents of the cattle, which were being carried in the vehicle and that he is ready to cooperate with the Investigating Agency. And under such circumstances, he has contended to allow this application.

6. Per contra, Mr. Baruah, learned APP, has vehemently opposed the application. By producing the case diary before this Court, he submits that the I.O. has collected sufficient incriminating materials against the present accused, and that investigation is going on and the offences are serious in nature and therefore, he has contended to dismiss this application.

7. Having heard the submission of the learned counsel for both the parties, this Court has carefully gone through the application and the documents placed on record and also gone through the case diary with the assistance of Mr. Baruah, learned APP.

8. Case diary indicates that the I.O. has collected sufficient materials in support of the allegations made in the FIR. Further, it appears that the I.O. has achieved substantial progress in the investigation of the case.

9. Under the given facts and circumstances, this Court is of the view that further custodial detention of the accused may not be warranted in the interest of investigation. And accordingly, this Court is inclined to allow this petition.

10. It is provided that on furnishing a bond of Rs. 25,000/-, with one surety each of the like amount, to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Lakhimpur, the accused shall be enlarged on bail.

11. In terms of the above, this Bail Application stands disposed of.

12. Case diary be returned.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant