Minutes of the Monthly Meeting vide Notification no. 52 of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court held on 30/01/2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference hall of Lakhimpur District Judiciary, Lakhimpur on the following issues.

Agenda No. 1: Land for construction of residential quarters for the Judicial Officers and Staff of the District Judiciary, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.

Resolution: The District and Sessions Judge has raised the issue regarding allotment of land near the newly constructed Planetarium at Chutia Kari, North Lakhimpur for the construction of residential quarters for the Judicial Officers and Staff of the District Judiciary, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.

In the earlier sittings of the Monthly meeting, 2 (two) different plots of land were identified for the aforesaid purpose — one plot being near the FCI Depot, Japisajia, KB Road and another plot being near the newly constructed Planetarium at Chutia Kari, North Lakhimpur. As a first preference, the plot at FCI Depot, Japisajia, KB Road was identified for the said purpose, but the same is currently under the occupation of CRPF. The District Commissioner had earlier conveyed in the meeting that the said plot will be allotted to the District Judiciary after the same is released by the CRPF to the District Administration. At the same time, the District Commissioner had also proposed another plot of land near the newly constructed Planetarium at Chutia Kari, North Lakhimpur for the above-mentioned purpose as an alternative plot in earlier meeting dated 22/03/2023.

The District & Sessions Judge has raised the issue in the meeting held today and expressed before the representative of the District Commissioner to do the needful for allotting the aforesaid alternate plot of land near the newly constructed Planetarium at Chutia Kari, North Lakhimpur because of the delay occasioned in the process of returning of the first preferred plot of land by the CRPF to the District Administration. In this regard, the District & Sessions Judge has requested the representative

of the District Commissioner to apprise the District Commissioner to pursue the matter and allot the plot of land measuring 4 (four) *Bighas* at Chutia Kari, North Lakhimpur with additional 2 (two) *Bighas* of land for the construction of residential quarters for the Judicial Officers and Staff of District Judiciary, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.

Further, the members of the Committee have also resolved to communicate and invite the Circle Officer and the Lat Mandal in the next sitting of the monthly meeting.

Agenda No. 2: Accommodation for Civil Judge (Jr. Dvn.) at Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur.

Resolution: The District and Sessions Judge has raised the issue regarding the requirement of temporary accommodation for Civil Judge (Jr. Div.),Dhakuakhana as the office of Addl. District Commissioner, Dhakuakhana has informed vide Letter no. DN.2/2013 Dated Dhakuakhana the 22nd January, 2024 that the current occupancy of all the functional official residential quarters under the Sub-District is at maximum and no vacancy is available and temporary accommodation can be made to Civil Judge (Jr. Div.), Dhakuakhana at Circuit House, Dhakuakhana. In this regard, the representative of District Administration is requested to identify a suitable and befitting rented accommodation with running water and parking facility for the Civil Judge (Jr. Div.), Dhakuakhana through the PWD Building Division, North Lakhimpur as per the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court direction in the Writ Petition (C) 5873/2006.

Agenda No. 3: Regarding necessary security arrangements in the Court complex at Lakhimpur.

Resolution: The District and Sessions Judge has raised the issue of security lapse in the Court Complex at North Lakhimpur, Lakhimpur. The security personnel deployed in the Court campus of District Judiciary, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur were found negligent in carrying out their duties and have not been vigilant as some persons without any Court/ office works were found loitering in the campus in the CCTV footage. Also, one bicycle of Court staff was stolen on 18/01/2024 from the parking area

of Court campus by an unidentified person, and the person had come inside the Court campus walking and later left the Court campus riding a bicycle, as seen in the CCTV footage dated 18/01/2024. Further, the security personnel were already informed to be very vigilant as unauthorized persons were found loitering in the restricted area/ prohibited area of the Court campus of District Judiciary, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur in previous instances. Also, they were found gossiping with other people outside the gate whilst on duty.

In this regard, the Superintendent of Police, Lakhimpur, NL informed that necessary steps shall be taken for better security arrangements in the Court complex and the matter shall be looked into without delay.

Agenda No. 4: Regarding issues related to delays in investigation and trial.

Resolution: The members present in the meeting have discussed about various issues relating to delays in investigation and trial. The Police administration is requested to direct the police personnel for proper service of summonses. The members also discussed the procedure to be followed during investigating under Section 42 (Power of entry, search, seizure and arrest without warrant or authorisation) and Section 50 (Conditions under which search of persons shall be conducted) of the NDPS Act, 1985. In this regard, the Superintendent of Police is requested to share the Notification of Govt. of Assam in connection to empowerment of any police officers under Section 42 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Further, the members have discussed on the procedure of seizure and storage of seized materials, sampling and disposal of contraband items and the procedure to be followed by the Drug Disposal Committee with regard to disposal of seized materials, and various Forms/registers to be prepared. The Drug Disposal Committee is further requested to submit a copy of certificate of destruction of the contraband items to the concerned Courts.

Agenda No 5: Any other urgent matters:

The District and Sessions Judge has suggested that the police department may schedule a training programme for police personnel, including those of Dhakuakhana Sub-Division, on important issues relating investigation of cases and other incidental matters.

Further, the members of the Committee have unanimously resolved to create a WhatsApp group for the District Judiciary and Police Department of Lakhimpur District for better co-ordination, communication, correspondence etc.

With these discussions, the meeting held today on 30.01.2024 is concluded with Vote of Thanks from the Chairperson.

Smt. Sharmila Bhuyan,
District and Sessions Judge,
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur-

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District Commissioner,
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.
(Represented by Smt. Sulakshana Borpatragohain, Addl. D.C., Lakhimpur, NL).

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Sri Jaspal Singh,
Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC)
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur-

30/01/24

Smt. Rashmita Das,
Additional Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, POCSO
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur-

Smt. Kingkini Borah,
Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur-

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~~Smt.~~ Aparna Natarajan, IPS
Superintendent of Police,
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.

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Sri Munindra Nath Deuri,
Addl. Superintendent of Police (HQ),
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.

Sri L. K. Deka,
Addl. Superintendent of Police (S&I),
Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur.