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

**Case No. : WP(C)(Suo Moto)/8/2018**

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GUWAHATI, ASSAM

**VERSUS**

IN RE - THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 7 ORS.  
REP. BY THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,  
HOME AND POLITICAL(B) DEPTT,  
JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006

2:THE STATE OF NAGALAND  
REP. BY THE SECRETARY  
HOME DEPTT  
GOVT OF NAGALAND  
NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT  
KOHIMA- 797004

3:THE STATE OF MIZORAM  
REP. BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECETARY HOME DEPTT  
GOVT OF MIZORAM  
MIZORAM SECRETARIAT  
AIZAWL- 796001

4:THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
HOME DEPTT  
GOVT OF NAGALAND  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT  
ITANAGAR- 791111

5:THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS  
ASSAM  
ASSAM PRISON HEADQUARTERS  
KHANAPARA GUWAHATI- 781022

6:THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS  
NAGALAND PRISON HEADQUARTER  
P R HILL KOHIMA- 797005

7:THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS  
MIZORAM. DIRECTORATE OF PRISONS  
AIZAWL- 796001

8:THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT  
ITANAGAR- 79111

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**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. VIJAY BISHNOI**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KAUSHIK GOSWAMI**

**20-12-2024**

*(Vijay Bishnoi, C.J.)*

An affidavit is filed on behalf of the Registrar General of the Gauhati High Court on 20.08.2024 annexing therewith a report in relation to the inspection carried out by the Committee consisting of the Member Secretary, Assam State Legal Services Authority, DIG, Prison, Guwahati Range and DIG, Prison, Jorhat range in respect of different central jails and district jails in the States of Assam,

Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

In the inspection report, the Committee has highlighted the situation prevailing in the jails of the above-referred four States and it is reported that by and large the condition of the jails in all the four States are not satisfactory. Certain recommendations have also been provided in the said inspection report.

However, all the four States have not responded to the said affidavit filed on behalf of the Registrar General of the Gauhati High Court.

Learned counsel representing the States of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh are directed to file their respective comprehensive affidavit addressing all the issues highlighted by the Committee in its inspection report, which is annexed to the affidavit filed on behalf of the Registrar General of the Gauhati High Court on 20.08.2024.

The affidavits shall contain as to what measures the above-referred four States have taken in respect of the recommendations made by the Committee and if those recommendations have not been implemented, then by what time they are going to implement the same.

List the matter on **29.01.2025**.

By that time, the affidavits on behalf of all the four States be filed positively.

**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Comparing Assistant**