

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.P. KATAKEY

Heard Mr. Bhattacharyya, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. U.K. Das, learned standing counsel appearing for the respondent Social Welfare Department. None appears for the private respondents.

The grievance of the petitioners in the present writ petitions is that though the Govt. of Assam has issued the guideline for engagement of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers in different Anganwadi Centres, stipulating that the candidates must be the resident of the Centre in question, in the present cases the said guideline has been violated and the private respondents have been engaged, though they are not the residents of the concerned Anganwadi Centres.

Since the petitioners have raised the factual dispute relating to the residential status, I dispose of the present writ petitions directing the Director of Social Welfare, Assam to cause an enquiry through the respective District Social Welfare Officers relating to the residential status of the private respondents and to pass a speaking order. The consequential steps would be taken based on the order that may be passed by the Director. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of 2(two) months from the date of production of the certified copy of the order passed today by any of the petitioners before the Director.

The writ petitions are accordingly disposed of.