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Prohibitory Order u/s 163 BNSS

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court on 17.22.2024 while giving the final verdict in WP(C)/466/2024 has declared that the notification issued by the Assam Government on December 27, 2023, permitting buffalo and Bulbuli fights is in contravention of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and other relevant animal protection laws;

AND WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of this authority that there is a likelihood of violations of the Act, during the upcoming Magh Bihu celebrations at some parts of the territorial jurisdiction of Kamrup District;

AND WHEREAS, the Bulbuli, a species of bird, is listed under Schedule IV of the Act as a protected species;

AND WHEREAS, the holding of Bulbuli fights during Magh Bihu celebrations, including the longstanding tradition of such fights in Hajo within Kamrup District, would constitute a clear violation of the Act and may result in the infliction of cruelty and harm to these protected birds;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court has explicitly ruled against the legality of such events, making their conduct a violation of the court order;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Samhita, 2023, I Shri Deba Kumar Mishra, ACS, do hereby **prohibit** –

"holding of any Bulbuli fights within the territorial limits of Kamrup District, including those that may have been traditionally held in Hajo, during the Magh Bihu celebrations".

This order comes into force with immediate effect and shall be in force until further notification. As circumstances do not admit of serving of a notice upon any individual(s) or organization(s), as provided u/s – 153 BNSS, this order is being passed ex-parte as envisaged U/S 163 (2) BNSS. Anyone aggrieved with this order is/are at liberty to approach the undersigned for any modification / altercation / rescind of this order.

The Superintendent of Police, Kamrup shall ensure implementation of this order in letter and spirit. Violation of this promulgation will be punishable under section 223 of BNS and any other existing relevant provisions of law.

Given under my hand and seal on this 13th Day of January, 2025.

Memo No. E 2058 MJ-15/1/2022-KMJ/ (A)

Dated Amingaon, the 13th January, 2025

Copy forwarded to :

- 1. The Superintendent of Police, Kamrup, Amingaon. He is requested to enforce the order through Police Officers/ In-Charges of all P.S./O.P. within Kamrup District and to take immediate action against any violation of this order.
- 2. All Circle Officer & EMs under Kamrup district, information and necessary action.
- 3. The DIO, Kamrup, for publishing the order in district official web page.
- 4. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. Of Assam, Home & Political Deptt., Dispur, Ghy-6, for favour of information.
- 5. The DIPRO, Kamrup for wide publicity of the order through local dailies/AIR/ Doordarshan etc.

Sd/-District Magistrate Kamrup, Amingaon