

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL) NO. 117 of 2026****In F/LETTERS PATENT APPEAL/368/2026****In****R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION/14830/2025****With****F/LETTERS PATENT APPEAL NO. 368 of 2026****In****R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 14830 of 2025****With****CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR STAY) NO. 1 of 2026 In F/LETTERS PATENT
APPEAL NO. 368 of 2026****In****R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 14830 of 2025**

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NEEL RASHMIKANT SONI**Versus****DHARMESHBHAI BHARATKUMAR KALAL , PRESIDENT , DEVGADH
BARIYA NAGARPALLIKA & ORS.**

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Appearance:**MR.MIHIR JOSHI, SR. ADVOCATE WITH MR. PARAM. S. DAVE(14217) for
the Applicant(s) No. 1****GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3****MR. SHALIN MEHTA, SR. ADVOCATE WITH MR C B UPADHYAYA(3508)
for the Respondent(s) No. 10,11,12,13,8,9****MR DEEPAK P SANCHELA(2696) for the Respondent(s) No. 1****MR KULDIP K ACHARYA(10616) for the Respondent(s) No. 4,5**

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL****and****HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.N.RAY****Date : 22/01/2026****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA
AGARWAL)**

The Civil Application seeking for status quo ante is pressed into service, but we are of the opinion that looking to the nature of the matter, the appeal is required to be decided on merits itself.

The Learned Senior Advocate appearing for the

appellant raises an apprehension about the long pendency of the present Letters Patent Appeal with the assertion that repeated leave notes or sick notes were being sent by the learned advocates.

Today, there is a leave note of Mr. Deepak P.Sanchela, learned advocate for the respondent No.1 in this appeal. Recording the same, connect along with this matter, LPA No. 1330 of 2025 with LPA No.658 of 2022 with LPA No.659 of 2022 on 2nd February, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

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(D.N.RAY,J)