

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) (WRIT PETITION (PIL)) NO. 8
of 2026

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HARESHKUMAR MANUSUKALAL VITHLANI (EX-ARMY)
 Versus
 STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

PARTY IN PERSON(5000) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
 ANSHUL N SHAH(8540) for the Opponent(s) No. 6
 G H VIRK(7392) for the Opponent(s) No. 4
 MR GH VIRK, GOVERNMENT PLEADER with MS DHARITRI
 PANCHOLI and MR JAY BAROT for the Opponent(s) No. 1,2,3
 MR KAUSHAL D PANDYA(2905) for the Opponent(s) No. 5
 MR SIMRANJITSINGH H VIRK(11607) for the Opponent(s)
 No. 4

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS.
JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL
 and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.N. RAY

Date : 31/07/2026

ORAL ORDER
(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS.
JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)

1. The affidavit dated 30.07.2026 of the Under Secretary, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Government of Gujarat has been filed in the Court today, which is taken on record.

2. It is stated therein that the issue relating to

implementation of reservation for ex-servicemen in recruitment undertaken by urban local bodies has been under active consideration of the State Government and now by Government Resolution dated 24.07.2026, a copy whereof is appended as Annexure 'R1' to the affidavit, directions have been issued to all Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Commissioner of Municipal Administration to implement the provisions providing reservation for ex-servicemen under the said Rules.

3. It is further contended that in compliance of the said Government Resolution, following steps have also been taken to ensure faithful implementation across all urban local bodies of the State. The copies of Government Resolution dated 24.07.2026 have been circulated to (i) The Municipal Commissioners of all Municipal Corporations of the State; (ii) The Commissioner, Municipal Administration, Gandhinagar; and (iii) Municipalities and other Urban Local Bodies of the State.

4. Specific directions have been issued to ensure the reservation of ex-servicemen against the post as per the Rules viz reservation of 1% of vacancies for direct recruitment post in categories Class I and II, 10% of vacancies in Class III and 20% vacancies in Class IV.

5. It is, thus, submitted that effective steps have been by the State Government and the Urban Development and Urban Housing Department to ensure the implementation of reservation for ex-service provided under the Gujarat Ex-

servicemen (Recruitment of State Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 2018.

6. In view of the above, it seems that the grievances of the petitioner herein, appearing as party-in-person has been met. We, therefore, dispose of the present Public Interest Litigation as having achieved its purpose.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ.)

(D.N.RAY, J.)

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