

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2245 of 2025**

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PATEL BHARATKUMAR KESHAVLAL
Versus
MANAGING DIRECTOR, & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR FB BRAHMBHATT(1016) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR KUNAN B NAIK(3210) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

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

Date : 03/11/2025

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

1. Having heard learned Counsels for the parties and perused the affidavit on record, we find that though there is denial on the part of the ONGC about any leakage of chemical waste water or oily substance from the pipelines maintained by the ONGC, but there is categorical rebuttal of the petitioner about the same. The assertions in the affidavit filed on behalf of the ONGC atleast make it clear that there was occasional drainage of water from the pipelines maintained by the ONGC, which itself is a matter of grave concern. Any kind of leakage from the pipelines maintained by the ONGC which carry chemical waste water or oil would be a matter of

environmental concern. We, therefore, require the petitioner to implead the “GPCB” (Gujarat Pollution Control Board), which is the authority to address the issue of environmental damages, as respondent No.5 in the array of the parties within the course of the day. The Notice of this petition along with the affidavit filed on behalf of the ONGC shall be served upon the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the GPCB.

The matter be posted on **18th November, 2025.**

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

BINA SHAH

(D.N.RAY,J)

Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judges.
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