

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) (WRIT PETITION (PIL)) NO. 6 of
2023

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AMIT MANIBHAI PANCHAL
 Versus
 STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR AMIT M. PANCHAL, PARTY IN PERSON(5000) for the
 Applicant(s) No. 1
 MS DEVANGI SOLANKI, AMICUS CURIAE
 MR KAMAL TRIVEDI, ADVOCATE GENERAL with MR. VINAY
 BAIRAGRA, AGP for the Opponent(s) No. 1,3,4
 MR MITESH AMIN, SR. ADVOCATE with MR HS MUNSHAW(495)
 for the Opponent(s) No. 5
 SIDDHANT R SHAH(8722) for the Opponent(s) No. 6
 MS MANISHA L. SHAH, SR. ADVOCATE with MR. SIDDHARTH S
 RAMI(8342) for the Opponent(s) No. 8,9
 MR GH VIRK with MR. S.H. VIRK with MS NENCY P SHETH with
 MS DEVANSHEE for AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
 MR M.N. MARFATIA for RAJKOT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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

Date : 10/07/2026

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

1. The further affidavit dated 18.06.2026 filed on behalf of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) bringing on record the exercise for enforcement of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 by curbing the use of prohibited articles between 25.04.2026 and 08.06.2026, has been taken on record. The said exercise being an ongoing exercise, will

be continued as stated in the affidavit itself.

2. Another affidavit dated 10.07.2026 has been filed by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) in compliance of the order dated 06.03.2026 to state that 104 Urban local bodies have installed MRF facilities and 22 have started construction of MRF facilities. Out of 104, 36 MRF Facilities of Urban Local Bodies are manually operated, 49 are mechanised and 42 are operated both manually and mechanically.

3. The survey and monitoring of the remaining 43 Local Urban Bodies is being undertaken by the State Monitoring Committee and the State Government has taken important measures to ensure that all Urban local bodies have operational MRF facilities and the bye-laws of all Nagarpalikas are in tandem with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. It is submitted that the GPCB and the State Monitoring Committee are making continuous endeavours to ensure that all Urban local bodies are in compliance with the directions issued by this Court and Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

4. It is submitted that as part of a key initiative implemented by GPCB for effective management of plastic waste during Uttar Vahini Narmada Parikrama performed between 19.03.2026 to 18.04.2026, following steps were taken:-

- Total Waste collected during this period was 60 MT in 31 days (15 MT Plastic waste and 45 MT Biodegradable waste) covering total 21 kms through waste collection activity.

- Collected waste was channelized at authorized waste processing units.
- Total 65 human sanitation workers and 4 vehicles were engaged for waste collection activities.
- Awareness activities have also been conducted to promote cleanliness and responsible waste disposal.

5. It is submitted that the GPCB and the State Monitoring Committee remain committed to sustained efforts for the structured implementation of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and shall continue to take all necessary steps with a view to ensure full compliance with the directions issued by this Court.

6. Taking note of the above, we require GPCB to submit the details of the plastic processing units hired/engaged or set up by the Urban Local Bodies, in the State, total 169 in number (17 Municipal Corporations and 152 Nagarpalikas). The inspection reports of the MRF facilities of 104 Urban Local Bodies, which are manually, mechanically operated shall be brought on record in strict compliance of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016,

7. With the above, the matter is posted on 21.08.2026 at 12.30 P.M.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

BIJOY B. PILLAI