

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/LETTERS PATENT APPEAL NO. 508 of 2025

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STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.
Versus
ADARSH GUJARAT ANGANWADI UNION & ORS.

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CORAM: **HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA**
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. T. VACHHANI

Date : 18/06/2025

ORAL ORDER
(PER : HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA)

1. During the course of the hearing, this Court has perused the observation recorded by the Supreme Court in the case of Maniben Maganbhai Baria Vs. District Development Officer, Dahod, (2022) 16 SCC 343, expressing the dire state of the Anganwadi workers and helpers, more particularly in paragraph No.27, wherein, it has been recorded as under:

“For all this, they are being paid very meagre remuneration and paltry benefits under an insurance scheme of the Central Government. It is high time that the Central Government and State Governments take serious note of the plight of AWWs and AWHs who are expected to render such important services to the society.”

And, further in paragraph No.95 as under:

“Before parting with the order, I would like to observe that the time has come when the Central Government/State Governments has to collectively consider as to whether looking to the nature of work and exponential increase in the Anganwadi centres and to ensure quality in the delivery of services and community participation and calling upon Anganwadi workers/helpers to perform multiple tasks ranging from delivery of vital services to the effective convergence of various sectoral services, the existing working conditions of Anganwadi workers/helpers coupled with the lack of job security which albeit results in lack of motivation to serve in disadvantaged areas with limited sensitivity towards the delivery of services to such underprivileged groups, still being the backbone of the scheme introduced by ICDS, time has come to find out modalities in providing better service conditions of the voiceless commensurate to the nature of job discharged by them.”

2. When it was inquired from Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, learned Additional Solicitor General of India and Mr. Kamal Trivedi, learned Advocate General about any steps if are being taken by the Central Government for improving the service conditions of the Anganwadi workers/helpers and also to further revise their wages/honorarium, he has requested for some time in order to gather the information. He has

submitted that a Pan-India information is required to be obtained relating to wages/honorarium which is being paid to the Anganwadi workers/helpers, in respective States. Such information/data shall be produced by the next date of hearing.

3. In light of the aforesaid request, list the matter on 07.07.2025. Registry to place a copy of this order in each matter.

(A. S. SUPEHIA, J)

(R. T. VACHHANI, J)

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judges.
Digitally signed by: MITESH VIJAYBHAI PANCHAL(HCD0065), ENGLISH STENOGRAPHER GRADE TWO CLASS TWO, at High Court of Gujarat on 20/06/2025 12:05:13