

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16174 of 2024

**With
CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR AMENDMENT) NO. 1 of 2026
In R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16174 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16074 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16175 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16449 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16868 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16889 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16914 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16986 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16989 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17176 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17344 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17346 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17348 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17374 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17375 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17396 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17413 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17430 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17437 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17480 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17534 of 2024**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 1847 of 2025**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 1876 of 2025**

**With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2062 of 2025**

With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2117 of 2025
 With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2145 of 2025
 With
R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 6397 of 2025

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ILA KIRIT SHELAT & ORS.
 Versus
 UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR MIHIR JOSHI, SENIOR COUNSEL WITH MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR
 COUNSEL WITH MR RUTUL P DESAI(6498) AND MR ADITYA PARIKH,
 ADVOCATE for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3
 MS MAITHILI MEHTA, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the
 Respondent(s) No. 2
 MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

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

Date : 16/07/2026

ORAL ORDER

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

1. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners at some length, we are of the considered view that in order to adjudicate the controversy at hand, it is necessary to look to the original records pertaining to the acquisition of the lands-in-question. The original records must be of two stages:- (i) Ms. Archana U. Amin, learned advocate for the respondents - Railways is directed to produce the entire original record pertaining to issuance of notification under Section 2(37A) and the entire proceedings of acquisition as

per Chapter IV-A of the Railways Act, 1989; (ii) Ms. Maithili Mehta, learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the State respondents is directed to produce the entire original record of the competent authority pertaining to the disposal of the objections under Section 20D as contained in Chapter IV-A of the Railways Act, 1989.

2. The further hearing in the matter would be resumed after perusal of the original record on the next date fixed.

Put up these matters on **04.08.2026 at 02:30 p.m.**

Interim relief, granted earlier, shall continue to operate till the next date.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

A. B. VAGHELA