

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
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16175 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16449 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16868 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16889 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16914 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16986 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16989 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17176 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17413 of 2024
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R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17430 of 2024
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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:

SCA No.16174 of 2024

MR MIHIR JOSHI, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR RUTUL P DESAI(6498) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.16074 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.16175 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.16449 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2, 3

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.16868 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.16889 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.16914 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.16986 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR HARSH PAREKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.16989 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA
PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17176 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA
PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17344 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA
PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2, 3, 4

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17346 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA
PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17348 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA
PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI,
ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s)
No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17374 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17375 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR HARSH PAREKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1, 2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17396 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR HARSH PAREKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17413 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17430 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17437 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17480 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.17534 of 2024

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

SCA No.1847 of 2025

MR JAYESH A KOTTECHA for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.1876 of 2025

MR JAYESH A KOTTECHA for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 3

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

SCA No.2062 of 2025

MR JAYESH A KOTTECHA for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.2117 of 2025

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3,4, 5, 6

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.2145 of 2025

MR JAYESH A KOTECHEA for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3

SCA No.6397 of 2025

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR ADITYA PARIKH for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS MAITHILI MEHTA with MR SANJAY UDHWANI, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADERS for the Respondent(s) No. 2

MS ARCHANA U AMIN(2462) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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

Date : 06/08/2026

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

Heard learned Counsels for the parties.

The original record produced by Ms. Archana U. Amin, learned advocate for the respondents – Railways with respect to the decision taken under Section 2(37A) for declaration of

the project as a Special Railway Project, the original record pertaining to the decision of the competent authority on the objections of each of the petitioners herein produced in the Court under Section 20D as well as pertaining to acquisition notification published under Sections 20A and 20E declaration of the Indian Railways Act' 1989, shall be supplied to the Court for preparation of the judgement.

Judgement reserved.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ.)

(D.N.RAY, J.)

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