

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2434 of 2026**

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PATEL RAMILA @ SHANTA KALIDAS & ORS.

Versus

PRANT OFFICER,DABHOI & ORS.

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Appearance:

NANAVATI & CO.(7105) for the Petitioner(s) No.

1,10,11,12,13,14,15,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

MS HETAL PATEL, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PLEADER for
Respondent(s) No.1

MR ANKIT SHAH for Respondent No.2

MR PRADIP D BHATE(1523) for the Respondent(s) No. 3

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

Date : 24/02/2026

ORAL ORDER

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

1. Mr. Ankit Shah, learned advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2. Ms. Hetal Patel, learned advocate appears for respondent No.1.

2. The challenge to the award dated 29.09.2025 passed by the competent authority under the Railways Act, 1989 (*hereinafter referred to as 'the Act' 1989*) is on the plea of lack of jurisdiction, inasmuch as, there is no power of revision of the original award dated 21.07.2025 under the scheme of

the Act' 1989.

3. The contention of the learned Counsel for the petitioners that the competent authority on its own proceeded to review the original award on the premise of the same having been passed in ignorance of the Government Resolution dated 24.06.2025, which actually does not attract in the facts of the case of the petitioners.

4. Ms. Hetal Patel, learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the State - respondent prays for and is granted three weeks' time to file response to the present petition, specifically on the power of the competent authority to review the award passed under Section 20F(2) of the Act' 1989.

5. Mr. Ankit Shah, learned advocate appearing for the respondent - Railway may also file the response of the said respondents.

6. Put up on 17.03.2026.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ.)

(D.N.RAY, J.)

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