

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 4137 of 2024**

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PEOPLES TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE & ORS.

Versus

THE STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR.VEDANT J. RAJGURU FOR MR AJ YAGNIK(1372) for the Petitioner(s)
No. 1,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,2,20,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

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

NOTICE SERVED for the Respondent(s) No.
10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20

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CORAM:**HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL**

and

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.N.RAY

Date : 24/11/2025

ORAL ORDER

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

1. A personal affidavit of the Principal Secretary, Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, Government of Gujarat dated 11.11.2025 is sketchy in nature and does not answer to any of the queries made by the Court in the order dated 26.09.2025, wherein he was required to answer as to why similarly situated persons will not be given benefit of the financial assistance as has been granted to the petitioners herein, whose applications have been rejected merely on the ground of delay and has not been decided on merits.

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there is a requirement of amending the Government resolution dated 18.09.2025 to cover all such persons and there is a detailed discussion about the same in the previous order dated 01.08.2025.

Further, there is a requirement to formulate a policy to provide financial assistance to the people who are suffering from *Silicosis*. The answer given by the Principal Secretary concerned in his personal affidavit seem to have been made to buy time. As no concrete decision taken by the competent authority has been brought before us, we reject the affidavit being not in compliance of the orders dated 01.08.2025 and 26.09.2025.

3. Pertinent is to note that the present petition raises an issue with regard to non-compliance of the order of the Supreme Court in the Writ Petition (Civil) No.110 of 2006. In various orders passed by us in the present petition, the issue has been highlighted. No concrete response from the State has come forward so far.

4. As a last opportunity, on the prayer made by Ms.Hetal Patel, learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the State Respondent, two weeks' further time is granted to come out with the proper policy to address the grievances of the persons suffering from *Silicosis* in the State of Gujarat as also those, whose near and dear had died due to *Silicosis*, by proper issuance of the Government resolution and the amendment brought in the Government resolution passed by the State from time to time, so as to fully comply with the directions of the Apex Court or else, the matter would be viewed seriously.

Put up on **15.12.2025** at **12:30 PM**.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

SAHIL S. RANGER