

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 RAJYAGURU for MR AJ YAGNIK(1372) for the Petitioner(s)
No. 1,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
MS HETAL PATEL, AGP 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 : 06/08/2026**ORAL ORDER**

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

1. Mr. Vedant Rajyaguru, learned advocate holding brief for Mr. Aj Yagnik, learned counsel for the petitioner, would raise three pertinent issues about the policy framed by the State Government for silicosis affected persons, upon intervention of this Court in the present petition. The first issue raised is that there is no timeline provided in the policy for disposal of application seeking compensation by the silicosis affected persons. The second is that there is no reviewing authority and in case of rejection of claim of any of the affected persons wrongly, they will be forced to approach this Court. There is a suggestion with regard to creation of a grievance redressal forum for addressing the grievances of silicosis affected persons and their dependents in case their applications are not duly processed in time. The third issue is about the continuous

publication of the policy and conducting awareness program in the areas where silicosis affected persons can be found.

2. On all these issues, Ms.Hetal Patel, learned AGP appearing for the State respondents prays for and is granted two weeks' time, to bring the response of the Secretary, Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, Government of Gujarat, which has issued the Notification and the Circular for grant of benefits of compensation and of government schemes to the silicosis affected persons and their dependents.

3. As regards the awareness program, we are of the view that awareness program about the policy framed by the State Government and availability of government schemes to silicosis affected persons and their dependents can be undertaken by the Gujarat State Legal Services Authority through its District Legal Services Authority and Taluka Legal Services Authority. This order be intimated to the Member Secretary, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority, for initiating appropriate action and filing compliance.

4. As prayed, put up this matter on 27.08.2026.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

R.S. MALEK