

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 5934 of 2021**

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RAMABHAI LAKHABHAI NAGAWADIA

Versus

KANDLA DOCK LABOUR BOARD THROUGH CHAIRMAN & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR COUNSEL for MR ADITI S RAOL(8128) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR PRANAV G DESAI(290) for the Respondent(s) No. 3

MR YOGI K GADHIA(5913) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS VYOMA K JHAVERI(6386) for the Respondent(s) No. 2

NOTICE SERVED for the Respondent(s) No. 4

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MAULIK J. SHELAT

Date : 17/03/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. After arguing the matter for some time, Mr. Shalin Mehta, learned Senior Counsel, would request for some time to take appropriate instructions, as to whether the petitioner had in fact withdrawn his CPF amount accumulated during the service rendered by the petitioner with M/s. Hindustan Salts Limited (HSL) or it includes the contribution of M/s. HSL itself.
2. At the same time, Mr. Mehta, learned Senior Counsel, has

drawn the attention of this Court that pursuant to the direction issued by this Court, vide its judgment dated 25.03.2019 passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court in Special Civil Application No. 24719 of 2005, the respondent-Union of India was under a legal obligation to decide two issues, i.e., (i) whether M/s. HSL will fall within the definition of Central Autonomous Body or the Central Statutory Body, (ii) whether M/s. HSL can be treated at par with the Government of India Enterprises, viz., the Food Corporation of India and National Thermal Power Corporation, respectively.

- 2.1. Mr. Mehta, learned Senior Counsel, would submit that instead of deciding both these issues, the respondent-Union of India, vide its impugned communication dated 26.09.2019, only decided the first one, whereas the second issue remained undecided.
3. In light of the aforesaid submissions, it is hereby directed to the respondent-Union of India to comply with the direction issued by this Court in its aforesaid order in true letter and spirit before the next date of hearing.
4. In the meantime, the necessary affidavit shall be filed by the

petitioner as regards the withdrawal of any PF contribution of
M/s. HSL or not.

5. S.O. to 28.04.2026.

(MAULIK J. SHELAT, J)

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: PARMAR NILESHKUMAR R(HCD0068), ENGLISH STENOGRAPHER GRADE TWO CLASS TWO, at High Court of Gujarat on 18/03/2026 12:49:17