

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3480 of 2018**

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GUJARAT BLACKSTONE QUARRY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR MAULIN RAVAL, SR ADVOCATE for MR. SAHIL M SHAH(6318) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

RAVAL& TRIVEDI ASSOCIATES(9262) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

MR HARSHEEL D SHUKLA(6158) 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 : 23/03/2026

ORAL ORDER

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

The challenge in the present petition, pending since 2018, is to the validity of the Gujarat Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2017 being *ultra vires* to the Constitution of India and the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 on the ground that it cannot be applied to the subsisting lease deed entered into by the members of the petitioner association.

As the writ petition has remained pending since 2018 and there is no interim order in favour of the petitioner herein, there is a need to give clarity about the prejudice caused to the members of the petitioner association as on

date, inasmuch as, the Concession Rules, 2017, subject matter of challenge in the writ petition have been amended by Gujarat Minor Mineral (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022 notified vide Notification dated 12.10.2022.

As prayed by the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, the matter is posted on 13.04.2026 at 12.30 PM.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

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