

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 5465 of 2026**

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HIMANSHU RAJNIKANT PATEL & ANR.

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR SP MAJMUDAR(3456) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MR VEDANT AVADHOOT SUMANT(13736) for the Petitioner(s)

No. 1,2

MS HETAL PATEL, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,3,4,5

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

and

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.N.RAY**Date : 07/05/2026****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL)**

1. Mr. S. P. Majmudar, learned advocate for the petitioners prays for and is granted permission to make correction in the description of respondent No. 5 within the course of the day.

2. In compliance of order dated 21.04.2026, Ms. Hetal Patel, learned AGP appearing for the State - respondents provided a copy of written instructions dated 05.05.2026 sent by the Special Land Acquisition Officer concerned that the application seeking reference under Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (for short 'the Act, 2013') had been forwarded to the Land Acquisition,

Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority (LARRA), constituted under Section 52 of the Act, 2013, vide communication dated 22.08.2022, a copy whereof was also sent to the petitioner.

3. However, as per the intimation received by the Special Land Acquisition Officer, the LARRA (authority concerned) has issued notice to the petitioner only on 05.05.2026, fixing 09.06.2026 as the first date of hearing.

4. From the above noted fact it is evident that the matter was stuck at the level of LARRA for about a period of 4 years. We, therefore, require the LARRA to intimate us as to why the matter has not been taken up on board for such a long period and even intimation was not sent to the petitioner about registration of the case under Section 64 of the Act, 2013. An affidavit is required to be filed by an officer from the office of the LARRA by the next date fixed. This order be intimated to the LARRA by the office of the learned Government Pleader of the High Court.

5. Let this matter be posted on 11.06.2026.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

SHRIJIT PILLAI