

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 225 of 2016**

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MANAV GARIMA....Applicant(s)
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & 5....Opponent(s)

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Appearance:
HIRAK P GANGULY, ADVOCATE for the Applicant(s) No. 1

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CORAM: **HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. R.SUBHASH REDDY**
and
HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

Date : 16/11/2016

ORAL ORDER
(PER :HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. R.SUBHASH REDDY)

1. In the Writ Petition (Civil) No.583 of 2003, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued the directions in para 14(ii) and (iii) which read as under:

"(ii) If the practice of manual scavenging has to be brought to a close and also to prevent future generations from the inhuman practice of manual scavenging, rehabilitation of manual scavengers will need to include:-

(a) Sewer deaths-entering sewer illness without safety gears should be made a crime even in emergency situations. For each such death, compensation of Rs.10 lakhs should be given to the family of the deceased.

(b) Railways - should take time bound strategy to end manual scavenging on the tracks.

(c) Persons released from manual scavenging should not have to cross hurdles to receive what is their legitimate due under the law.

(d) Provide support for dignified livelihood to safai karamchari women in accordance with their choice of livelihood schemes.

(iii) Identify the families of all persons who have died in sewerage work (manholes, septic tanks) since 1993 and award compensation of Rs.10 lakhs for each such death to the family members depending on them."

2. Learned counsel also placed on record the representation dated 19.05.2014 submitted to Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat along with the list of workers who have died during sewerage work of manholes, septic tank, etc. Learned counsel for the petitioner to supply an advance copy to learned Government Pleader. Learned Government Pleader to obtain instructions as to what is the follow up action taken pursuant to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and further on the representation dated 19.05.2014 submitted by the petitioner by the next date of hearing. S.O. to 07.12.2016.

(R. SUBHASH REDDY, CJ)

(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI, J.)