

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

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MANAV GARIMA

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & 5 others

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Appearance:

HIRAK P GANGULY(8002) for the Applicant

MR UTKARSH SHARMA AGP(1) for the Opponent Nos. 1, 4

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CORAM: **HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.R.BRAHMBHATT**

and

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.P. PATEL

Date : 21/10/2019

ORAL ORDER

(PER : HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.R.BRAHMBHATT)

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner places on record the communication in the form of intimation to Police Inspector, Vejalpur Police Station dated 20.10.2019 indicating the death of two workmen mentioned thereunder. Learned counsel submitted that there exists a list of the workmen at page 222 to 225, who died during the pendency of the petition.

It appears that, despite pendency of the matter and assurances to the Court, the unfortunate situation still prevails under which on one pretext or the other the workmen will have to risk their lives. We are at pain to note that there is absolute lack of sensitivity qua the issue, else this would not have happened. It goes without saying that the follow up, as prescribed under the Act needs to be placed on record qua

those deaths also.

We are placing this matter tomorrow at the request of learned Assistant Government Pleader so that in respect of this incident it can be brought-forth as to who is the responsible and what are the lapses. The complete compliance with the provisions of 'The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging And Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013' be ensured.

S.O. to 22.10.2019.

(S.R.BRAHMBHATT, J.)

(V. P. PATEL, J.)

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