

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 225 of 2016****With****CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR ORDERS) NO. 1 of 2023****In R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 225 of 2016****With****CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR ORDERS) NO. 1 of 2025****In R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 225 of 2016**=====
MANAV GARIMA**Versus****STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.**
=====**Appearance:****MR PANKAJ P ZAMPADIA(13484) for the Applicant(s) No. 1****MR SUBRAMANIAM IYER(2104) for the Applicant(s) No. 1****G H VIRK(7392) for the Opponent(s) No. 7****GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Opponent(s) No. 1,4****MR SIMRANJITSINGH H VIRK(11607) for the Opponent(s) No. 7**
=====**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL****and****HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRANAV TRIVEDI****Date : 30/01/2025****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA
AGARWAL)**

1. The present Civil Application has been filed to bring on record an incident of death of two sanitary workers, who according to the petitioner, were engaged in manual scavenging, i.e. cleaning of septic tank in Patdi down of Surendranagar district. It is stated in the application itself that as per the information available to the petitioner, the Patdi Municipality is having jurisdiction of the area in District Surendranagar and had engaged sanitary workers, who had died on 21.01.2025. The contention is that two deceased were working on the

oral orders of the officers of the Municipality to clear sewerage from 15 to 20 feet deep septic tank situated near Devotion School.

2. Amongst all these allegations made by the petitioner in this Civil Application, pertinent is to note that Patdi Municipality is not a party to this application or the writ petition.
3. In order to examine the correctness of the allegations made in the application, it is necessary to implead Patdi Municipality as respondent in the writ petition. Learned counsel for the applicant prays for and is granted permission to implead Patdi Nagarpalika/Municipality in the array of parties in both the writ petition and the Civil Application within the course of the day and serve notice of the Civil Application upon the panel counsel appearing for Patdi Municipality, if any, who shall receive instructions within the period of 48 hours.
4. It may be noted that the petitioner has also raised the grievance with regard to the earlier incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Anand Municipality. Though affidavits have been exchanged, but the body itself is not impleaded in the writ petition. Mr. Abhijeet Rathod, learned advocate has put in appearance to submit that the Anand Nagarpalika has now been converted into Anand Municipal Corporation. Let the impleadment be carried out to also implead Anand Municipal Corporation as respondent in the array of parties within the aforesaid period on the next date fixed.

5. Matter is adjourned to 04.02.2025.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

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(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)