

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) (WRIT PETITION (PIL)) NO. 50 of 2024**

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Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT, HOME DEPARTMENT, THROUGH SECRETARY & ORS.

Appearance:

LAW OFFICER BRANCH(420) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR PR ABICHANDANI(102) AS LD. AMICUS CURIAE

MR.KAMAL TRIVEDI, LD. ADVOCATE GENERAL WITH MR.VINAY
BAIRAGRA, ASST.GOVERNMENT PLEADER/PP for the Opponent(s) No.
1G H VIRK(7392) WITH MS.HETAL PATEL, AGP for the Opponent(s) No.
5,6

MR SIMRANJITSINGH H VIRK(11607) for the Opponent(s) No. 5,6

MR.MAULIK G. NANAVALI FOR NANAVALI & CO.(7105) for the
Opponent(s) No. 11

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

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRANAV TRIVEDI**Date : 09/05/2025****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)**

1. On perusal of the affidavit dated 23.04.2025 of the Inspector General of Police, State Traffic Branch, State of Gujarat, we find that any decision on the requirement of traffic police force to meet the current needs of the State can be taken only at the level of the Home Department of the Government of Gujarat.

2. There cannot be any dispute about the requirement of more traffic police force in view of the increasing needs of the State in the context of urbanization, which has resulted in increase in the

pedestrians; vehicular traffic. Though, it is sought to be submitted in the affidavit of the Inspector General of Police, State Traffic Branch that with the increase in the urban areas in the State, the sanctioned strength of the State traffic police has been progressively increased with the passage of time, but there is absolutely no data.

3. In the context of the cities put in three categories, illustratively small, medium and large, the sanctioned strength of traffic police force, as stated in the table extracted therein, is '3436' (of all categories) and the vacant posts are '1915'.

4. However, there is no disclosure of any independent assessment of the requirement of sanctioning more posts for strengthening the existing traffic police force as per the current needs. Ongoing recruitment process to fill up the existing vacancies as per the existing sanctioned strength is not an answer to the observations made by this Court in the order dated 07.02.2025. We, therefore, require the Principal Secretary, Home Department of the State to look into the matter and submit his response.

5. As to the road infrastructure etc. which is being maintained by the Corporation, the learned advocate appearing for the Corporation shall file response of the Corporation about its plan for overall upgradation / improvement of the city's road infrastructure. With the above, we post the matter on **25.07.2025** at **12:30 Hours**.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)

SAHIL S. RANGER