

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.

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Appearance:

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

MR PR ABICHANDANI(102) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

G H VIRK(7392) GP WITH MS. HETAL PATEL, AGP WITH MR

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

MR. MAULIK G. NANAVATI FOR NANAVATI & CO.(7105) for the

Opponent(s) No. 11

MR. KAMAL TRIVEDI, AG. WITH MR. VINAY BAIRAGRA, AGP FOR

RESPONDENT NO.1

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

and

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.N.RAY**Date : 27/02/2026****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)**

In this Public Interest Litigation, this Court is monitoring the aspects of requirement of rationalisation of the traffic police force establishment to increases its operating efficiency and the progress of the recruitment processes by way of promotion as well as direct recruitment in the State Traffic Branch.

2. By the order dated 07.11.2025, the Principal Secretary, Home Department was required to convene a high level meeting of officials of the Home Department as well as the Police Department

of the State, to take a decision to strengthen the existing traffic police force by creating either permanent post or engagement of manpower on contract to be deployed as Traffic Police Personnel, as an interim arrangement, after providing them necessary training, till rationalisation of the establishment is done.

3. In the affidavit dated 08.01.2026 filed by the Principal Secretary, Home Department, it is sought to be submitted that the process of recruitment of police personnel, out of which the traffic police force personnel are deployed, is underway and the progress report has been submitted in another PIL, where this Court is monitoring the police recruitment in the State.

4. However, as a stop-gap arrangement, 650 Traffic Brigade (TRB) Jawans (436 Male and 214 Female) have been appointed after publication of an advertisement dated 21.08.2025. The newly appointed Traffic Brigade (TRB) Jawans will undergo a mandatory training of 30 days which commenced from 07.01.2026 at Ahmedabad-Gomtipur office. After conclusion of the training, TRB Jawans will be infused in the Ahmedabad Traffic Force for efficient management of the traffic on the road in the city, in the stop-gap/interim measure.

5. At this stage, we may raise the concern of this Court in the present petition about strengthening of the traffic police force in the entire State, more imminently, in the city of Ahmedabad, where frequent National and International cultural and sports events are being organised and major International Sports events are slated to be held in the near future.

6. The requirement, in our considered opinion, is to conduct a

survey by engaging a research expert to assess the need of the traffic police force, at least, for major cities of the State looking to the growing needs. Some planning by conducting operational research is needed with the engagement of the experts. Ahmedabad city can be used as a pilot for the project.

7. Mr. G.H.Virk, the learned Government Pleader would submit that the State is committed to upgrade the existing State police and traffic force, and the exercise for conducting a scientific research to assess the needs and to optimise the manpower required in the field of traffic management with the aid of technological tools, would be conducted very soon with the engagement of experts.

8. To bring on record the further steps taken in the said direction, the matter is posted on **30.04.2026 at 12.30 p.m.** to file the personal affidavit of the Principal Secretary, Home, State of Gujarat.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

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