

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) (WRIT PETITION (PIL)) NO. 43 of 2024**

With
R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 50 of 2024

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DHARINI SHAH & ORS.

Versus
 STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

WPPIL 43 OF 2024:

MR MIHIR J. THAKORE, SR. ADVOCATE with MR SALIL M THAKORE(5821) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
 MR KAMAL B. TRIVEDI, ADVOCATE GENERAL with MR. G.H.VIRK, GP WITH MS. HETAL PATEL, AGP for the Opponent(s) No. 1-2
 MR HARNISH V DARJI(3705) for the Opponent(s) No. 3

WPPIL 50 OF 2024:

MR PR ABHICHANDANI, ADVOCATE as AMICUS CURIA for the PETITIONERS
 MR KAMAL B. TRIVEDI, ADVOCATE GENERAL WITH MR. G.H.VIRK, GP with MS. HETAL PATEL, for the Opponent(s) No. 1
 MR H.S. MUNSHAW, ADVOCATE for RESPONDENTS NO.5-6
 MR MAULIK G. NANAVATI, ADVOCATE for M/s. NANAVATI & CO. for RESPONDENT NO.11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL
 and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRANAV TRIVEDI

Date : 11/10/2024

ORAL ORDER
(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)

In compliance of the order dated 04.10.2024 passed by this Court, it has been brought before us that potholes have been identified, which are around 2000 in numbers, out of which,

patchwork and road-resurface work has been initiated by the Corporation from 27.09.2024. Around 805 sites have been completed in the month of September, 2024 and approximately 736 potholes have been subjected to patchwork jobs across all 7 zones of the Corporation. Certain photographs have been appended to depict the picture before and after the work.

2. Mr. Pitamber Abhichandani, the learned Amicus, however, would submit that the quality of the work is not upto the mark.

3. Mr. G.H.Virk, the learned advocate appearing for the Corporation would submit that the concern of the Court would be communicated to the officer concerned and the pending work would be completed within a period of one month. The Corporation shall keep on monitoring the status of the road and continue with the rectification work.

4. About the implementation of wearing of the helmet, no substantial progress has been reported, though it was submitted that number of traffic challans issued to violators have increased and even the Corporation has initiated a drive for distribution of the helmets to sensitize the people. The people in the city are complacent and they are not understanding the importance of wearing a helmet, which is for their benefit. The requirement is to look for technical solution for introduction of auto challans on violation of the traffic rules.

5. It is submitted by the learned Advocate General that the aspect of employing technology/artificial intelligence to issue challans to violators of the traffic rules etc. would be worked out very soon.

6. As regards the recruitment drive in the traffic police force and other pending issues pertaining to the traffic management and identification of black spots of the roads, the matter is posted on 25.10.2024 at 12 p.m..

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)

C.M. JOSHI