

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 No. 43 of 2024:**MR. MIHIR THAKORE, SR. ADVOCATE WITH MR SALIL M
THAKORE(5821) for the Applicant(s) No. 1MR. KAMAL TRIVEDI, ADVOCATE GENERAL & SR. ADVOCATE
WITH MS. HETAL PATEL, ASST.GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the
Opponent(s) No.1,2

MR HARNISH V DARJI(3705) for the Opponent(s) No. 3

MR SIMRANJITSINGH H VIRK(11607) for the Opponent(s) No. 2,5

WPPIL NO. 50 OF 2024MR. PR ABHICHANDANI, ADVOCATE as AMICUS CURIAE for the
Petitioners.MR. KAMAL TRIVEDI, ADVOCATE GENERAL & SR. ADVOCATE
WITH MS. HETAL PATEL, ASST.GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the
Opponent(s) No.1

MR. H. S. MUNSHAW, ADVOCATE for Respondent No.5-6

MR. MAULIK 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 : 25/10/2024****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)**

- (1) Mr. Kamal Trivedi, learned Advocate General, the
learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has invited attention of the Court to two affidavits dated 24.10.2024 at Pages '1440' to '1658' of the Paperbook.

- (2) With regard to the patchwork of potholes and resurfacing of road, the detailed description has been given about the work undertaken by the Corporation across various zones of the AMC. About the quality of work, the concern was raised by Mr. Pitambar Abhichandani, the learned Amicus, it is submitted that the patchworks around the Zaveri Circle at T-junction are of very good quality, whereas the patchworks of Iscon Flyover, which connects Sarkhej to Gandhinagar are of poor quality. There are other areas, where it was noticed that the patchwork, infact, has made the road into a bumpy one, which further make such places prone to accidents.
- (3) Taking note of the above, we require the Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to work out a solution for creating a team of observers, who can identify poor quality patchwork / road resurfacing work so as to ensure making of necessary corrections for the convenience of all the commuters.
- (4) As regards Panjrapole Flyover Bridge, the final report dated October' 2024 named as '*Conducting Detailed Traffic Survey at Panjrapole Cross Road in Ahmedabad City Area*' of the institute namely Sardar Valabhbhai National Institute of Techonology (SVNIT) after conducting detailed traffic survey of Panjrapole Cross Road has been submitted,

copy of which has been served upon the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, who seeks time to go through the same to make his submissions.

(5) In the matter of employing technology, artificial intelligence to issue challans to violators of the traffic rules, it is brought on record that the Traffic Police, Ahmedabad has launched a Violators on Camera (VOC) mobile application to report active traffic violations. Using the said application, even the constables can record the violations and send them to the control room for generating e-challan. A press note released by the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (East), in this regard is appended as Annexure 'R1' to the further affidavit dated 24.10.2024.

(6) It is further stated that three Police Control Rooms (PCR) vans on trial basis have been equipped with artificial intelligence based dashboard cameras that will record violations such as non-wearing of helmet and wrong side driving and would automatically send e-memos in that regard.

(7) Considering the efficacious functioning of the dashboard cameras, the Traffic Police, Ahmedabad has extended the contract to the third party agency to install 60 dashboard cameras in the Police Control Room (PCR) vans of Traffic Police as a pilot project. A work order for installation of 254 Pan-Tilt-Zoom live cameras under City Surveillance and Intelligent Traffic Monitoring System

Project (CSITMS) at 82 key junctions for accurately monitoring traffic with assured 360 degree coverage and offering highest precision, in both day and night conditions, has been given by the office of the Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad City. Under the project, Pan-Tilt-Zoom live cameras have been installed at 42 major junctions on trial basis. All police personnel and civilian staff have been instructed to compulsorily wear helmets while riding two wheelers as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act. The office order issued in this regard dated 18.10.2024 is appended hereto.

(8) For the recruitment drive in the traffic police force, as per the chart extracted in the affidavit, there lie 1631 vacancies in different cadre, which have to be filled up. The break-up of the promotional and direct recruitment posts and the proposed exercise to be undertaken by the Gujarat Police Recruitment Board for filling up the vacancies is to be brought before the court.

(9) As regards identification of black spots, as is stated in the affidavit, monitoring is being done and the traffic police is extensively doing monitoring of the black spots to identify those locations, where five road accidents including fatalities / grievous injuries took place during the last three years. It is submitted by the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Corporation that this monitoring exercise and the exercise to engage expert agency for identification of the black spots and corrections thereto is underway and a substantial progress in this regard can be

reported to the Court after Dipawali Vacations.

(10) The Monitoring Committee created by the Corporation in compliance of the directions of this Court shall make an exercise to identify the areas, where corrections in the existing road network are needed and intimate to the learned Amicus as also the Corporation to complete the necessary work.

(11) We, therefore, post the matter on **13.12.2024**.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)

SAHIL S. RANGER