

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) (WRIT PETITION (PIL)) NO. 149 of 2021**

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BACHPAN BACHAO ANDOLAN & ANR.

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR PRAGYAN SHARMA with MR DHAVAL M BAROT(2723) for the Applicant(s)
No. 1,2

GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Opponent(s) No. 1,2,5

NOTICE SERVED for the Opponent(s) No. 4

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

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRANAV TRIVEDI

Date : 17/01/2025

ORAL ORDER

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

The petitioner herein is raising three issues in the matter of care and protection of children, as mandated by the enactment prevailing in the field, the first issue is with regard to the preparation of the child protection policy, the second issue is with respect to the submission of annual report of the committee engaged in the field of protection of the child rights and children in the State and the third issue is with respect to the social audit which is to be conducted by the State Commission for protection of the child rights constituted under Sections 17 and 18 of the Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.

2. On all three issues, the matter is to be deliberated at the ends

of the learned Advocate General and a response of the State is needed, *inasmuch* as, the response of the Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Gandhinagar in the affidavit dated 16.04.2024 is sketchy.

We, therefore, post the matter on **07.02.2025** at **12:30 pm**.

By the next date fixed, a proper response be placed before us in the shape of affidavit of the Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development/Social Justice Empowerment Department, State of Gujarat. It is clarified that as of now we are dealing with the above noted three issues. The other issues raised in the present petition about the care and protection of children in the State in the light of the legislative policy would be considered as and when raised.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)

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