

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, SENIOR ADVOCATE WITH MR ANKIT SHAH(6371) WITH MS PRTHA BHAVSAR, ADVOCATE WITH MS SURABHI KATYAL for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2
 MR G. H. VIRK, GOVERNMENT PLEADER ASSISTED BY MS HETAL PATEL, AGP for the Opponent(s) No. 1,2,5
 LAW OFFICER BRANCH(420) for the Opponent(s) No. 3
 MR GAUTAM JOSHI, SENIOR ADVOCATE WITH MR CHINTAN N DESAI(9940) for the Opponent(s) No. 3
 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 D.N. RAY

Date : 17/07/2026**ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE SUNITA AGARWAL)**

1. Two affidavits dated 14.07.2026 and 16.07.2026 of the Secretary, Gujarat State Commission for Protection of Child, Government of Gujarat and the Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Government of Gujarat; respectively, filed in the Court today by Mr. G.H. Virk, learned Government Pleader, are taken on record.

2. By means of the affidavit of the Secretary, Gujarat State Commission for Protection of Child, Government of Gujarat,

the copies of the Social Audit Report and the Annual Report for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 of the Child Care Institutions in the State are brought on record. With the affidavit of the Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, the Gujarat State Child Protection Policy notified in the Government Gazette of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department dated 15.07.2026 has been placed on record.

3. Mr. Pragyan Pradip Sharma, learned senior counsel assisted by Ms. Prutha Bhavsar, learned advocate for the petitioners and Mr. Gautam Joshi, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Chintan N. Desai, learned advocate for the respondent no.3 shall go through the Child Protection Policy, Social Audit Report and the Annual Reports for deliberation on the next date fixed.

4. As regards the report of the Gujarat State Legal Services Authority [GSLSA] submitted about the functioning of the Child Care Institutions in the State of Gujarat, filed in compliance of our order dated 19.06.2026, a summary of district-wise reports on issues pertaining to implementation of J.J. Act/Rules received from District Legal Services Authorities

[DLSA] of the State of Gujarat, culled out from the report of the Member Secretary, GSLSA has been placed by Mr. Sharma, learned senior advocate to point out the deficiencies/non-compliance/part-compliance with respect to individual district on various aspects.

5. The copy of said summary be provided to the learned Government Pleader as also to Mr. G. M. Joshi, learned senior advocate appears for the respondent no.3 within 48 hours.

6. The learned Government Pleader shall look to the same and file affidavit to bring on record the removal of deficiencies, removing any instance of non-adherence to the due procedure/rules under the J.J. Act and the rules made thereunder.

7. To bring the compliance/ adherence to the provisions of the J. J. Act/Rules, the matter is posted on **11.09.2026 at 12:30 p.m.**

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

A. B. VAGHELA