

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.BACHPAN BACHAO
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Versus

STATE OF GUJARATSTATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

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

for the Opponent(s) No. 3

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 ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE

Date : 19/02/2024

ORAL ORDER

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

The affidavit filed on behalf of the respondent no.2 has been served upon the counsel appearing for the petitioner in the Court today. He prays for and is granted adjournment for the day to enable him to go through the same.

We may also record that in compliance of the order dated 18th January, 2024, the Member Secretary, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority has filed a report of compliance of the directions contained a NALSA Scheme viz. (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015. Perused the report of the member Secretary, GSLSA. It is admitted in the report that

“Observation and Children Home Committee” in every district has not been constituted by GSLSA. The said committee is assigned the task of conducting visit of Observation Homes, Special Homes and Children Homes in the districts and further responsibility upon the committee is to see that the said institutions are child friendly and are not like the jail or lock-up. It is to ensure that good quality of care and protection are provided in such homes. It is admitted that these important functions are required to be performed in institutionalized mode by the committee and hence, non formation of committee can be one of the bottlenecks in providing effective and efficient care and protection to the children. However, future course of action as mentioned therein is that a communication dated 12.02.2024 has been written by the Member Secretary, GSLSA informing all the DLSA Secretaries to propose the committee involving Secretary DLSA as its Chairperson, one Probation Officer and one Panel Lawyer as its members.

Taking note of the the above, as prayed by the learned counsel for the applicant, we post the matter on **6th March, 2024** to enable the learned counsel for the applicant to make his submissions and the Member Secretary, GSLSA to file the report of constitution of Committee viz. Observation and Children Home Committee.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ.)

(ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE, J.)

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