

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD****R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 18353 of 2018**

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VADRAJ CEMENT LIMITED & ANR.
Versus
UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

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Appearance:

DELETED for the Petitioner(s) No. 2
MR. SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE with MR HARDIK P
MODH(5344) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1
GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 2
MR HARSHEEL D SHUKLA(6158) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.N. RAY**

Date : 13/10/2025

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

1. Mr. Harsheel D. Shukla, learned advocate appearing for the respondent no. 1 would submit that the inquiry to answer the queries made by the Court in the order dated 09.09.2025 to file an affidavit of the competent officer is under way. It is further submitted that by means of the additional affidavit dated 09.10.2025, the petitioner has brought certain documents on record, after the last decision, which requires consideration at level of the respondent no. 1 to answer the same.



2. Mr. Shalin Mehta, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner, however, invites the attention of the Court to page nos. '289' and '291' of the paper-book which are communications of the Mamlatdar and the Collector of the District concerned, to submit that the State Authorities have clearly opined that the land in question was never a forest land.

3. Taking note of the above, on the request made by Mr. Harsheel D. Shukla, learned advocate appearing for the respondent no. 1, the matter is posted on 04.11.2025 to enable him to file the reply in compliance of the order dated 09.09.2025 and also to the additional affidavit filed by the petitioner.

4. It is provided that the copy of the reply shall be served upon the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner on or before 02.11.2025 to enable him to go through the same.

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)

(D.N.RAY,J)

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