

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16560 of 2025**

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LAKHMANBHAI KHIMJIBHAI BHOPALA

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR VICKY B MEHTA(5422) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRAL R. MEHTA**Date : 06/04/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard learned advoctae Mr. Vicky B Mehta for the petitioner.

2. It is submitted that the petitioner is a Councilor of Upleta Nagarpalika and was part of the Resolution passed by the Nagarpalika, when the initial sanctioned of Rs. 25,00,000/-, was approved. It is submitted that, however, by way of second Resolution dated 29.07.2025, Nagarpalika has proposed to increase the said amount of Rs.25,00,000/- to Rs.35,00,000/-, to which the petitioner had opposed. However, thereafter another Resolution was passed and the said amount of Rs.35,00,000/- was increased up to Rs.1,00,00,000/-.

3. It is submitted that thus, the petitioner being a Councilor, has approached the Regional Commissioner Municipalities, Rajkot Zone, on 07.08.2025. It is further pointed out that pursuant to the said, the Office of the Regional Commissioner Municipalities, Rajkot, addressed the letter to the Chief Officer Upleta Nagarpalika as well as the President Upleta Nagarpalika, to ensure that there is no illegal payment. Despite the aforesaid letters, the Nagarpalika has also passed a Resolution and sanctioned the payment of Rs.1,00,00,000/- with the retrospective effect.

4. Considering the aforesaid, let the Regional Commissioner Municipalities, Rajkot Zone, shall file the affidavit-in-reply by the next date. The affidavit-in-reply shall be filed by the Regional Commissioner Municipalities, itself.

5. Let this matter be listed on 16.04.2026.

(NIRAL R. MEHTA,J)

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