

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 7849/2026

M/s Mahavir Filing Station, Through Prop. Dev Prakash Atal
Having Office At H.no.247, Ward No.2, Near Hindu High School,
Raman Mandi, Bathinda, Punjab-151301

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Through Dgm-Distribution Lpg Sbu North West Zone, Hpcl, 1St Floor, Shri Balaji Alfa Bazar, Opposite Thakorjibhai Desai Hall, High Street-1, Law Garden, Ahmedabad, Gujrat
2. Union Of India, Through Ministry Of Petroleum And Natural Gas Through Its Secretary, Kartavya Bhavan-3, New Delhi, Customer Pin Code 110115

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Rajesh Maharshi with Mr. Devansh Saini
For Respondent(s)	:	Ms. Suruchi Kasliwal with Mr. Vikram Singh Ms. Prachi Saini

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAMEER JAIN
Judgment

01/05/2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned show-cause notice is entirely pre-meditated, reply of which has duly been filed by the petitioner. It is submitted that the respondent-authorities, acting as State instrumentalities in a public contract, have exercised their powers in an arbitrary and disproportionate manner.
2. It is next submitted that the unwarranted and disproportionate punitive actions proposed in the said show-cause notice, predicated on alleged concealment, are unauthorized and

impermissible as per the terms and conditions of the governing contract.

3. *Per contra*, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents vehemently opposed the present petition. It is submitted that an identical controversy has already been considered and adjudicated by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 6720/2026**, titled **Gujrat Road Carrier v. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited & Ors.**, decided on 13.04.2026. It is stated that in the said judgment, a time-bound personal hearing was granted pursuant to the show-cause notice, with categorical directions for its expeditious disposal.

4. Having heard the submissions advanced by the learned counsel, and taking note of the fact that an identical controversy has already been adjudicated, this Court deems it apposite to dispose of the present petition in light of the judgment rendered in **Gujrat Road Carrier (supra)**.

5. Accordingly, the competent authority of Respondent No. 1 is directed to afford a due opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner on 08.05.2026 at 11:00 A.M. and shall adjudicate the show-cause notice within a period of seven days from the date of the hearing i.e., on or before 15.05.2026, by way of a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with the law.

6. In view of the above terms, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

7. It is made clear that disposal of the present petition shall not prejudice the case of the petitioner on merits before the adjudicating authority.

8. It is further made clear that if any substantive grievance survives post the final adjudication of the said show-cause notice, the petitioner shall be at liberty to file an appropriate representation or avail alternate legal remedies before the appropriate forum, strictly in accordance with the law.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed.

(SAMEER JAIN),J