

ITEM NO.28

COURT NO.3

SECTION III

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).12563-12564/2020

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-04-2019 in MCA No.1/2019 in PIL No.238/2018 and order dated 01-03-2019 in WP/IL No.238/2018 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

ASHOKBHAI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

RAJKOT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No.86694/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.86696/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 70758/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 86694/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 70480/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 86696/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 19680/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 70477/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 19679/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 29-11-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. These Special Leave Petitions are directed against the orders dated 01.03.2019 passed in PIL No. 238 of 2018 and

04.04.2019 in M.C.A. No. 1 of 2019 in PIL No. 238 of 2018, respectively, by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad, dismissing the Writ Petitions filed by the petitioner herein, seeking opening of the public gallery of Rajkot Municipal Corporation. It is not necessary for us to delve into various issues raised by the petitioner, who, from time to time, has very ably assisted this Court. Suffice it to mention that in light of the fair stand taken by Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India appearing on behalf of the Rajkot Municipal Corporation and other authorities, the Rules regarding opening of the public gallery have since been amended and notified thereby the public gallery has again been opened subject to such terms and conditions as are prescribed in the Amended Rules. The Amended Rules, pursuant to General Resolution No.9, dated 18.07.2024, of the Rajkot Municipal Corporation, have been formally notified on 13.11.2024.

2. We may hasten to add that the petitioner has, meanwhile, submitted a brief note dated 5th August, 2024 flagging some other issues which are purportedly raised in public interest. Since the petitioner is a resident of Gujarat and the authorities against whom such issues have been raised are also situated at Gujarat, we are of the view that all these issues can effectively be raised by the petitioner before the High Court through an appropriate petition.

3. We request the High Court to examine all these issues in accordance with law. It goes without saying that we have not expressed any opinion in relation thereto.

4. The Special Leave Petitions stand disposed of in the above terms.

5. As a result, the pending interlocutory applications also stand disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR