

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 14514 of 2026

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M/S GD STEEL CRAFT

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MS NANCY R SONI(12661) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR VAIBHAV SHARMA, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE NISHA M. THAKORE

Date : 08/10/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. The present writ petition has been filed praying for the following reliefs :-

“A. YOUR LORDSHIPS may be pleased to admit and allow this petition;

B. YOUR LORDSHIPS may be pleased to issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction by directing Respondent No.2 herein to decide and conclude the arbitration proceedings (initiated under Section 18(2) of the MSMED Act, 2006) in the Reference Case of the Petitioner, being DP No. 5436 (annexed at Annexure D) within a period of 90 days, and further be pleased to direct the Respondent No. 2 herein to comply with the provisions of the MSMED Act, 2006.

C. YOUR LORDSHIPS may be pleased to direct Respondent No. 2 to forthwith comply with Rule 9(C) of the Gujarat MSME Council Rules, 2017 by uploading the complete proceedings and records of the petitioner's matter bearing DP No. 5436 (annexed at Annexure D) on the designated web portal.

D. Be pleased to grant any other relief/s as may be deemed fit and proper, in the interest of justice.”

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner filed the arbitration case before the respondent No. 2 Council in January, 2024. He further submits that thereafter, the same is still pending adjudication.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing on behalf of respondent No. 2 submits that the said arbitration case shall be decided expeditiously and in any case within a period of one year, to which the learned counsel for the petitioner has no objection.

4. In view of the aforesaid observations, it is directed that the respondent No. 2 - Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council, Gandhinagar shall decide the Arbitration Case of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of ONE YEAR.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not gone into the merits of the case and no observation is made thereon.

6. With the aforesaid observations, the present Special Civil Application stands disposed of.

Direct Service is permitted.

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(NISHA M. THAKORE,J)

Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: KUMKUM MAHENDRA SHARMA(HC02349), ENGLISH STENO GRADE-II\, at High Court of Gujarat on 08/10/2026 17:50:00