

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2821 of 2026

FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE:

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT M. PRACHCHHAK Sd/-

Approved for Reporting	Yes	No
		No

GUJARAT AMUSEMENT AND FUNWORLD PVT.LTD.

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

Appearance:

MR. RAHUL R DHOLAKIA(6765) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MS NIRALI SHARDA AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT M. PRACHCHHAK

Date : 12/03/2026

JUDGMENT

1. **Rule.** learned AGP waives service of notice of rule on behalf of the respondents.

2. Present petition is filed by the petitioner under Articles 14, 19 and 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking following relief/s:-

"8(A) Your Lordships may be pleased to issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, Order or direction, directing the Respondent Authorities to decide and grant the application dated 10.01.2025 at Annexure-A and 19.01.2026 at Annexure-B for renewal of the license for the operation of the Petitioner's water park;

(C) Pending admission, hearing and final disposal of the

present petition, permit the petitioner to operate its water park up till the renewal application is finally decided and granted by the concerned authority.

(D) Grant such other and further reliefs as may be deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case."

3. The facts giving rise to present petition are that The Petitioner Company was incorporated on 21.12.1993 under the Companies Act, 1956 in the name of Baroda Funworld Limited, which was later changed to Gujarat Amusement and Funworld Limited on 25.03.1994. The Petitioner established an amusement park at Village Rayan Talavadi, Taluka Waghodia, District Vadodara after obtaining necessary approvals including Non-Agricultural permission dated 09.02.1994 and a Booking and Performance Licence issued by the Additional District Magistrate, Vadodara on 12.02.1994, which was renewed from time to time.

3.1 In the year 2010, the Petitioner developed a Water Park at the said premises after obtaining approval from the Gram Panchayat. Thereafter, the Additional District Magistrate, Vadodara granted a licence for operation of the Water Park on 25.04.2012, which was renewed periodically up to 31.12.2018.

3.2 Upon the licence becoming due for renewal, the Petitioner applied for renewal on 27.12.2018 along with all required documents. Subsequently, the Petitioner also

submitted an application before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dabhoi on 29.12.2019. During this period, the Water Park operations were halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Thereafter, the authorities sought certain certificates and NOCs, which the Petitioner duly attempted to procure and submit.

3.3 Despite repeated submissions of applications, documents and clarifications between 2020 and 2023, no decision was taken by the authorities. The Petitioner again submitted a comprehensive application for renewal before the Additional District Magistrate, Vadodara on 10.01.2025 along with all requisite NOCs, safety compliance documents and insurance certificates. Even thereafter, further documents were submitted as required by the authorities.

3.4 However, till date no decision has been taken on the renewal application. The Petitioner has made several personal visits and submitted reminder letters to the District Magistrate and Additional District Magistrate, Vadodara requesting expeditious consideration of the application. Despite the same, the renewal application remains pending and the Water Park continues to remain closed solely due to the inaction of the respondent authorities, causing substantial financial loss to the Petitioner.

4. Heard learned counsel appearing for the respective parties.

5. Today, Ms. Nirali Sharda, learned AGP for the respondents, under the instructions of Mr. Bhavesh Prajapati, Dy. Mamlatdar, Vadodara submits that the application dated 10.01.2025 at Annexure-A and 19.01.2026 at Annexure-B for renewal of the license for the operation of the Petitioner's water park shall be decided within period of four weeks.

6. In view of the above, the concerned respondent authority is hereby directed to decide both the aforesaid applications of the petitioner within period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of present order. After the decision is taken by the concerned respondent authority, in case of any difficulty, the petitioner is at liberty to file fresh petition.

7. In view of the statement of Ms. Sharda, learned AGP, present petition is disposed of. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent.

SURESH SOLANKI

Sd/-
(HEMANT M. PRACHCHHAK,J)