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Over 46% of SEZ land allotted in state unused

Plan to use 6,500 hectares of it for solar power generation

AVINASH NAIR AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 3

AROUND 46 per cent of 14,197 hectares of land allotted for various Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Gujarat has been lying vacant and it has been proposed to be used for

solar power generation. The plan was mooted at an Open House last week where it was said that 6,500 hectares vacant SEZ land in Gujarat accounts for one-third of the 23,700 hectares lying unused

across SEZs in the country. "We have a meeting in this regard on October 15. Every SEZ has some parcel of land which can be used for solar power generation. Either individual SEZs can set up captive solar power plants or can source it from Adani SEZ, which has shown interest in supplying power to other SEZs," said Amiya Chandra, the Zonal Commissioner of Kandla Special Economic Zone

(KASEZ) told The Indian Express. During the Open House at GIFT City Club at Gandhinagar, Amiya Chandra pointed out that half of the land area allotted to SEZs in Gujarat was unutilised. "Some of the SEZs have done commendably and have utilised the available resources to their fullest, but then there are many who still need to tweak their strategy and open up for more busi-

Fresh plea in HC

to stop Alpesh,

Zala contesting

Ahmedabad: A fresh petition was

filed in the Gujarat High Court on

Thursday seeking court's direc-

tion to restrain former MLAs from

Radhanpur and Bayad, Alpesh

Thakor and Dhavalsinh Zala, from

BJP candidates on Monday. The

Congress earlier filed several peti-

tions ever since they moved to the

BJP. However, the petitions were

disposed of. Alpesh and Zala

cross-voted for BJP candidates

during the July Rajya Sabha polls

filed by Suresh Singhal, a social

worker, against Election Commi-

ssion of India, State Election

Gurjar said, "We have sought that

the court restrain Thakor and Zala

from contesting the bypolls to

Radhanpur and Bayad seats. We

have also made a case of his

(Thakor's) leadership. He has

been alleged with corruption and

his statements following the

Himmatnagar rape (of a minor in

October 2018) had led to attacks

on migrants in Gujarat. The peti-

tion is expected to be heard by the

division bench October 7."

Pending disposal of petition, the

petition seeks the court direction

to the ECI and SEC to reject

Thakor's and Zala's nominations.

Petitioner's counsel Dharmesh

Commission, Thakor and Zala.

The fresh petition has been

before switching sides.

The two filed nominations as

by-elections

contesting the bypolls.

ness endeavours," he pointed out. According to data tabled in the Lok Sabha on February 11, 2019, the quantum of vacant land in SEZs in Gujarat is 26% of the total 23,779.20 hectares vacant in SEZs across the country. This data shows that there are

over 9 SEZs in Gujarat (as on August 2017) where almost 100 per cent of the land is lying vacant. This includes two SEZs of state-run Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation and series of private SEZs, including those belonging to Dishman Infrastructure, HBS Pharma SEZ and CPL Infrastructure Pvt Ltd.

However, in terms of area, the Adani SEZ at Mundra tops with an estimated 56 per cent of the 8,400 hectares of SEZ land lying unutilised. The SEZ in GIFT City which houses the country's only International Finance Service Centre (IFSC) also over 90 per cent vacancy, while the Sterling SEZ in Bharuch is 77 per cent vacant.

The Central Government has advised all state governments, including Gujarat, to "ensure maximum utilisation of land acquired for the setting up of SEZs." When asked about the high quantum of vacant land in SEZs in Gujarat, a senior government official, on condition of anonymity, said, "Some of these developers have set up SEZs as real-estate projects. This increases the value of the land surrounding the SEZ that incidentally belongs to the developer. Some of these developers have been served show-cause notices about the land that has been lying vacant, while some of them have applied for denotification."

However, the exact number of developers who have been warned by the government or those who have applied for denotification was not immediately available.

Apart from the issue of land lying vacant, there are several SEZs units that have approached the state government asking their SEZs to be denotified as the units with the SEZs have closed down. For instance, the units in Surat Apparel Park SEZ operated by the GIDC have made multiple representations to denotify their SEZ since 2014.

"There were about 14 units in this SEZ. Just two or three units within the SEZ are currently functioning. The rest have shut down. We have been asking the government to denotify the SEZ for the past four years," said Ravindra Arya, CMD of Suratbased Bindal Silk Mills Pvt Ltd who owns a unit in the Apparel Park SEZ that shut down. Despite these issues, a few SEZ developers have done well with regard to usage of land. For instance, Kandla SEZ, Zydus SEZ, Reliance SEZ, TCS SEZ are among seven SEZs in Gujarat where 100 per cent of allotted land has been utilised.

Name of SEZ Developer in Gujarat	Location	Notified Area (in hectares)	Area lying vacant (in hectares)
GIDC Biotech	Savli, Vadodara	15.81	15.8
GIDC Mega IT	Gandhinagar	22.26	22.26
Dishman Infrastructure Ltd	Bavla, Ahmedabad	106.83	106.81
CPL Infrastructure Pvt Ltd	Ahmedabad	122.4	122.3
HBS Pharma SEZ Pvt Ltd	Ankleshwar	124.05	125.04
Ganesh SEZ	Ahmedabad	32.71	31.71
Calica Construction and Impex Pvt Ltd	Daskroi, Ahmedabad	10.93	10.92
Myron Realtors	Santhal, Ahmedabad	10.69	10.68
Shivganga Real Estate Holders Pvt Ltd	Sargasan, Gandhinagar	37.56	37.56
Adani SEZ	Mundra, Kutch	8481.28	4808.3
Sterling SEZ	Jambusar, Bharuch	1263.17	982.46
Euro Multivision SEZ	Shikra, Kutch	11.63	9.63
GIDC Electronic Park SEZ	Gandhinagar	28	4.95
Jubliant SEZ	Vaghra, Bharuch	107.16	32.07
Aqualine SEZ	Gandhinagar	27.83	20.17
GIFTSEZ	Gandhinagar	105.44	99.26
E Complex SEZ	Amreli	124.12	24.22
Aspen SEZ	Waghodia, Vadodara	51.54	15.48
L&T SEZ	Vadodara	5.11	2.2
Dahej SEZ	Bharuch	1682	150.8
Surat Apparel Park	Vanz, Surat	56.64	0.26
TCS SEZ	Gandhinagar	10.32	0
Kandla SEZ	Kandla, Kutch	400	0
Surat SEZ	Sachin, Surat	49.99	0
Reliance SEZ	Jamnagar	1289.45	0
Zydus SEZ	Sanand, Ahmedabad	50.29	0
Ahmedabad Apparel	Ahmedabad	20.42	0

HIGH PENALTIES IN MV ACT

One lakh Ahmedabad auto drivers strike, threaten statewide agitation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 3

Over one lakh city-based auto rickshaw drivers observed a half-day strike in Ahmedabad on Thursday, protesting against the steep penalties listed in the newly amended Motor Vehicles act.

Under the umbrella organisation **Gujarat Autorickshaw Driver Action** Committee (GADAC) of 14 auto rickshaw unions, the drivers observed a strike from 9 am to 6 pm on Thursday and demanded a rollback of the hiked fines in the MV act applicable to them. They also threatened to launch a statewide agitation from October 10 if their demands

GADAC members said a total of 2.2 lakh auto rickshaw drivers are registered with the organisation in Ahmedabad.

"We observed a half-day protest today against the unjust policies of the union and state government due to which auto drivers are suffering. We have been noticing that auto drivers are facing steep fines so much so that often challan amount gets bigger than the cost of the vehicle itself," GADAC president and Congress party member Ashok Punjabi said, speaking to *The* Indian Express.

"The state has not provided any infrastructure for auto drivers, such as proper parking spots and auto stands, and yet we are forced to pay steep fines for wrong parking. Similarly, the auto



Park & SEZ

Total

The auto drivers presented three major demands to Transport Commissioner Rajesh Manjhu on Thursday. Javed Raja

drivers are facing challan as steep as Rs 10,000 for making four persons sit in their vehicles whereas the shuttle rickshaw can be easily seen overloading their vehicles," he said, adding that since its Navratri time, they decided to lift the strike after 6 pm "for the comfort of the Ahmedabad residents".

The auto drivers presented three major demands to Transport Commissioner Rajesh Manjhu on Thursday. "We demand concession for auto rickshaw drivers in the MV act and also (that) the current amount to get the vehicles insured

(which) has been kept at Rs 8,000 must be slashed. Currently, there are over 2.2 lakh auto drivers in Ahmedabad but the government has hardly provided infrastructure for parking for 20,000 auto rickshaws. If our demands are not met, then we will launch a statewide agitation from October 10," Punjabi said.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Transport Commissioner Rajesh Manjhu confirmed that he received a memorandum from GADAC. "The matter will be discussed with the concerned authorities in our department," said Manjhu.

17 weapons seized from money lender's house in Amreli

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POLICE SEIZED 7 weapons including five illegal firearms and live ammunition from a money lender's house in Senjal village of Savarkundla Taluka in Amreli Wednesday.

The accused have been identified as Narendra alias Natu Jumana and his son Gautam Jumana, both residents of Senjal. As the accused and his son fled during the police raid, officials are investigating whether they have criminal histories and why they kept weapons in such large numbers.

Amreli Police said the raid had been conducted by the local crime branch team after receiving a specific input. "The accused (Narendra) used to work as a money lender; we have found several audit books and 66 letters of money lending agreement from his house. It has come out in our investigation that they used the weapons to (cultivate) clout in the village. We are probing their criminal history," an official said.

The seized weapons include two factorymade pistols, one antique revolver, one double-barrel shotgun, one country made pistol, live ammunition, two antique swords, five axes, one knife and four steel rods.

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FORM A **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT** (Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF ADITYA EXIM LTD

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

Name of corporate debtor Date of incorporation of corporate debtor 16th May, 1995 Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad, India, under the Authority under which corporate debtor is ompanies Act, 1956 Identification No. of corporate debtor Address of the registered office and principal G-1, "A" Wing, Shreeji Astha Avenue, Opp. Chichi Tower, office (if any) of corporate debtor corporate debtor Estimated date of closure of insolvency esolution process Name- Gordhanbhai Ratnabhai Godhani Name and registration number of the Reg No- IBBI/IPA-001/IP/P- 01201/2018-2019/11921 isolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional Reg. Add – 16, Sakarta Society, Kargil Chowk, Punagam, Address and e-mail of the interim resolution Surat, Gujarat-395010. Email -grgodhani@gmail.com professional, as registered with the Board Address and e-mail to be used for 109 Rajhans Point, Geetanjali, Varachha Road,

5th October, 2019 Last date for submission of claims Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to Not Applicable act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a dass (Three names for each class) 4 (a) Relevant Forms and (a) www.ibbi.gov.in / www.surresolution.in (b) Details of authorized representatives (b) Not Applicable Are available at:

correspondence with the interim resolution

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Ahmedabad Bench has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the ADITYA EXIM LTD. on 26th September, 2019 (order received on 01.10.2019). The creditors of ADITYA EXIM LTD are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 15th October, 2019 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only.

professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class [NA] in Form CA. Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Rupani govt to bring ordinance to boost new MSMEs in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD. OCTOBER 3

IN A bid to encourage new MSME units to set up base in Gujarat, the state government has decided to exempt them from taking any permission or approvals for the first three years. An ordinance will be moved to this effect, according to a decision taken by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at a cabinet meeting

The state government will be bringing "The Gujarat Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Facilitation Ordinance 2019" to provide the necessary boost to the smaller players, an official release on Thursday said.

After the expiry of the first three years, these new MSME units will be given all necessary permissions and clearances in just six months, the release said, adding that the move would help MSMEs quickly set up base and begin operations in the state.

At the cabinet meeting, it was also decided that nodal agencies, at the state and district levels, will also be set up to help MSME units. As per this decision, an Investor Facilitation Agency will be established at the state level, while District Industries Centres will be set up in each of the 33 districts. Entrepreneurs interested in

setting up an industrial unit will have to present a "Declaration of Interest" before the state-level nodal agency. An acknowledgement certificate will be provided by the agency after necessary verification. This certificate will be considered a permit and will be valid for three years. No other permissions will be needed during this three-year period. After expiry of this period, the unit will have to get all the necessary permissions within six

months, the release said. Gujarat has 34 lakh MSME units and 100-odd MSME clusters, the release stated.

Notification Revenue Department Government of Gujarat Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

Date:- 24 SEP 2019

(The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013)

District: Surat

No:- AM-2019-600-M-LSU-1419-862-GH

Whereas it appears to the Government of Gujarat, that the land specified in the SCHEDULE annexed here to, is likely to be needed for public purpose viz. for the purpose of construction of the infrastructure project of "Railway Over Bridge (R.O.B.) at L.C. No.-161 of Mumbai-Delhi traffic route of

- (1) Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section (2) of "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013) (hereinafter referred to as "The Act"), and the Rules made there-under, it is hereby notified that the Government of Gujarat intends to acquire the said land for the public purpose of the infrastructure project specified above.
- (2) Now whereas a proposal is made for acquisition of the above mentioned scheduled land for the proposed project of "Railway Over Bridge (R.O.B.) at L.C. No.-161 of Mumbai-Delhi traffic route of Western Railway"the bare minimum area of land to be acquired, as per SCHEDULE for the Project is H.A. 00-21-27.22 Sq. mtr. and is situated within the boundary limit of Village: KOSAMBA Taluka: **MANGROL District: SURAT**
- (3) Now whereas it appears to the State Government, that it i expedient to exempt in public interest such area of H.A. 00-21-27.22 Sq. mtr. of land to be acquired, for the above stated infrastructure project, from the application of the provision of chapter II and III of The Act,
- (4) Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(A) of The Act [inserted by section 3 of The RFCTLARR (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 2016] (Gujarat Act No. 12 of 2016) The Government of Gujarat, hereby exempt in the public interest, the area of H.A. 00-21-27.22 Sq. mtr. land comprised in below mentioned SCHEDULE to be acquired for the "Railway Over Bridge (R.O.B.) at L.C. No.-161 of Mumbai-Delhi traffic route of Western Railway from the application of the provisions of Chapter II and II of The Act.

SCHEDULE

DISTRICT : SURAT TALUKA : MA			
Sr. No.	City Survey No.	Area (Ha.Are.Sq.mtr)	
1	2188	0-02-94.03	
2	2198	0-00-01.72	
3	2199	0-00-08.61	
4	2202	0-00-14.61	
5	2203	0-00-19.88	
6	2205	0-00-01.86	
7	2206	0-00-26.55	
8	2207	0-00-61.51	
9	2208/A	0-01-31.74	
10	2208/B	0-01-70.138	
11	2213	0-01-72.83	
12	2268	0-04-41.63	
13	2295	0-00-11.53	
14	2296	0-01-22.29	
15	2297	0-01-83.13	
16	2302	0-00-00.46	
17	2304	0-00-14.37	
18	2305	0-00-14.82	
19	2306	0-00-14.22	
20	2307	0-00-11.57	
21	2308	0-00-20	
22	2309	0-00-20.70	
23	2310	0-00-19.15	
24	2311	0-00-21.25	
25	2312	0-00-22.66	
26	2313	0-00-24.23	
27	2364/Paiki	0-00-66.62	
28	2364/1	0-00-38.38	
29	2364/2	0-00-05.24	
30	2364/3	0-00-03	
31	2364/4	0-00-02.49	
32	2364/5	0-00-01.7	
33	2050	0-00-06.58	
34	2061	0-00-03.18	
35	2091	0-01-30.39	
36	2092	0-00-07.48	
37	2093	0-00-09.03	
38	2094	0-00-05.25	
39	2095	0-00-02.15	
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Sd/-(H. J. Rathod)

Ahmedabad

Under Secretary to No.: INF-Surat/816/2019 Government

Centre for snake bite research to be set up

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat Forest Department has decided to build a world-class research centre on snake bites, at Dharampur in Valsad district of South Gujarat. Forest Minister Ganpat Vasava announced this while inaugurating a workshop on snake bite management organised by the Gujarat Forestry Research Foundation here on Thursday.

The research centre will develop anti-venom to treat snake bite. Vasava said this will be the second such research centre in the country, after Chennai. There are 3,500 species of snakes in the world of which around 300 are present in India, he said, adding that 52 species of snakes are found in Gujarat. "For quality research on snake bites and to ensure that its benefits reach the poorest people in the country, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has decided to set up this international research centre," he added.

Quoting Principal Chief Conservator of Forest D K Sharma, a release said, "It is the first time such a workshop is organised in Gujarat. Snakes are an important part of nature's food chain ...Only 350 species of snakes are venomous. And the world reports around 50 lakh cases of snake bites (per year). Out of them, in India, 12,000 people die of snake bite every year. So, it is necessary that awareness is spread among people on cases of snake bites."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT. OCTOBER 3

SIX MONTHS after 12 Congress members of Rajkot district panchayat defected to the BJP, the local body's ruling party is facing yet another challenge as the BJP has issued no-confidence notices against president Alpa Khatariya and vice-president Subhash Makadiya. The district development officer (DDO) has advised the president to seek a vote of trust within two weeks.

Dhrupadba Jadeja, one of two BJP members in the 36-member general board, gave two separate notices to DDO Anil Ranavasiya on October 1 expressing no-confidence in the president and vicepresident of the panchayat body. Jadeja also attached a two-page annexure bearing signatures of 24 members of the board along with the notices co-signed by Chandu Shingala, a Congress rebel.

The no-confidence move is the second challenge to Congress rule in the local body this year. Six months ago, 12 party members rebelled after Congress leadership chose Khatariya as president. She succeeded Nilesh Virani, Congress member from Sardhar seat, who was elected president in 2015.

Despite a landslide victory in the 2015 panchayat election, Congress has been under pressure to maintain hold over the lo-

cal body. It had won 34 of 36 seats in the general board, while the BJP, which ruled the panchayat before

No-confidence notice against Rajkot

district panchayat's Cong president

2015, was reduced to two seats. However, Congress officebearers faced criticism from its own party-members in the body. Chandu Shingala was a vocal critic of Virani, then vice-president Avsar Nakia and then executive committee chairman Arjun Khatariya, who is Alpa Khatariya's husband. He was leader of opposition when BJP was in power.

The rebellion was apparently triggered after former Congress MLA Kunvarji Bavaliya, who holds sway over half-a-dozen seats in Jasdan and Vinchhiya talukas, defected to the BJP in July last year.

The rebels grouped together just when elections to various committees of the local body were to be held. Virani and Shingala led the rebels, prompting the Congress to seek action against them under the anti-defection law. In fact, Virani and the rebels formally joined the BJP in March in the run up to the Lok Sabha election. Yet, they continue to be members of the panchayat even as Congress has managed to hold on to power by garnering 22 to 24 votes in the general board.

Meanwhile, six Congress members, whose signatures have been appended with the no-confidence notices, say they were not consulted before the notices were submitted. "We had given our sig-

natures six months ago when we were discussing bringing a noconfidence motion. (But) nobody approached us recently to move a no-confidence motion, and neither has the Congress leadership contacted us after the notices were submitted. Therefore, we six members will hold a meeting and decide our next step. For me, I remain a Congress member," said Manoj Baldha from Jamkandorna.

If the president does not convene a meeting in two weeks, then the DDO can write to the development commissioner of the state for appropriate action on the no-confidence motion. The commissioner can direct the district panchayat president to convene a meeting and seek a trust vote.

However, Arjun Khatariya claimed the president enjoyed the majority. "We have the numbers. In fact, six members whose signatures are part of the notices are saying they did not sign on them. Their signatures were meant for an earlier occasion. So we shall challenge the authenticity of the notices in the first place. Secondly, our plea is pending before the Gujarat High Court seeking disqualification of the rebel 12 members. We shall also seek clarity in their membership before any noconfidence motion is discussed at the general board meeting," Khatariya, who is also a member of the district panchayat told *The Indian Express* on Thursday.

Gordhanbhai Ratnabhai Godhani Interim Resolution Professional Date: 3rd October, 2019 Reg. No-IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01201/2018-2019/11921 Place: Surat

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