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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 8961/2022

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 11-02-2022 in SCA No. 2148/2022 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

PATEL RAMESHBHAI BAPUDAS & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY, KANDLA-GORAKHPUR LPG
PIPELINE PROJECT & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(WITH FOR ADMISSION and I.R., IA No.72411/2022-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No.72412/2022-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 72411/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 72412/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 30-04-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. It is the admitted factual position that there is no pleading in the writ petition to the effect that the incumbent Prant Officer/Assistant Collector, who discharged the duty of "competent authority" act on the relevant enactment, is not a person having a trained legal mind, we see no reason to hold that appointment of such an incumbent is contrary to the law declared by this Court in the decision in *Laljibhai Kadvabhai Savaliya & Ors. v. State of Gujarat & Ors.*, (2016) 9 SCC 791. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.
2. We clarify that if the petitioners are aggrieved by the quantum of compensation awarded by the competent authority and if an avenue of appeal is still open to them, they may pursue such remedy in accordance with law.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)