

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**

**SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No. 7549 of 2007**

**For Approval and Signature:**

**HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE AKSHAY H.MEHTA**

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1 Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed  
to see the judgment ?

2 To be referred to the Reporter or not ?

3 Whether their Lordships wish to see the fair copy  
of the judgment ?

4 Whether this case involves a substantial question  
of law as to the interpretation of the  
constitution of India, 1950 or any order made  
thereunder ?

5 Whether it is to be circulated to the civil judge  
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**ARCHANABEN SHAILESHKUMAR PATEL - Petitioner(s)**

**Versus**

**REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER - Respondent(s)**

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**Appearance :**

MR BG PATEL for Petitioner(s) : 1,  
NOTICE SERVED BY DS for Respondent(s) : 1,  
MR BIPIN BHATT for Respondent(s) : 1,

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**CORAM : HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE AKSHAY H.MEHTA**

**Date : 30/03/2007**

**ORAL JUDGMENT**

Rule. Mr. Bipin Bhatt, learned counsel waives service of rule on  
behalf of respondent.

In this petition the relief that has been claimed by the petitioner is for issuance of direction on respondent to consider her application for change of name and birth date in the passport and to correct it on the basis of the birth certificate of the petitioner. Birth certificate is annexed to the petition at Annexure-A. In the said document petitioner's name is shown as "Snehaben" and father's name as "Patel Chandulal Narotamdas". Her birth date is mentioned as "22/8/1970". However, in the school leaving certificate, her name is shown as "Patel Archanaben Chandubhai" and the date of birth is shown as "22/07/1970". So far as the passport is concerned, copy of it is produced at Annexure-C. In the passport, name of the petitioner is shown as "Archanaben Shaileshkumar" and birth date as "22/07/1970". It is averred that need to have correction in the passport has arisen since in her immigration document, her name is shown as "Snehaben" which is on the basis of the information supplied to the Immigration Department by petitioner's father.

2. Having heard Mr. BG Patel, learned advocate for the petitioner and Mr. Bipin Bhatt, learned counsel for respondent and having carefully considered the contents of the petition as well as the documents annexed thereto, it appears that the following direction can meet the ends of justice :-

The respondent is directed to consider the application of the petitioner for necessary corrections in the passport on the basis of the birth

certificate. Of-course, the respondent will be entitled to make due scrutiny before carrying out the correction. Since this exercise is required to be carried out because of the fault on the petitioner's side, the petitioner is directed to pay Rs.2,500/- [Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred only] by way of costs to the respondent. Petition is granted. Rule is made absolute.

[ Akshay H Mehta, J. ]

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