

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR

CRM(M) 25/2026 CrIM(48/2026) CrIM(49/2026).

RUKSANA BANO AND ANOTHER.

...Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Kunal Saini, Advocate (Th. Virtual Mode)

VERSUS

UNION TERRITORY THROUGH POLICE STATION PANZALLA AND OTHERS.

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Hakeem Aman Ali, Dy AG for R1.

Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Advocate for R2.

Officer in Court : Mr. Ghulam Ahmad ASI, Investigating Officer.

None for R3 to R5.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE WASIM SADIQ NARGAL, JUDGE.

ORDER

16.04.2026

01. Response stands filed on behalf of respondent No. 2.
02. Mr. Hakeem Aman Ali, learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for respondent No. 1 submits that a status report has already been filed on behalf of respondent No. 1 and prays that the same be treated as a reply to the instant petition as well. His statement is taken on record. **Ordered accordingly.**
03. Despite service upon respondents No. 3 to 5, none has appeared on their behalf. Await appearance.
04. Let the response be filed on behalf of the said respondents as well within a period of two weeks, positively.

05. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, ASI, Investigating Officer is present along with Case Diary. He is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing.
06. In the meantime, it is ordered that the statements of the petitioners be recorded before the Registrar Judicial of this Court on **30th April, 2026.**
07. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are under constant threat and it would not be feasible for them to appear physically before this Court.
08. Having regard to the aforesaid submission and the apprehension expressed, this Court deems it appropriate to issue the following directions:
- (i) Respondent No. 1, i.e., SHO, Police Station Panzalla, District Baramulla, Kashmir is directed to provide adequate police protection to Petitioner No. 2 so as to facilitate his safe appearance before the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar for the purpose of recording his statement.
 - (ii) Petitioner No. 1 is permitted to appear through virtual mode on the said date, and the Registry shall ensure that the requisite video conferencing link is provided in advance.
09. The Registry is directed to take necessary steps for facilitating compliance of the above directions.
10. It is further made clear that upon recording of the statements of the petitioners, the same shall be digitized and placed on record with the instant case file, and the matter shall thereafter be listed before this Court on **7th May, 2026.**

11. In the meantime, interim direction(s), if any, subsisting as on date, shall continue till the next date of hearing before the Bench.

(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR

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