

Serial No. 17

Regular.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) 832/2025

Kashmir Valley Cooperative House Building Society Ltd.

...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

Through: Mr. T H Khawaja, Sr. Adv.

VERSUS

UT of JK and Ors. (Cooperative Bank Ltd)

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Faheem Shah, GA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAVED IQBAL WANI, JUDGE.

ORDER

10-09-2025

CM (5670/2025):

1. Through the medium of the instant application, the petitioner/applicant herein seeks impleadment of Returning Officer/Sub-Divisional Magistrate, East, namely Mr. Zubair Ahmad Bhat, as a party respondent to the petition, on the premise that the said Returning Officer was scheduled to hold the elections of the Corporative Bank on 01-09-2025, however, the said elections were cancelled by the said Returning Officer that the candidature of the candidates stands cancelled who intended to participate in the said elections.
2. It is also stated in the application that the said Returning Officer may have rejected the forms of the candidates for not providing documents which were mentioned in the corrigendum, which, however, was subsequently rescinded and that the Returning Officer, in fact, never wanted to conduct the elections in question.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner/applicant herein and perused the record.

3. Having regard to the nature of controversy involved in the instant petition, the record available on the file as also the contents of the instant application, seemingly, the above-named Returning Officer is a proper and necessary party to the lis, more so in view of an admissions made by the counsel for the respondents/non-applicants herein.
4. Accordingly, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Bhat, Returning Officer, is impleaded as a party respondent in the main petition and shall figure as respondent No. 7 in the main petition.
5. The counsel for the petitioner/applicant herein shall file an updated memo of parties within weeks time.
6. The rest of the prayers sought in the application shall be considered on the next date, upon hearing the counsel for the respondents/non-applicants herein who shall be at liberty to file objections thereto in the meantime.
7. List on 17-09-2025, along with main case.

**(JAVED IQBAL WANI)
JUDGE**

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