

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH  
AT SRINAGAR**

**WP(C) No. 1543/2023  
CM No. 3610/2023**

**Ghulam Hassan Shah.**

**..... Petitioner(s)**

Through: Mr. Lone Altaf, Advocate.

**V/s**

**Government of JK & Ors.**

**.....Respondent(s)**

Through:

**CORAM:**

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

**ORDER**  
15.06.2023

Jurisdiction of Crime Branch, Srinagar with reference to FIR No. 37/2022 dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 registered by Crime Branch Srinagar under sections 420, 467, 468 and 120-B of IPC is questioned in the present writ petition.

Mr. Lone Altaf, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Kashmir/Jammu have been declared the Police Stations within their respective jurisdiction for the purpose of investigation of offences under local and special laws as also the relevant sections of the IPC as indicated in annexure to with SO 232 of 2022 dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Perusal of the aforesaid SO reveals that the Crime Branch as Police Station *prima facie* does not have the power to investigate the matter involving sections 420, 467, 468 and 120-B of IPC.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner at length and perused the record.

Notice in the main petition as well as in connected CM, returnable within a period of four weeks. Requisite steps for service within one week.

List along with CRMC No. 263/2017 on 08.09.23.

In the meantime, subject objections from the other side and till next date of hearing before the Bench, the proceedings initiated in FIR No. 37/2022 dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 registered by Crime Branch, Srinagar under sections 420, 467, 468 and 120-B of IPC, shall remain stayed.

**(Wasim Sadiq Nargal)**  
**Judge**

**SRINAGAR:**  
**15.06.2023**  
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