

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) 2016/2022 CM(5049/2022).

HAJI MOHAMMAD AKBAR SHEIKH AND ORS.

...Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Owais Shafi, Advocate.

VERSUS

UNION TERRITORY OF J AND K AND ORS.

Through: Mr. Alla-ud-din Ganie, AAG.

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:

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

ORDER
15.12.2025

01. The record reveals that in spite of availing last and final opportunity in terms of order dated 13th of September, 2024, the response was not filed.

02. However, Mr. Bikram Deep Singh, learned Deputy Advocate General who caused appearance on 2nd of June, 2025 sought and was granted two weeks' further time to comply the aforesaid order, subject to payment of costs of Rs. 1,000/-. While passing the aforesaid order, it was made that in case the reply is not filed within the aforesaid period, the right to file the same shall stand closed and the matter would be heard on its own merits.

03. The matter thereafter was listed on 17th of September, 2025 and in the interest of justice, the Court granted one more opportunity to the respondents to come forward with the reply to the writ petition, failing which, respondent No. 1- Commissioner Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu was directed to remain present in person.

04. In spite of this, the response has been filed only on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2 while the remaining respondents have chosen not to file any reply. Accordingly, the right to file the reply on behalf of the remaining respondents is hereby closed.

05. List for consideration on 31.01.2026.

06. In the meantime, let the District Development Commissioner, Kupwara and the Executive Engineer, REW Wing Kupwara file their personal affidavits explaining the reasons for non-compliance of the orders passed by this Court mentioned *supra* and also the reasons for not depositing the costs imposed by this Court wayback on 2nd of June, 2025.

(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR
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