

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

WP(C) 2372/2025 CM 6270/2025.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BABAR BARZULLAH.

...Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. M Sultan, Advocate.

**VERSUS**

UNION TERRITORY OF J&K AND ORS.

Through: None.

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE.**

**ORDER**  
**26.09.2025**

01. A parcel of land measuring 17 kanals known as Bua Ashraf Begum located in Baghat-e-Barzulla, Srinagar is an evacuee property and, thus, falls under the administrative and statutory management of the Custodian Evacuee Property, Kashmir in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir State Evacuee's (Administration of Property) Act Svt., 2006.

02. As per the averments made in the writ petition, said 17 kanals expanse of land is being commonly used for football-related activities and in this regard serves as a

Playing-field for hosting football tournaments, matches and related events.

03. Out of said 17 kanals of evacuee land, 10 kanals are purportedly being given to the Police in terms of an order **No. 52 of 2024** dated **24.10.2024** for the intended construction of a Hostel for Police Martyrs and further 4 kanal is being allotted in favour of the CEO/Secretary (J&K BOCWWB) for construction of an Office Building.

04. Both aforesaid allotments are in lieu of the originally allotted evacuee land in favour of the Police as well as the CEO/Secretary and are, thus, in a sense substitute allotments.

05. The aforesaid two allotments are meant and bound to change the user of said 17 kanals of evacuee land thereby meaning to deprive the sports persons of the area of playing field.

06. In order to preserve the use of said 17 kanals of land as a playing field, the petitioner has come forward with the present writ petition claiming itself to be a Football Association, though an unregistered one, acting through its Chairman- Abdul Majeed Bhat.

07. It is pleaded in the writ petition that said 17 kanals parcel of land is popularly known as “NET Ground” and for the last 30 years has been serving as a playing field for footballers to the notice of one and all.

08. The purported cause of action for the petitioner to come forward with the present writ petition is an alleged activity on **10<sup>th</sup> September, 2025** involving the deployment of a JCB at the site of the playing field for digging out the earth for the purpose of laying the plinth area.

09. The allotment and conversion of the land in reference is being assailed by the petitioner as contrary to the rules and also to the existing user.

10. Issue notice to the respondents

11. The petitioner to furnish registered postal covers within a period of four weeks’ whereupon notice to go to the respondents

12. Notice in CM No. 6270/2025 also.

13. In the meantime, status quo of the football/playing field vis-à-vis the 17 kannals of Bua Ashraf Begum evacuee property shall not be disturbed.

14.This order is however subject to objections from the other side.

15.List on **14th of November, 2025.**

**(Rahul Bharti)**  
**Judge**

**SRINAGAR**  
**26.09.2025**  
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