

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

WP(C) No. 816/2026

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Villagers of Village Bogdang

.....Appellants/petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. M.Y. Bhat, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Prince Hamza, Advocate.
(Through virtual mode)

Vs.

**U.T of Ladakh, th Chief Secretary
Revenue, Leh & Ors.**

....Respondent(s)

Through:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD. YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE

**ORDER
(18.04.2026)**

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01. Through the medium of the instant application supported with an affidavit, applicant-Mohd Mussa S/o Ibrahim Ali, R/o Bogdang, Leh, seeks permission to file the main petition in representative capacity on behalf of the villagers of Village Bogdang, Tehsil Nubra, District Leh, on the main ground that he all the villagers of Village Bogdang, Tehsil Nubra, District Leh are having the similar interest in the subject matter of the petition and it is not practically convenient to array each and every villager/residents of the said village as party petitioner in the writ petition.
02. Heard the submissions of the learned counsel for the representative of the applicants/petitioners in respect of the matter and considered the same.

03. Perused the instant application supported with an affidavit. Also perused the main petition sought to be entertained in the representative capacity.
04. In the light of the aforementioned perusal and consideration, this Court is of the opinion that as rightly contended by the learned counsel for the representative, the villagers of Village Bogdang, Tehsil Nubra, District Leh and the present representative appear to have similar interest in the subject matter of the petition and it is practically inconvenient for all the villagers/residents of Village Bogdang, Nubra Leh to join the petition as co-petitioners.
05. The application is provisionally allowed for entertaining the main petition in the representative capacity, subject to filing of objections, if any, by the respondents as well as by the villagers of the Village Bogdang, Tehsil Nubra, District Leh, as regards the representative capacity of the main petition.
06. Registry shall issue notice accordingly, which shall be got published in at least two daily newspapers having wide circulation in the Union Territory of Ladakh for inviting general objections from the villagers of Village Bogdang in respect of the matter.

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07. Issue notice to the respondents in the main petition as well as in the interim application, returnable by the next date of hearing, through the office of learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, Jammu, for filing of reply/objections.

08. Heard the learned counsel for the representative of the applicants/petitioners, in respect of his prayer for grant of interim relief and considered his submissions.
09. The case of the applicants/petitioners in brief is that they are the permanent residents of Village Bogdang, Tehsil Nubra, District Leh, in close proximity to the Actual Line of Control (ALC) and fully eligible for ALC benefits. That although a duly constituted Commission has recommended the inclusion of entire Village of Bogdang, as an ALC area, yet the impugned notification dated 27.06.2025 issued by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh, through Social & Tribal Welfare Department, arbitrarily included only three hamlets while excluding the main village, without any justification and in violation of the recommendation of the competent Commission.
10. It is submitted that the action of the respondents, has resulted in discriminatory treatment within the same revenue village and denial of lawful benefits to the persons entitled to the same. That despite administrative directions having been issued from time to time on the repeated representations of the applicants/petitioners, no final action has been taken, compelling them to approach this Court.
11. Perused the interim application supported with an affidavit. Also perused the main petition and the copies of the documents enclosed with the same as **Annexures** thereto.
12. *Prima facie*, ground appears to be made out for indulgence of the Court.
13. List on **22.05.2026**.

14. In the meantime, non-applicants/respondents are directed to address the grievance of the applicants/petitioners, strictly in the light of the recommendatory report of one Member Commission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bansi Lal Bhat, former Judge of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, and take immediate consequent action as warranted in the facto-legal scenario of the case with the submission of status report to this Court positively by the next date of hearing.

(MOHD. YOUSUF WANI)
JUDGE

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