

Sr. No. 226

Supp. List-II

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 462/2026

Krishan Kumar and others

.... Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through:- Mr. Anil Kumar Verma, Advocate.

V/s

UT of J&K and others

.....Respondent(s)

Through:- Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Advocate vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG.
Mr. Nirmal Singh Kotwal, Advocate
vice Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG.

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

ORDER

27.02.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners at length and perused the record.
2. Issue notice to the respondents. Notice is waived by Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Advocate, appearing vice Mrs. Monika Kohli, learned Sr. AAG, on behalf of respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 6. Mr. Nirmal Singh Kotwal, Advocate, appearing vice Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG, waives notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1, 4 and 5. They seek and are granted two weeks' time for filing response in the instant matter.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to take requisite steps for effecting service upon respondent Nos. 7 and 8 within one week.
4. Subject to the steps being taken, Registry shall issue notice to the said respondents, returnable within four weeks.
5. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have filed a representation dated 23.12.2025 before the

Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Udhampur, seeking restoration of the ancient pathway leading from Government Middle School, Barrian via NH-44 Water Well (Nadu Bowli), situated at Barrian, Ward No. 5, Udhampur. It is contended that despite lapse of considerable time, the said representation has not been accorded due consideration till date.

6. Accordingly, respondent No. 4 – Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Udhampur, is directed to accord consideration to the aforesaid representation strictly under rules and as per law, a copy whereof is placed on record as Annexure-III, during the notice period. The order so passed shall be placed on record along with the response.

7. The respondents shall also keep the relevant record available on the next date of hearing.

8. It is made clear that, while filing the reply affidavit, the respondents shall also clarify in the light of the stand taken by the petitioners whether there has been any diversion of the pathway so approved by the Government, allegedly with a view to give undue benefit to some blue-eyed person(s).

9. List this matter on 24.03.2026.

(Wasim Sadiq Nargal)
Judge

Jammu:

27.02.2026

Michal Sharma/PS