

Sr. No. 168

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HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 575/2026

CAV No. 484/2026

M/s Puran Chand and Sons

.... Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through:- Mr. Amit Gupta, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Abhay Tandon & Pratyush
Sharma, Advocates.

V/s

UT of J&K and others

.....Respondent(s)

Through:- Mr. Adarsh Bhagat, G.A.
Ms. Pallavi Sharma, Advocate vice
Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG.

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

ORDER

11.03.2026

1. The record reveals that the instant matter was listed before this Court on 10th March, 2026, on which day learned counsel for the respondents was directed to obtain instructions in the matter so as to render valuable assistance to this Court, as the time was essence in the present case.
2. Today, when the petition was taken up, it was vehemently argued by Mr. Adarsh Bhagat and Ms. Pallavi Sharma, appearing vice Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG, that the petitioner has not approached this Court with clean hands and has suppressed material facts and documents while filing the instant petition.
3. Learned counsel for the respondents, in order to substantiate the said submission, has placed on record copies of various communications issued to the petitioner from time to time. The first communication in this regard was issued on 19th April, 2021, followed by several subsequent communications. Copies of these communications, which have been furnished to this Court, have not been placed on record by the petitioner along with the instant petition.

4. It has further been brought to the notice of this Court by learned counsel for the respondents that the petitioner has also furnished an undertaking to complete the work by the end of April, 2026, which specific averment has not been pleaded in the petition. However, the petitioner has made a general averment that he had given an assurance to complete the work.
5. Be that as it may, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to direct learned counsel for the respondents to file detailed reply within a period of two weeks positively, with an advance copy to learned counsel for the petitioner.
6. At this stage, it has been brought to the notice of this Court by Mr. Ranjay Kumar, Assistant Engineer, PMGSY, who has made a categorical statement at the Bar that a fresh tender has already been floated on 02.03.2026 for the construction and maintenance of road from Mahan to Banjal, Package No. JK07-219, Stage-II, Phase-XII, Block Duggan, District Kathua.
7. List this matter on 24th March, 2026, higher up.
8. Passing of interim direction is deferred for the time being and shall be considered on the next date of hearing.

(Wasim Sadiq Nargal)
Judge

Jammu:

11.03.2026

Michal Sharma/PS