

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

CCP (D) No. 14/2023 in
WP (C) No. 1034/2022 c/w
CCP (D) No. 28/2023
CCP (D) No. 58/2023

Madan Lal Sharma and Ors.

.....Applicant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through :- Mr. Dalip Kumar Bangotra, Advocate
Mr. Jatinder Choudhary, Advocate

v/s

Piyush Singla Commissioner Secretary
Revenue and Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through :- Mr. Vishal Sharma, DSGI
Ms. Nazia Fazal, Advocate vice
Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV KUMAR, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE**

ORDER
04.08.2025

CM No. 4705/2025

1. By this application, the applicant herein is seeking impleadment of Sh. Kumar Rajeev Ranjan (IAS), Administrative Secretary Revenue Department as party respondent no. 9.
2. The application, for the reasons stated herein, is allowed and Mr. Kumar Rajeev Ranjan is impleaded as party respondent in the contempt petition.
3. Registry to update the cause title of this contempt petition.

CCP (D) No. 58/2023

1. This is a petition for initiating contempt proceedings against the respondents for willful disobedience and non-compliance of judgment dated 19.10.2022 passed in WP (C) No. 454/2022 along with other clubbed matters, whereby a direction was issued to the Union of India

to acquire the land of the petitioners under their possession, by following the due process of law.

2. The compliance report on behalf of the Union of India has been filed, a perusal whereof would indicate that the Union of India have completed requisite formalities and already placed an indent before the Collector Land Acquisition. It is now for the Collector Land Acquisition concerned and also the Administrative Secretary to the Government of J & K, Department of Revenue which has to take the follow up action, strictly under the Land Acquisition Laws in force.
3. In view of the aforesaid, we are of the considered opinion that the judgment passed by this Court is substantially complied insofar as the Union of India is concerned and the process of acquisition is required to be undertaken and completed by the Collector Land Acquisition concerned within the time stipulated in the Act.
4. It is brought to our notice that the process of acquisition would be formally initiated by the Collector Land Acquisition only after the matter is processed and referred to the Secretary to the Government of J & K, Department of Revenue for issuance of notification to the land owners and also completing other requisite statutory formalities.
5. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the judgment passed by this Court has been substantially complied with and the process for acquisition has already been set in motion. We, therefore dispose of this contempt petition by providing that the requisite steps, which are required to be taken by the Collector Land Acquisition as well as the Secretary to the Government of J & K, Department of Revenue, shall be taken without any further waste of time and the process shall be

formally initiated within a period of two months from the date copy of this order is served to the Collector Land Acquisition and Secretary to the Government of J & K, Department of Revenue.

6. Needless to say that in case there is any laxity or neglect on the part of the aforesaid authorities to conclude the acquisition process within a period of six months, the petitioner shall be free to approach this Court again.

(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge

(Sanjeev Kumar)
Judge

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