

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

**(Through VC)**

**LPA No. 60/2026 in  
WP(C) No. 2926/2023  
CM No. 2060/2026  
CM No. 2061/2026**

**Gopal Chand**

.....Appellant(s)

Through:

*Mr. Pawan Kumar Kundal, Advocate*

**Versus**

**UT of J&K and Ors.**

.....Respondent(s)

Through:

*Ms. Sagira Jaffer, Assisting Counsel to  
Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG for R 1-3  
Mr. Amit Bhardwaj, Advocate for R-4*

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
18.05.2026

**CM No. 2060/2026**

For the reasons stated in the application, coupled with no objection from other side, the delay in filing the appeal against the order dated 22.11.2023, passed by the learned Writ Court in WP(C) No. 2926/2023 titled Ganga Ram Vs. UT of J&K and Ors., is allowed. The application bearing CM No. 2060/2026 is **disposed of**, accordingly.

**LPA No. 60/2026**

**01.** Notice, waived by Ms. Sagira Jaffer, learned assisting counsel for respondents 1 to 3 and Mr. Amit Bhardwaj, learned counsel for the respondent No. 4.

**02.** The order dated November 22, 2023, passed by the learned writ court in WP(C) No. 2926/2023, has been impugned primarily on the ground that it was passed *ex-parte*. The appellant contends that by failing to issue notice, the court deprived him, as an affected party, of the opportunity of a hearing.

**03.** Mr. Amit Bhardwaj, learned counsel for the respondent No. 4, very fairly conceded that the writ petition was disposed of by the learned writ Court without affording opportunity of hearing to the appellant.

**04.** In view of above, the instant appeal is allowed and the impugned order dated 22.11.2023 passed by the learned writ Court in WP(C) No. 2926/2023 is set aside. The matter is remitted to learned writ Court for fresh disposal in accordance with law. The parties shall appear before the learned writ Court on 28.06.2026. We make it clear that we have not examined the merits of the claims of either of the contesting parties.

**05.** Registry is directed to list WP(C) No. 2926/2023 before the learned writ Court on 28.06.2026.

**(RAJNESH OSWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**(ARUN PALLI)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Srinagar**

18.05.2026

"Mohammad Yasin Dar"

Whether the order is reportable: **Yes/No.**