

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

**WP(C) No. 954/2026**

Ashok Kumar Pandita

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. O. P. Thakur, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. R.K.S. Thakur, Advocate

**vs**

Union Territory of J&K and others

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Sumant Sudan, Advocate vice  
Mr. Vishal Sharma, DSGI for R-4  
Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Assisting Counsel to  
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG for R-1 to 3

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SINDHU SHARMA, JUDGE**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAHZAD AZEEM, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**20.04.2026**

1. Issue notice.
2. Notice is waived by Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Assisting Counsel appearing vice Mrs. Monika Kohli, learned Sr. AAG on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3 and Mr. Sumant Sudan, Advocate appearing vice Mr. Vishal Sharma, learned DSGI on behalf of respondent No. 4. Let response be filed within four weeks.
3. List on **03.06.2026**.
4. Meanwhile, record of the Tribunal be called for.

**(Shahzad Azeem)**  
**Judge**

**(Sindhu Sharma)**  
**Judge**

**Jammu**  
20.04.2026  
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