

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP (C) No. 953/2026

Union of India and others

.... Petitioner/Petitioners(s)

Through:- Mr. Suneel Malhotra, CGSC

V/s

Ex. Sep. (Reservist) Baldev Raj

.....Respondent(s)

Through:-

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

ORDER
20.04.2026

1. Mr. Suneel Malhotra, learned CGSC submits that the OA has been decided by the Tribunal relying upon the judgment passed in O.A. No. 1429/2017 titled "Darshan Singh Bal v. Union of India and others". The said judgment was considered by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CWP No. 17046/2024, titled "Union of India and others v. Darshan Singh Bal and others", and an SLP was filed against the same, wherein the operation of the judgment has been stayed.
2. Issue notice to the respondent, returnable within four weeks. Requisites for the same within one week.
3. List on 03.06.2026.
4. Meanwhile, subject to objections and till next date of hearing before the Bench, impugned judgment dated 23.04.2024, passed by the Armed Forces Tribunal, Srinagar Bench at Jammu, in O.A. No. 179/2023, shall stay.

(Shahzad Azeem)
Judge

(Sindhu Sharma)
Judge

Jammu:
20.04.2026
Vishal Khajuria