

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

WP (C) No. 975/2026

Madan Lal and Others

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

Through :- Mr. Karam Vir Bhushan, Advocate

v/s

UT of J&K and Others

.....Respondent(s)

Through :- Ms. Chetna Manhas, Advocate vice
Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI, JUDGE

ORDER
15.04.2026

1. By this petition, the petitioners herein are seeking a direction upon respondent nos. 1 to 4 to ensure removal of encroachment over the land falling under Khasra No. 611 min, 613-616, 627-630, 646, 651 and 660, which are water bodies and fall under the purview of Water Source and Water Course, as defined under the Jammu and Kashmir Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010, situated at Village Pangali, Tehsil Nagrota, District Jammu.
2. It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioners that the land falling under different khasra numbers, mentioned above, have been encroached by private respondent nos. 5 to 9.
3. Issue notice to the respondents, which is waived by Ms. Chetna Manhas, Advocate on behalf of respondent nos. 1 to 4. She seeks and is granted four weeks' time for filing reply with an advance copy to the counsel for the other side.

4. Now, notice shall go to respondent nos. 5 to 9, returnable within four weeks, subject to taking of requisite steps for service within one week.
5. Ms. Chetna Manhas, Advocate is directed to file status report by or before the next date of hearing.
6. List on 18.05.2026.
7. Meanwhile, respondent nos. 1 to 4 are directed to remove encroachment, if any, over the land falling under khasra nos. 611 min, 613-616, 627-630, 646, 651 and 660 by or before the next date of hearing, provided there is no legal impediment therefor.

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