

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

WP(C) No. 908/2026

Shan Ali

.....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Jagpaul Sharma, Advocate.

**Vs**

UT of J&K & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG.

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**(20.04.2026)**

1. Pursuant to order of this Court, Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua is present. Likewise, Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani is also present in person.
2. Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG representing respondents No. 1 and 2 as also Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, draw the attention of this Court to annexure-VI (page No. 27) which is stated by the petitioner to be a notice purportedly issued from the office of the Tehsildar, Bani.
3. This notice does not bear any reference number as well as any date and yet it is attributed to Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani.
4. Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani states before this Court that from his office's end, no such notice was ever put into existence or effect, much less placed in any public domain for

the petitioner to come across it and use it as an annexure in the High Court for the exploit of this writ petition.

5. This is too serious a matter to be taken causally, in the sense that if Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani is to be believed in terms of his statement, then it is to be figured out as to how this document has come into existence or whether it has been created by the petitioner to prejudice this court's mind particularly by reference to text of notice in terms whereof it is being meant that the Tehsildar Bani is withdrawing the notification for the selection to the post of Chowkidar for village Lowang in view of the order of this Court in a case titled "**Shan Ali Vs. UT of J&K & Anr.**".

6. This Court needs to observe that the name of the petitioner in the order dated **11.04.2025** in WP(C) No. **905/2025** is not **Shain Ali** but **Shan Ali alias Shain Ali** whereas in the alleged notice it is the alias name **Shain Ali** which has been referred to meaning thereby that the notice if not issued by Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani is definitely a product of a dubious mindset and that requires to be sorted out.

7. When pointed out by this Court to Mr. Jagpaul Singh, learned Advocate for the petitioner as to the source of the notice landing in the hand of the petitioner, he submits that it was in a

revenue officials' group and that some revenue officials might have provided a copy to the petitioner.

**8.** Mr. Jagpaul Singh, learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that he had confronted the petitioner that how can a purported notice from the office of the Tehsildar Bani be said to be on that group of revenue officials with a shared platform bearing a notice which is without any reference number and date in response to be told by the petitioner that some revenue official had provided the same to him.

**9.** Under these circumstances, this Court directs Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua to enquire into the fact as to whether there exists any such revenue officials' group on social media or official app for sharing order/notice/notification or for that matter, the matter of any official nature for the notice of all concerned revenue officials.

**10.** Requisite report be submitted by or before next date of hearing for which he shall be well within his right to ask for assistance from any agency and authority which shall be bound to lend assistance asked for.

**11.** This Court has reproduced the aforesaid reference for the consideration of Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua to take the aforesaid aspect into serious notice as the matter may at surface level seem to be very innocuous one but

has serious repercussions as to whether the administrative working of the District Kathua is being compromised in the manner as is being referred to.

**12.** Needful be done at the end of Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua by or before the next date of hearing.

**13.** List in continuation on **04.05.2026** along with WP(C) No. 905/2025.

**14.** In the meantime, this Court directs Mr. Predhyum Atri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani to assign the duties of Chowkidar to be handled by person who is incumbent Lambardar of the village Lowang till next date of hearing and consequently the engagement of Gulam Abas, temporary appointed as Chowkidar for village Lowang shall remain in abeyance.

**15.** A copy of this order be provided to Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG for notice and compliance from the end of the Deputy Commissioner, Kathua.

**(RAHUL BHARTI)**  
**JUDGE**

**JAMMU**  
**20.04.2026**

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