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

WP(C) No. 908/2026
CM No. 2013/2026

Shan Ali @ Shain Ali

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Jagpaul Singh, Advocate.

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors.

.....Respondents

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Standing Counsel
for CBI.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER
(04.05.2026)

01. In terms of an order dated 20.04.2026, this Court had directed the Deputy Commissioner, Kathua to probe into the aspect of how so-called "Public Notice" attributed to the Tehsildar, Bani obtaining as an **Annexure-VI (page 27)** came into being, in particular, without bearing any reference number or date about which the counsel for the petitioner has stated that it was taken from a Social App purportedly pertaining to the revenue officials of the tehsil/district.

02. The Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, in his report which is duly supported by an affidavit, has come forward detailing the factual situation, firstly saying that there is no official group on

Social Media or on any App for sharing order/notice/notification of any official nature in respect to Tehsil Office, Bani but two WhatsApp groups, namely, Tehsil Office Bani and Revenue Officers/Officials Tehsil Bani do exist that too for intra office coordination between the employees of Tehsil Office, Bani and some orders that require intra personal coordination are also shared in these groups. These two WhatsApp groups are said to be under proper check by the Committee members who have reported that no such public notice was ever shared on the aforesaid WhatsApp groups. The observation of the Committee is that public notice in question is photoshop/fake, therefore, not genuine.

03. It is emphatically stated by the Deputy Commissioner, Kathua that the public notice in reference was not shared in any of two WhatsApp groups of Tehsil, Bani.

04. This aspect which has come up in the enquiry report submitted from the end of Deputy Commissioner, Kathua leaves this Court in a state of disbelief that a **National Emblem** with reference to office of Tehsildar, Bani having signature and name of the incumbent Tehsildar bearing a reference to a proceeding in the High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh can come into public domain to be used as annexure that too by the petitioner relatable to his own cause without anybody owning its making and circulation.

05. Therefore, this Court deems it unavoidable to have the matter duly enquired by the Cyber Cell of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for which purpose this Court directs registration of a criminal case by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Cyber Cell Wing, Delhi.

06. List on **29.05.2026**.

07. In the meantime, let the respondents come up with the reply to the writ petition within a period of three weeks.

08. A copy of this order be provided to Mrs. Monika Kohli, learned Standing Counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for notice and compliance at the end of the concerned establishment of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

09. This Court reiterates that the matter is too serious to be taken up casually and that is why this Court has come up with the indulgence.

10. This Court be apprised about state of investigation in the matter by next date of hearing.

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
04.05.2026

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