

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

(Through VC)

**LPA No. 49/2023**  
**along with connected matters**

**UT of J&K and Ors.**

...Petitioner(s)/appellant(s)

Through: Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

**Vs.**

**Madan Lal and Ors.**

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. P.N. Raina, Sr. Advocate, with  
Mr. J.A. Hamal, Advocate.  
Mr. Rahul Sharma, Advocate  
Mr. R.D. Singh Bandral, Advocate  
Ms. Geeta Dogra, Advocate

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SEKHRI, JUDGE**

**ORDER**

**07.05.2024**

**1.** Heard Ms. Monika Kohli, learned Sr. AAG, appearing for the appellants. Also heard Mr. P.N. Raina, learned Senior Counsel, assisted by Mr. J.A. Hamal, learned counsel for the respondents.

**2.** It has been submitted by Mr. P.N. Raina, learned Senior Counsel, appearing for the respondents that many of the respondents have not been paid their honorarium in spite of observation made by this Court that they will not be required to submit affidavit to show that they are rendering services.

**3.** On the contrary, it has been submitted by Ms. Monika Kohli, learned Sr. AAG, appearing for the appellants that honorarium are being paid regularly to those who are rendering services and, as such, question of payment of honorarium to those who are not rendering services does not arise.

4. On the other hand, Mr. P.N. Raina, learned Senior Counsel, submits that there is no specific form or nature of work, inasmuch as, the nature of assignment is unlike any regular office work where they have to report for duty or to undertake specific assigned task.

5. Be that as it may, we would like the authorities to file an affidavit to explain as to why some of the VDGs have not been paid their honorarium as per the new scheme, as contended by Mr. P.N. Raina, learned Senior Counsel.

6. Ms. Monika Kohli, learned Sr. AAG, appearing for the appellants seeks and is granted four weeks time for filing the affidavit.

7. List on 04.06.2024.

**(RAJESH SEKHRI)**  
**JUDGE**

**(N. KOTISWAR SINGH)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**SRINAGAR**  
**07.05.2024**  
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