



Sr. No.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH 2022:JKLHC-JMU:7188-DB
AT JAMMU

WP(C) PIL No. 17/2020
CM No. 3100/2020

Prof. S. K. Bhalla

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. S. S. Ahmed, Advocate.

Vs

State and ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Aseem Sawhney, AAG.

Coram:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD AKRAM CHOWDHARY, JUDGE

ORDER
23.11.2021

Counsel for the respondents has filed a compliance report, giving details of the persons who are in possession of government accommodation. The list includes the names of politicians other than government employees. The accommodation provided to the persons whose name figured in the list is sought to be justified on security considerations.

It is suggested by learned counsel for the petitioner that some of the persons have been provided accommodation both at Srinagar and also in Jammu or in places more than one. This assertion is, however subject to the verification and we therefore, direct the respondents to furnish information in this regard. In case, the accommodation provided is at places more than one, the same needs to be justified with reasons.

It was also suggested that in some cases, the persons who are ordinarily the residents of Jammu province and in particular areas in and around



Jammu district and own and possess accommodation in their names, have also been furnished government accommodation on so called security considerations, not only in Jammu but even in Srinagar. It defies logic as to why a person from Jammu would at all be provided accommodation in Srinagar when such a person is ordinarily residing in Jammu. Details of such persons shall also be furnished by the next date of hearing. Details be also given as regards the recovery of arrears of rent from those who had been provided government accommodation.

List on 20.12.2021.

(Mohd Akram Chowdhary)
Judge

(Dhiraj Singh Thakur)
Judge

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