

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

WP (C) No. 1036/2026

Nazir Ahmad Awan & Ors.

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

Through :- Mr. Gash Asrar Ul Haq, Advocate

v/s

UT of J & K & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through :- Ms. Chetna Manhas, Assisting counsel to
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG
Mr. Vivek Mattoo, Assisting counsel to
Mr. Vishal Bharti, Dy. AG

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

ORDER

22.04.2026

By this petition, petitioners herein are seeking a direction upon the official respondents to protect their grazing rights over the Behak "Tamul Sar", Compartment Nos. 12, Forest Ranger Marwah, District Kishtwar, in accordance with law, with a further direction upon the official respondents to remove illegal encroachments, if any, made by the private respondents, over the grazing land (supra).

Notice, waived by, Mr. Vivek Mattoo, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Respondents 1 to 4 and Ms. Chetna Manhas, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Respondents 5 to 8. They seek and are granted four weeks' time to file response to the instant petition.

Now, notice shall go to private respondents only, subject to taking of requisite steps by the petitioners.

List on **29.04.2026**.

Meanwhile, official respondents are directed to remove illegal encroachment, if any, made on the grazing land in question, provided there is no legal impediment therefor.

(Moksha Khajuria Kazmi)
Judge

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