

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

Case:- WP(C) No. 1067/2026

Jasbir Kumar

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Pankaj Katal, Advocate vice
Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through:

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

ORDER
(20.04.2026)

1. The petitioner came to suffer his immediate disengagement by virtue of an order **No. 2434 of 2013** dated **27.09.2013** passed by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, on a purported alleged misconduct on his part while posted as Special Police Officer (SPO) **No. 693/SPOJ** attached with Police Post, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

2. The petitioner had come to be engaged as Special Police Officer (SPO) by virtue of an order **No. 1108 of 2000** dated **22.08.2000**, therefore, by the time he came to suffer his disengagement in **2013**, he had almost **12 years** of service as Special Police Officer (SPO).

3. The petitioner came forward with a writ petition- **WP(C) No. 201/2021** assailing his disengagement on the alleged charge.

4. The institution of very writ petition- **WP(C) No. 201/2021** itself was bearing delay and laches but nevertheless,

this Court disposed of said writ petition by virtue of an order dated **15.02.2021** by providing that upon a representation to be made by the petitioner before the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu with respect to his grievance against his disengagement, the same be considered on its merits and disposed of within a period of six weeks.

5. Since aforesaid direction of this Court was not getting compliance, as such, the petitioner came forward with a contempt petition- **CCP(S) No. 154/2022** which was pending on the docket of this Court in which reply-cum-response came to be filed by the respondents thereby disclosing that the petitioner's representation came to be disposed of by virtue of an order **No. 31304-10/DPOJ** dated **22.05.2021** by the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu.

6. The petitioner came to seek withdrawal of his contempt petition- **CCP(S) No. 154/2022** in order to avail appropriate remedy at his disposal and, accordingly, by virtue of an order dated **08.04.2026**, the contempt petition came to be **dismissed** as infructuous.

7. It is in the aforesaid backdrop that the petitioner is now coming forward with present writ petition instituted on **17.04.2026** assailing the course of action which led to his dismissal/disengagement and finally closing his expectation of return to his service with disposal of his representation by virtue of an order dated **22.05.2021** passed by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu.

8. Mr. Pankaj Katal, learned counsel arguing vice Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate submits that the petitioner is a victim of wrong doing at the end of the respondents. The termination of the petitioner is being referred to be stigmatic in nature and, therefore, in order to remove that stigma and in order to regain his lost service, the petitioner is coming up with the present contempt petition.

9. In the name of delay and laches, the petitioner has not spared even a one line averment that how by reference to order **No. 31304-10/DPOJ** dated **22.05.2021**, the institution of the writ petition is taking place in **April 2026** even if at one point of time during pendency of contempt petition, the petitioner was not aware of passing of an order **No. 31304-10/DPOJ** dated **22.05.2021**.

10. Mr. Pankaj Katal, learned counsel for the petitioner has tried his best to impress this Court that the impugned order **No. 31304-10/DPOJ** dated **22.05.2021** accompanying the Statement of Facts filed on behalf of the contemnors came on the docket of the contempt file of this Court in November 2023 but the petitioner was neither aware of the same nor his counsel representing him in the contempt petition aware about the said aspect that his representation stood rejected way back in 2021 and came into public domain in November 2023.

11. These submissions of Mr. Pankaj Katal, Advocate appearing vice Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate have no factual footing in the writ petition to count as averments and an

explanation for delay and laches and, therefore, cannot be entertained for the purpose of consideration except for rejection.

12. This petition is, thus, found to be seriously afflicted with delay and laches and even if this Court were to examine the legality and validity of the order No. **31304-10/DPOJ dated 22.05.2021** passed by the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, the writ petition, being devoid of merit, is liable to be dismissed and is accordingly dismissed in *limine*.

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

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