

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

WP(C) No. 1093/2026
CM No. 2388/2026

Rohit Kumar & Ors.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Bhanu Partap Singh Jasrotia, Advocate.

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Raman Sharma, AAG with
Ms. Saliqa Sheikh, Assisting Counsel.

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

ORDER
(21.04.2026)

01. Twenty six (26) petitioners have joined together to come up with the present petition bearing a grievance that their ignorance of the protocol for uploading of their respective names on NIC Portal/Official Wage System of the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., (hereinafter referred to as, "**the JPDCL**") is seriously prejudicing their continuing service and engagement as Permanent Daily Labour (PDL)/Temporary Daily Labour (TDL) and Need Based Workers.

02. The petitioners come forward with an averment in para 2 of the writ petition that they have been working as such for the last more than 10-12 years without any break and are the actual manpower along with a good number of other similarly engaged workers in ensuring the maintenance of the electricity lines which are meant to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the consumers of the Jammu district and its different areas.

03. The petitioners refer to the fact that similarly situated 871 odd workers have been updated on the Portal which has paved the way for release of their wages w.e.f. **January, 2022** on the directions of Board of Directors of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., (JPDCL), but with respect to the petitioners' fate, the Chief Engineer (D) of JPDCL is still engaged in seeking clarifications of left out 95 workers including the petitioners and this is where the petitioners are finding themselves at a loss to know the certainty about their fate despite having given best of their age in the service of JPDCL.

04. *Prima facie* case is made out.

05. Issue notice to the respondents in the main petition as well as in **CM No. 2388/2026**.

06. Notice waived by Ms. Saliqa Sheikh, learned Assisting Counsel to Mr. Raman Sharma, learned AAG on behalf of the respondents.

07. Reply to the writ petition be filed within a period of four weeks.

08. List on **03.06.2026**.

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
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