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Serial No. 82

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

WP(C) No. 1098/2026
CM No. 2406/2026

Avinash Dutta

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Mandeep Reen, Advocate.

Vs

Punjab National Bank & Ors.

.....Respondents

Through:

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

**ORDER
(22.04.2026)**

01. The petitioner-Avinash Dutta is a Manager (Law) in the Punjab National Bank. The petitioner's appointment as Manager (Law) took place with his first posting in Jammu in 2020.

02. The petitioner is a permanent resident of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and, therefore refers to the Punjab National Bank's Prescribed Policy bearing new **clauses** in which the officers posted in North-East and UT of Jammu & Kashmir are purported to be exempted from rotational transfers.

03. Ms. Mandeep Reen, learned counsel for the petitioner, comes up with a plea that by very tricky reference, the petitioner is being meant to be transferred from Jammu to Pathankot (Punjab) and that is by way of his uploaded Bio-Data without any express

transfer order coming into the hand of the petitioner and, thus, assails the purported transfer of the petitioner being vitiated with an illegality and policy breach.

04. *Prima facie* case is made out.

05. Issue notice to the respondents in the main petition as well as in **CM No. 2406/2026**.

06. Petitioner to furnish registered postal covers for the service of the respondents within a period of seven days, whereupon the learned Registrar Judicial, Jammu to issue notices to the respondents.

07. List on **06.06.2026**.

08. In the meantime, petitioner's present place of posting in Punjab National Bank, Bahu Plaza Branch be maintained. This order is, however, subject to objections from the other side.

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
22.04.2026

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