

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

WP (C) No. 1266/2026

Altaf Hussain

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

Through :- Mr. S H Qazi, Advocate vice
Mr. Iqbal Hussain Bhat, Advocate

v/s

UT of J & K & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through :- Ms. Chetna Manhas, Assisting counsel to
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

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

ORDER

06.05.2026

By this petition, petitioner herein has challenged order dated 09.02.2023 passed by Respondent No. 5 to the extent of appointment of Respondent No. 6 as Lambardar.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner states that the Respondent No. 6 was engaged as Lambardar, on temporary basis, for a period of six months only, however, he has been continued till date, which is not in consonance with the J & K Lambardari Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

Notice, waived by Ms. Chetna Manhas, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Respondents 1 to 5. She seeks and is granted four weeks' time to file response to the instant petition, with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

Now, notice shall go to Respondent No. 6 only, returnable within a period of four weeks, subject to filing of requisites by the petitioner, within a period of one week.

List on **06.07.2026**.

Meanwhile, Respondent No. 4/Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri is directed to accord consideration to the representations, stated to have been filed by the petitioner, by or before the next date of hearing.

(Moksha Khajuria Kazmi)
Judge

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