

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

**WP(C) No. 1288/2026
CM No. 2814/2026
CM No. 2815/2026
CAV No. 1083/2026**

Inhabitants of Village Sunderbani

.... Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through:- Mr. Shiv Dev Thakur, Advocate
V/s

UT of J&K and others

.....Respondent(s)

Through:-

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD. YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE

**ORDER
08.05.2026**

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1. The instant caveat application from its contents and the annexure does not appear to be related to the instant petition.
2. The Registry is, accordingly, directed to segregate it from this petition and deal with the caveat in accordance with the law.

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3. Through the medium of the instant application supported with an affidavit, one Baldev Raj, S/o Amar Nath, R/o W. No. 10 Sunderbani, District Rajouri, seeks permission to file the main writ petition in the representative capacity on behalf of the Inhabitants of Village Sunderbani. It is the case of the applicant/representative that his interest in the subject matter of the dispute as also of the Inhabitants of the Village Sunderbani is the same and it is not

practically convenient to array each and every Inhabitant of Village Sunderbani as petitioner in the petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant/petitioner-representative and considered his submissions. Perused the main proposed petition. There appears to be no reason to disbelieve at this initial stage that the interests of the Inhabitants of Village Sunderbani and the applicant/petitioner-representative Baldev Raj, may be the same as regarded the subject matter of the dispute.
5. Accordingly, the instant application is **allowed** provisionally with the entertainment of the main petition, subject to objections from the Inhabitants of Village Sunderbani and also the non-applicants/respondents.
6. Registry is, accordingly, directed to issue a notice in respect of the matter which shall be got published at the expenses of the applicant/petitioner-representative at least in two daily reputed newspapers having wide circulation in the Jammu Division for filing of objections by the Inhabitants of Village Sunderbani as well as by the respondents.
7. List along with the main petition on **03.07.2026** for objections.

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8. Issue notice to the respondents in the main petition as well as in the interim application, returnable by the next date of hearing, subject to taking of requisite steps for service for filing of reply/objections.

9. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant/petitioner and considered his submissions. Perused the interim application supported with an affidavit. Also perused the main petition and the copies of documents enclosed with the same as **Annexures** thereto.
10. List as above.
11. In the meantime, subject to any vacation/modification upon the consideration of objections/arguments of the other side, the non-applicants/respondent Nos. 1 to 5 are directed to address the issue as stated in the petition and take immediate necessary action in the matter in accordance with the law governing the field.

(Mohd. Yousuf Wani)
Judge

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