

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

WP (C) No. 1533/2026

Mushtaq Ahmed Sehmat

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

Through :- Mr. Qadri Towkeer Nazir, Advocate

v/s

Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs

.....Respondent(s)

Through :- Mr. Vishal Sharma, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Karan Sharma, CGSC  
Ms. Chetna Manhas, Assisting counsel to  
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

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

**ORDER**

**29.05.2026**

Through the medium of this petition, petitioner is seeking a direction upon the respondents to expedite the process for issuance of passport in his favour.

Notice, waived by, Mr. Karan Sharma, learned CGSC, appearing on behalf of Respondents 1 to 3 and Ms. Chetna Manhas, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Respondents 4 & 5. They seek and are granted four weeks' time to file response, with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

List again on **14.07.2026**.

**(Moksha Khajuria Kazmi)  
Judge**

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