

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

Case No.: WP(C) No. 1668/2026

Reach Dredging Limited

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

Through :- Mr. Pranav Kohli, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Farhan Mirza, Advocate

v/s

Union of India and Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through :-

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (ACTING)**

**ORDER**  
**04.06.2026**

Pursuant to an 'NOC' dated 14.08.2025 issued by NHPC Limited, the petitioner was permitted de-silting of the Salal Dam Reservoir from RD 3.00 km to RD 10.50 km towards upstream of the dam axis.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to the same stretch, fresh NOC has been issued on 17.02.2026 by the NHPC Limited in favour of respondent No. 5. The impugned 'NOC' dated 17.02.2026 has been issued for a stretch which is already covered by 'NOC' dated 14.08.2025 issued in favour of the petitioner.

Heard Mr. Pranav Kohli, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner.

Notice to the respondents, returnable within four weeks.

Requisite steps for effecting service of notice shall be taken within two weeks.

List on 10.07.2026.

In the meanwhile, there shall be no interference with the work being executed by the petitioner in terms of 'NOC' dated 14.08.2025, issued by NHPC Limited provided it is intact and has not been withdrawn or cancelled.

**(SANJEEV KUMAR)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE (A)**

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