

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

CRM(M) No. 599/2026

Gurpreet Singh

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

Through: Mr. Rupak Ratta, Advocate.  
Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Khan, Advocate.

vs

UT of J&K & Anr.

.....Respondent(s)

Through:

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SEKHRI, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**06.06.2026**

- 01.** Petitioner has invoked inherent jurisdiction of this Court for the quashment of impugned FIR No. 0098/2026 registered with Police Station Nowshera, District Rajouri, at the instance of respondent no. 2, primarily on the ground of inordinate delay of about two and a half years.
- 02.** Mr. Rupak Ratta, learned counsel for the petitioner, has relied upon the Supreme Court verdict reported as "*Lalita Kumari vs. Govt. Of U.P & Ors.*; AIR 2014 SC 187, to contend that in such type of cases, it is the mandate of the law of the land that concerned Investigating Officer is bound to conduct a preliminary enquiry.
- 03.** *Prima facie*, case for indulgence is made out.
- 04.** Notice to the respondents, returnable within three weeks. Requisite steps for service be taken within one week.
- 05.** List on 21.08.2026.
- 06.** Meanwhile, impugned FIR shall stay.

**(Rajesh Sekhri)**  
**Judge**

**Jammu**  
06.06.2026  
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