

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU
(THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)**

CJ Court

Case: WP(C)PIL No. 25/2019

Salil Gupta and anr.Petitioner(s)

Through :- Mr. Rakesh Chargotra, Advocate.
v/s

State of J&KRespondent(s)

Through :-
Mr. S S Nanda, Sr. AAG for 1.
Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG
Mr. B M Keng, Advocate for 3 and 4.

CORAM:

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE(ACTING)
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI, JUDGE**

**ORDER
05.08.2024**

1. The present Public Interest Litigation was filed in the year 2019.
2. After the filing of this petition, in 2019 there was change of circumstances post abrogation /reorganization of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir and creation of Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
3. Since the issue of welfare of Advocates of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, we are of the view that in addition to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory of Ladakh may also be impleaded as party respondent. Accordingly, Union Territory of Ladakh represented through its Chief Secretary, Ladakh, is impleaded as respondent no.7.
4. Registry to make necessary addition in the cause title of the petition.
5. Issue notice to the newly impleaded respondent No.7.
6. Mr. Eishaan Dadhichi, learned Central Government Standing Counsel vice Mr. Vishal Sharma, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.7. Copy of this petition alongwith all connected

documents be provided to the counsel for newly impleaded respondent by learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. Response, if any, be filed by respondent nos. 6 and 7 by or before the next date with an advance copy thereof to the other side.
8. Learned counsel for the petitioners to take requisite steps for effecting service of notice on respondent no.5 within a week's time.
9. List for consideration on 7th October 2024.

(MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI) (TASHI RABSTAN)
JUDGE CHIEF JUSTICE(A)

SRINAGAR
05.08.2024
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