



Serial No. 130
2026:JKLHC-JMU:2343

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

Case:- CM(M) No. 188/2025
CM No. 3820/2025

Krishna DeviPetitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Rohan Nanda, Advocate.

Vs

UT of J&K and Ors. Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER
(04.07.2025)

1. The manner in which quasi judicial authorities under the different dispensations/regime of law are conducting themselves in the UT of J&K presents a very sorry state of affairs which is exhibited by the present case when the Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, (Ex officio Settlement Officer), Jammu came up with an intervention in a pending case by passing an order dated 21.05.2025 in a time barred appeal filed at the instance of the appellants/applicants and directed the stay of operation of the impugned order dated 26.07.2024 passed by the Tehsildar Marh, which came to be appealed by the respondents No. 4 to 7 before the then appellate authority of the learned Additional Deputy Commissioner (with powers of Collector under the Land Revenue Act, Svt. 1996), Jammu on 06.02.2025 later transferred to the Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, (Ex officio Settlement Officer), Jammu in which the present petitioner as the respondent No. 2 had come to cause appearance through an Advocate and as



such, as a matter of right was entitled to have a notice of any intervening application passed in the case but instead came to be taken by surprise with issuance of an impugned order No. RDSOJ/APP/2025-26/17-18 dated 21.05.2025 passed by the Regional Director, Survey & Land Records, (Ex-officio Settlement Officer), Jammu.

2. *Prima facie* case is made out.
3. Issue notice to the respondents No. 2 & 4 to 7.
4. Petitioner to furnish registered postal covers for the service of the respondents No. 2 & 4 to 7 within seven days, whereupon the Registrar Judicial, Jammu to issue notices to the respondents No. 2 & 4 to 7.
5. List on 19.08.2025.
6. In the meantime, operation of the impugned order No. RDSOJ/APP/2025-26/17-18 dated 21.05.2025 passed by the Regional Director, Survey & Land Records, (Ex-officio Settlement Officer), Jammu in the case titled “**Subash Chander and other Vs. Krishna Devi and others**” shall remain stayed. This order is, however, subject to objections from the other side.

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
04.07.2025
Shivalee