

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

Case No:- WP(C) No. 1981/2026

Abhishek Langer

.... Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Amit Gupta, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Sumit Moza, Advocate

Vs

UT of J&K and Ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE

ORDER

04.07.2026

1. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the licensee of liquor vend situated at Palma, Rajouri, falling within JKEL-2 Zone, Kotranka. It is contended that the petitioner has duly deposited the prescribed license fee as well as the Original Minimum Guarantee (OMG) in respect of the licensed vend. It is further submitted that certain liquor vends falling within Panchayat Palma, Rajouri, remained un-auctioned and, consequently, the respondents failed to realize the prescribed Minimum Guarantee allocated to those vends. According to the petitioner, the respondents have sought to recover the resultant shortfall by raising an additional demand against the petitioner, over and above the Original Minimum Guarantee already deposited by him, by issuing the impugned notice. It is, therefore, contended that the impugned action is arbitrary, dehors the governing provisions, and suffers from an improper exercise of power. It is also argued that this court is already seized of similarly situated matters.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Prima facie, a case for consideration is made out.
3. Issue notice to the respondents in the writ petition as well as in the accompanying application for interim relief, returnable by the next date of hearing. Requisite steps be taken within the prescribed period. Reply/objections, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
4. Meanwhile, subject to objections from the other side and till the next date of hearing, the operation of the impugned notice dated 05.06.2026, insofar as it requires the petitioner to make good the alleged shortfall of ₹5,00,000/- arising out of the un-auctioned liquor vend(s) in Panchayat Palma, Rajouri, shall remain stayed. However, the petitioner shall continue to deposit the amount payable in respect of his licensed vend at the original rate as stipulated at the time of its allotment.
5. List along with **WP(C) No. 1443/2026 and WP(C) No. 1546/2026 on 14.08.2026.**

(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge

Jammu
04.07.2026
Javid Iqbal.