

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 1983/2026

Aman Handa

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

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

vs

UT of J&K and others

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG with
Ms. Nisha Kangotra, Advocate

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

ORDER

06.07.2026

1. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the licensee of liquor vend situated at Rajouri MC Ward No. 9, within JKEL-2. 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 Upper Dhangri, 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, which is waived by Ms. Nisha Kangotra, Advocate on behalf of the respondents.
4. List this case along with WP(C) No. 1981/2026 & WP(C) No. 1982/2026 on **14.08.2026.**
5. Meanwhile, subject to objections from the other side and till the next date of hearing, the operation of the impugned notice dated 04.06.2026, insofar as it requires the petitioner to make good the alleged shortfall of ₹ 14,00,000/- arising out of the un-auctioned liquor vend(s) at Panchayat Upper Dhangri 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.

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(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge