

Sr. No. 112

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

WP(C) No. 2666/2023  
CM No. 6306/2023

Parul Sharma .....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mrs. Deepika Mahajan, Advocate

**Vs**

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

Through:

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY DHAR, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**18.10.2023**

1. The petitioner has challenged the select list of Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas) issued by the respondents pursuant to Advertisement Notice No. 02 of 2023 dated 15.05.2023 to the extent of respondent No. 5, who is figuring at Serial No. 14 of the said list.
2. It is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that both the petitioner as well as respondent No. 5 figured in the criteria for engagement as Anganwadi Helpers for Anganwadi Centre, Ward No. 4, Jakhari, Akhnoor but the petitioner being possessed of higher merit has a preferential right to engagement but the respondents have ignored the merit of the petitioner and selected respondent No. 5.
3. Issue notice to the respondents.
4. Ms. Jagmeet Kour, Advocate appearing vice Mr. Ramesh Arora, senior AAG accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 4. She shall file reply to the writ petition by the next date of hearing.

5. Notice be issued to respondent No. 5, subject to petitioner's taking necessary steps within a week's time.
6. List on 24.11.2023.
7. In the meanwhile, the official respondents shall not issue any engagement order in favour of respondent No. 5 in case not already done.

**(SANJAY DHAR)**  
**JUDGE**

**Jammu**  
18.10.2023  
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