



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

OWP No. 1383/2017

Sham Lal

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

Through: None.

v/s

State of J&K and others

.... Respondent(s)

Through: Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE.

ORDER
26.09.2025

1. The petitioner has sought quashing of election/appointment of respondent No. 6 as Lambardar for Village Dhende Kalan, Tehsil R. S. Pura, Jammu, on the ground that the same has been conducted in violation of the J&K Lambardari Rules, 1980. The prayer has also been made in the present petition for directing the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, respondent No. 3 herein to conduct the election for the post of Lambardar of Village Dhende Kalan, Tehsil R. S. Pura, Jammu.
2. Response has been filed by the official respondents, in which it has been stated that the petitioner has not preferred the appeal against order dated 24.05.2017 whereby the respondent No. 6 was declared as successful in the election conducted by the official respondents.
3. The present petition has been pending before this Court for the last eight years.



4. An elected Lambardar cannot continue beyond the age of 60 years or beyond the terms of five years as Lambardar, in terms of amended Lambardari Rules.
5. In that view of the matter, the present petition is disposed of by directing the official respondents to hold elections for the office of Lambardar for Village Dhende Kalan, Tehsil R. S. Pura, Jammu within a period of three months from the date a certified copy of this order is made available to the respondents.
6. Disposed of.

(RAJNESH OSWAL)
JUDGE

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