

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

HCP No. 149/2025

Alex Mattoo

.....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Pawan K. Kundal, Advocate.

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Bhanu Jasrotia, GA.

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

ORDER
(16.04.2026)

1. Heard Mr. Pawan K. Kundal, learned Advocate for the petitioner.
2. The premise on which the District Magistrate, Samba was convinced to order preventive detention of the petitioner under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 for preventing him from acting in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order is that the petitioner, in a very short span of time, was allegedly found involved in two criminal cases registered vide FIR No. **169/2025** by the Police Station, Bahu Fort, Jammu and FIR No. **106/2025** registered by the Police Station, Bari Brahmana.
3. Before finding himself implicated in the aforesaid two FIRs, the petitioner was already an under-trial in eight criminal cases commencing from 2022 to 2024 as a timeline.
4. By reference to FIR No. 169/2025, the petitioner was granted bail by virtue of a court order dated 06.09.2025 but by reference to FIR No. 106/2025 registered by the Police Station, Bari Brahmana, the petitioner is alleged to have committed the offence

on 30.07.2025 at which point of time, the petitioner is supposed to have been in custody by reference to FIR No. 169/2025.

5. Therefore, there is an apparent anomaly which is obtaining in the correct mention of facts in the grounds of detention from the end of the District Magistrate, Samba.

6. Whether the anomaly is because of some typographical error or the dossier also states the same narration is what this Court intends to have a clarity for which this Court directs Mr. Bhanu Jasrotia, learned GA to produce the detention record along with a certified copy of the reply/objections filed by the Public Prosecutor in response to the bail application.

7. List on **07.05.2026**.



(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
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