

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

WP(C) No. 3119/2026
CM No.6896/2026

M/S Choudhary Power Projects Pvt. Ltd.

.... Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Sunil Sethi, Sr. Adv with
Mr. Tejeshwar Singh Chib, Adv.

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MA CHOWDHARY, JUDGE

ORDER

29.09.2026

01. The petitioner, through the medium of instant petition, has sought a direction upon the respondents to grant extension of 01 year 04 months and 13 days with respect to mining lease pertaining to Minor Mineral Block No.3/3 (Basantar River Upstream NH-1A Bridge, Samba) and 02 years 08 months and 28 days with respect to mining lease pertaining to Minor Mineral Block no.1/1 (Devak River Downstream Railway Bridge Thalori Brahmna Vijaypur, Samba).
02. It has been contended by the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner that Director, Geology and Mining J&K vide his communication dated 05.08.2024 has assured the petitioner that the maximum period of lease of 05 years of the RBM blocks shall be excluding the period lost/consumed in the submission and approval of DSRs. It has been further contended that there was delay in granting the said approvals on account of reasons attributable to the respondents and not on account of reasons attributable to the petitioner, as such, the respondents are obliged to permit the petitioner

to undertake mining activity in terms of the lease granted it its favour till such time the period lost due to submission and approval of DSRs is made good.

03. Issue notice to the respondents, subject to petitioner's taking necessary steps within a period of one week.
04. List on **25.11.2026**.
05. In the meantime, subject to objections from the other side and till next date of hearing before the Bench, the respondents shall allow the petitioner to undertake mining activity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the lease granted in its favour in respect of Minor Mineral Block Nos. 3/3 and 1/1.
06. Alteration/Modification/Vacation ever earlier on motion.

(MA Chowdhary)
Judge

Jammu
29.09.2026
Raj Kumar