

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

OWP No. 188/2010  
CM Nos. 3168/2022 & 5705/2023  
IA No. 249/2010  
c/w  
CPOWP No. 49/2018

**Bhanu Pratap Singh & Ors** .....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr.K Nirmal Kotwal, Advocate

**Vs**

**State of J&K & Ors** ..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD. YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**11.07.2025**

1. Through the medium of instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have sought the issuance of writ/direction in the nature of Mandamus against the respondents either to pay the compensation of the land comprised under Khasra Nos. 4,5,6,7,18,20,21,642,643min measuring 37 Kanals and 10 Marlas situated at Katra Tehsil & District Reasi as per prevalent market rate under the J&K Land Acquisition Act or to hand over the vacant possession of the aforementioned land to the petitioners, with further direction to the respondents not to carry any construction or change the nature of the land mentioned under aforementioned Khasra numbers.
2. The respondents have also filed their reply/Objections.
3. Since the controversy raised in the petition is as regards to payment of compensation of the land in question to the rightful owners, as such, there appear elements of settlement in the case.

4. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has initiated a special drive for amicable settlement of the cases through the mode of mediation under the campaign, "*Mediation For The Nation*". As such, the instant matter is referred for its amicable settlement through mediation to the Coordinator Mediation Center, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Jammu for taking necessary steps in the matter towards its expected amicable settlement through mediation.
5. Learned counsel for the parties are requested to be informed about the date of mediation of this case in connection whereof a special cause list is likely to be published, in due course of time. The parties to this petition or their authorized representatives shall appear in person before the learned Mediator to be appointed for this case on due date.

**Jammu**  
11.07.2025  
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**(Mohd. Yousuf Wani)**  
**Judge**