

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

WP(C) No. 3432/2025

Date of pronouncement: 05.12.2025

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Zameer Ahmed, age 43 years,
S/o Sh. Ali Akbar,
R/o Buffliaz,
Tehsil Surankote District Poonch.

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

Through :- Mr. N. D. Qazi, Advocate.

V/s

01. The UT of J&K,

Through its Commissioner/Secretary to
Govt. of J&K,
Public Works Department(R&B),
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

.... Respondent(s)

02. The Chief Engineer,

PW(R&B) Jammu

03. The Superintendent Engineer,

PWD (R&B) Department, Circle,
Rajouri.

04. The Executive Engineer,

PWD (R&B) Division Poonch.

Through :-

Coram: HON'BLE MS JUSTICE MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI, JUDGE

ORDER
(05.12.2025)

1. By this petition, the petitioner herein is seeking a direction upon the respondents to release the outstanding admitted liability to the tune of Rs.61,00,000/- along with interest @9% per annum in his favour on account of work done by him with regard to construction of 600 mtr span

RCC Culvert of Mohalla Katariya Upper Surankote to Behote (superstructure).

2. The case set up by the petitioner is that the respondents issued an allotment order dated 23.01.2018, for the construction of aforesaid work vide allotment No. 8237-43 dated 23.01.2018 in favour of the petitioner. Though the allotted cost of the work was Rs. 6,93,994/-, however, the cost of the work was increased to Rs. 1,18,92000/- and the petitioner completed the aforesaid works satisfactorily in time. The total bill of the petitioner was Rs. 1,25,85,994/- and respondents, from time to time, released payment of the petitioner, to the tune of Rs. 34,30,000/- in phased manner.
3. After completion of the allotted works, petitioner raised bills/invoices for the aforesaid works before the official respondents, seeking clearance of the liability accrued on account of the execution of work, duly allotted in favour of the petitioner. However, the full payment could not be disbursed in favour of the petitioner.
4. Petitioner is stated to have executed the allotted work within the stipulated period fixed for the completion of the work. The petitioner, it is stated, had also represented before the respondents for release of payment in his favour but despite that the respondents have not released the payment.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would feel satisfied, if the respondents are directed to consider the release of the admitted liability withheld by the respondents.

6. Having regard to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of, at its threshold, with a direction to the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner, as projected in the writ petition, and take a decision thereon within a period of two months from the date a certified copy of this order is furnished to them, subject to verification of the requisite bills. The decision so taken by the respondents shall be conveyed to the petitioner.
7. **Disposed of** along with all CMs.

(MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI)
JUDGE

Jammu:
05.12.2025
Sushant

Whether the judgment is speaking? Yes/no
Whether the judgment is reportable? Yes/no