

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

WP(C) No. 287/2026

CM No. 678/2026

- 01. Puran Singh S/O Late Rasela
Ram R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 02. Puran Singh S/O Late Guga
Ram R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 03. Chaial Singh S/O Late Krishan
Chand R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 04. Ram Krishan S/O Late Anant
Ram R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 05. Sewa Singh S/O Late Khoja
Ram R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 06. Faqir Chand S/O Late Tej
Ram R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 07. Sham Lal S/O Late Man Sukh
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 08. Naseeb Singh S/O Late Sarban
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 09. Lal Man S/O Late Sukh Ram
R/O Village Bass Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**
- 10. Jagir Singh S/O Late Mehant
Singh R/O Village Oglin
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.**
- 11. Lochan Singh S/O Late Sukh
Ram R/O Village Bass**

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

- Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
12. Mohan Lal S/O Roop Chand
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.
13. Kewal Singh S/O Late Bhagat
Ram R/O Village Bass
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
14. Jeevan Singh S/O Late Bhagat
Ram R/O Village Bass
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
15. Rangeel Singh S/O Parbat
Singh R/O Village Bass
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
16. Hari Om Singh S/O Late Isher
Dass R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.
17. Bhagwati Devi W/O Late Sham
Lal R/O Village Oglin
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
18. Mohd Rafiq S/O Mohd Din
Jaral R/O Village Khudmulla
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
19. Balbeer Singh S/O Paras Ram
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.
20. Tirath Singh S/O Late Bhagat
Ram R/O Village Bass
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
21. Madhan Lal S/O Late Bhagat
Ram R/O Village Bass
Dhanmasta Tehsil Pogal
Paristan, Ukhral, District,
Ramban.
22. Jai Singh S/O Kamla Ram R/O

**Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**

**23. Santosha Devi W/O Late Chain
Singh R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**

**24. Bishna Devi W/O Late Chain
Singh R/O Village Dhanmasta
Tehsil Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**

**25. Ravi Dass S/O Late Tej Ram
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**

**26. Om Parkash S/O Late Ram
R/O Village Dhanmasta Tehsil
Pogal Paristan, Ukhral,
District, Ramban.**

Through: Mr. O.P Thakur, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. O.S Bandral, Advocate

vs

- 1. Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir** Respondent(s)
through Secretary, Revenue
Department, Civil Sectt. Jammu
- 2. Financial Commissioner (Revenue)**
Jammu
- 3. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu**
- 4. District Collector**
(Deputy Commissioner) Ramban
- 5. Collector Land Acquisition (SDM)**
Ramsoo
- 6. Commissioner-cum-Secretary,**
Public Works Department (R&B)
Civil Secretariat, Jammu
- 7. Chief Engineer,**
PMGSY JKRRDA Jammu
- 8. Executive Engineer,**
PMGSY Division Banihal

Through: Ms. Nazia Fazal, Advocate vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG for R-1 to 5
Ms. Pallavi Sharma, Advocate vice
Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M A CHOWDHARY, JUDGE

ORDER
(11.02.2026)

1. The petitioners, through the medium of this petition, seek direction to the respondents to complete the acquisition proceedings and make the award/order under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder, in respect of land measuring 104 kanals 19 marlas underlying different khasra numbers situated at village Dhanmasta.
2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that preliminary notification was issued by the Collector on 08.01.2024 with regard to the acquisition of the aforesaid land for construction of Hewagon-Dhanmasta road from (Km 4 to Km 9), however, the respondents have not finalized the case of compensation allegedly for want of funds to be provided by the indenting department.
3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners shall be satisfied in case the petition is disposed of at this stage with direction to the respondents to finalize the acquisition proceedings at the earliest. In support of his case, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners has produced a Photostat copy of the communication No. CLA/SDMR/26/158-61 dated 02.02.2026, whereby the Collector, Land Acquisition, (SDM Ramsoo) has taken up the matter with the Executive Engineer PMGSY, Division Banihal for allotment of funds to the tune of Rs. 30.28 crores for completion of the acquisition proceedings. Copy of the communication produced by the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners is taken on record.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents who are present, has not resisted to the plea of disposal of the petition, at this stage, stating respondents are not averse to such a plea.
5. Having regard to the pleadings and submissions urged at the bar, the petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction to the respondents to complete the acquisition proceedings expeditiously, in accordance with the timeline provided under the applicable acquisition law.
6. Disposed of along with connected application(s) in the above terms.

(M A CHOWDHARY)
JUDGE

Jammu
11.02.2026
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