

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

WP (C) No. 1686/2026

Date of pronouncement: 05.06.2026

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**Ankiet Vaid, Age 28 Years
S/o Sh. Rajinder Kumar
R/o Ward No. 1, Vijaypur
District Samba-184120**

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

Through:- Mr. Bhavesh Bhushan, Advocate

V/s

- 1. Union Territory of Jammu and
Kashmir Through
Commissioner/Secretary to
Government of J&K Revenue
Department Civil Secretariat,
Jammu - 180001**
- 2. Inspector General of Registration,
J&K
Department of Registration
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001**
- 3. Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur
District Samba - 184120**

.....Respondent(s)

Through:- Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI, JUDGE
ORDER (ORAL)**

1. By this petition, petitioner herein has challenged order dated 06.04.2026, passed by respondent No. 3, whereby the application filed by him under Section 57 of the Registration Act, 1908, has been rejected.
2. It is stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the impugned order has not been passed, in terms of Section 57 of the Registration Act, 1908. Section 57 of the Registration Act, 1908 reads thus:

**“57. Registering officers to allow inspection of certain
books and indexes, and to give certified copies of entries”**

(1) Subject to the previous payment of the fees payable in that behalf, the Books No. 1 and 2 and the Index relating to Book No. 1 shall be at all times open to inspection by any person applying to inspect the same; and, subject to the provisions of section 62 copies of entries in such books shall be given to all persons applying for such copies.”

3. In terms of the section 57 of the Registration Act, 1908, Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur-respondent No. 3 is under an obligation to allow the petitioner to inspect Book No. 1 and the relevant indexes maintained in the office respondent No. 3 for the years 2019 to 2026 after payment of requisite fee.. However, he has rejected the application on account of the fact that that the application is non-specific regarding number of documents. The prescribed fee for such an extensive search cannot be accurately calculated or realized, rendering the application defective. The applicant has been granted liberty to file a fresh application providing specific details (such as Registration Numbers, dates, Khasra Nos. of the document inspected alongwith requisite fees as prescribed under the J&K Registration Rules.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that he is not averse to payment of any amount of fee prescribed in terms of the Act.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner shall be satisfied, if this petition is disposed of, at this stage, with a direction to respondent No. 3-Sub-RegistrarVijaypur, Samba to re-consider the application of the petitioner within a time bond manner.
6. Learned counsel for the respondents is not averse to the proposition made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

8. **Disposed of** along with all connected application(s) if any.

(MOKSHA KHAJURIA KAZMI)
JUDGE

JAMMU
05.06.2026
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Whether the order is speaking: Yes
Whether the order is reportable: No



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