

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

**WP(C) No. 2622/2026**

**CM No. 5722/2026**

Narinder Pal Raina

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

Through: Mr. Raja Mohit Bucha, Advocate.

**V/S**

U.T of J&K & Ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG.

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE**

**ORDER**

**19.08.2026**

01. Through the medium of instant Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner seeks the following reliefs:-

- (i) Commanding the respondents to release the outstanding admitted liability amounting Rs. 93,000/- in favour of the petitioner on account of the work done.
- (ii) Commanding the respondents to pay interest @18% per annum from the date work is completed till the payment is made.

02. The petitioner, a Class-B contractor, was allotted the work of construction of a Lane/Drain near State Bank of India towards house of Ram Parshad Prohit Ward No. 7(Phase 1<sup>st</sup>) and construction of Past Nallah from house of (Back side) Ved Vyas Padha Ward No. 7 Basohli (Phase 1<sup>st</sup>) pursuant to E-NIT No. 151-LBJ (II) of 2018-19 dated 31.01.2018. The petitioner completed the allotted work in all respects and handed it over to respondent No. 5 on 20.03.2019.

03. Despite completion of the work, the respondents have failed to release the admitted work-done liability of Rs. 93,000/-. The petitioner repeatedly approached the respondents, and respondent No. 4, through various communications, acknowledged the liability and requested respondent No. 6 to release the requisite funds. Even in response to the petitioner's legal notice dated 06.12.2024, the respondents admitted that funds had again been sought for payment, but the amount remains unpaid.
04. Aggrieved by the continued withholding of the admitted liability and the respondents' failure to take effective steps for its release, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to release Rs. 93,000/- along with interest at the rate of 18% per annum from the date of completion of aforesaid work till its realization.
05. After addressing arguments for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied if the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to treat the writ petition as a representation and decide the same within a stipulated time frame by passing a reasoned and speaking order.
06. Heard.
07. Issue notice to the respondents.
08. Mr. Ravinder Gupta, learned AAG, waives notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that he is not averse to the aforesaid proposition provided the case of the petitioner is directed to be accorded consideration under rules and as per law.
09. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the instant writ petition is taken up for final disposal and, is accordingly, *disposed of* by directing

the respondents to treat, instant writ petition as a representation and accord consideration to the same strictly under rules and as per law within three months from the date a copy of this order along with copy of the instant writ petition and annexure(s) are made available to the respondents. The order of consideration which is likely to be passed be conveyed to the petitioner by the respondents through registered post or any other mode of conveyance.

10. The writ petition is '*disposed of*' in the manner indicated as above.

**Jammu**  
19.08.2026  
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**(Sanjay Parihar)**  
**Judge**