IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

HCP No. 165/2025

Pronounced on: 14.07.2026

Arbaz Irshad Sheikh

...Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Nisar Ahmad Bhat, Advocate

Vs.

Union Territory of J&K and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Mohsin Qadri, Sr. AAG with
Ms. Maha Majeed, Assisting Counsel

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

JUDGMENT

1. The petitioner-Arbaz Irshad Sheikh, through his mother namely Mst. Latifa Irshad, is beseeching this court to restore personal liberty of the petitioner, otherwise suffering curtailment because of his preventive detention custody ordered by respondent No.2- the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act, 1988, which

resulted in arrest and detention of the petitioner taking place on **26.04.2025**.

2. By the said timeline, the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous as the petitioner has served his full detention period, therefore, the petition is **dismissed** as having been rendered infructuous.

3. It is, however, directed that if the petitioner has not already been released from preventive detention pursuant to the expiry of the detention period, he shall be released forthwith provided he is not required in connection with any other criminal case or under any other valid order of detention.

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(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR:
14.07.2026
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Whether the judgment is speaking : Yes / No
Whether the judgment is reportable : Yes / No