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

**CM(6615/2026) IN
WP(C) 2446/2026
CM(6616/2026)**

imtizamia committee jamia masjid bilal,
panzinara-a th.its chairman

..... Petitioner(s)

Through: -

Mr. Owais Shafi, Advocate.

V/s

1. Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir through
through Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/ Jammu.
2. Commissioner/ Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department, Civil
Secretariat, Srinagar/ Jammu.
3. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Srinagar
4. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
5. Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Kashmir,
Srinagar.
6. Director Health Services, Kashmir (DHSK),
Srinagar.
7. Managing Director, Kashmir Power
Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL)

..... Respondent(s)

Through:-

*Mr. Mohsin. S. Qadri, Sr. AAG with.
Ms. Maha Majid, Assisting Counsel.*

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE

(ORDER)

28.09.2026.

CM No. 6615/2026.

Through the medium of instant application, filed in terms of provisions of Order 1, Rule 8 CPC, one Hafizullah Mir, seeks the filing of the main petition as a representative of the Intizamia Committee of Jamia Masjid Bilal, Panzinara-A, Srinagar. It is submitted in the application that the petitioner-Committee is consisting of so many members and office bearers who have nominated the petitioner- Hafizullah Mir, as the Chairman of the Intizamia Committee of Jammia

Masjid Bilal, Panzinara-A and all its members have permitted him to institute the main writ petition in the representative capacity for redressal of their grievance(s).

Heard the submissions of learned counsel for the aforesaid representative of the applicant/petitioner-Intizamia Committee of Jamia Masjid Bilal, Panzinara-A, Srinagar, in respect of the matter. Perused the instant application, which is supported with a duly attested affidavit.

On the grounds mentioned in the application, coupled with submissions made at the Bar, the alleged representative-Hafizullah Mir, is permitted to file the main petition in the representative capacity on behalf of Intizamia Committee of Jamia Masjid Bilal, Panzinara-A, Srinagar,

CM No. 6615/2026, is ***disposed of***.

WP(C) No. 2446/2026

1. Mr. Mohsin. S. Qadri, Sr. AAG, appears and accepts notice in the matter for the respondents.
2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner-committee in respect of the matter.
3. The case of the petitioner-committee in nutshell is that the respondents have not till date given any effect to the SRO 185 dated 22nd May, 2007, whereby the Government of Jammu and Kashmir altered and restructured the territorial jurisdiction of various District, Sub-Divisions and Tehsils. That the revenue Estates of Panzinara and Ranbirgarh Pratapgarh, fall within the territorial and revenue jurisdiction of District Srinagar, however, the jurisdiction of several essential departments, particularly Jal-Shakti (PHE), KPDCL, Health and Posts & Telegraphs, continues to remain vested with the adjoining Districts of Baramulla and Bandipora. That the overlapping administrative jurisdiction has created considerable difficulty for the

inhabitants in approaching the concerned authorities, availing essential public services, and securing timely redressal of their grievances. That the existing arrangement has also resulted in avoidable inconvenience and hardship to public, despite the Estates otherwise falling within the territorial/revenue jurisdiction of District Srinagar. That the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, vide Communication No. DivcomK/Dev/01/2025/e-7797798/1 1344-46, Dated 19-11-2025, addressed to the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, took up the subject issue of jurisdiction with the higher authorities. That pursuant to a grievance already raised by the inhabitants during a Grievance Redressal Camp, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, constituted a Committee to examine the difficulties arising out of the existing inter-district jurisdiction and to suggest appropriate remedial measures. That the Committee, after examining the matter, submitted its detailed report vide No. DCS/ADCCPS/Misc/2025-26/7307 dated 18-10-2025, recommending necessary jurisdictional adjustments, so as to bring the concerned departments, presently functioning under Districts Baramulla and Bandipora, within the administrative jurisdiction of District Srinagar. That the departments, so recommended include Rural Development, KPDCL, Health, Public Health Engineering (PHE), Poshan (ICDS), Irrigation & Flood Control and Forest. That the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, accordingly recommended implementation of the proposed adjustments, which would address the long-standing difficulties faced by the inhabitants and ensure better coordination, efficient delivery of essential public services and effective grievance

redressal. That however, despite the aforesaid report and recommendations having been forwarded to the competent authority, no decision has been taken till date, thereby perpetuating the difficulties and hardship faced by the inhabitants of Estates Panzinara and Ranbirgarh Pratapgarh.

4. The petitioner-Committee has sought for issuance of writs of mandamus for:-

- (i) Commanding the respondents to give full, effect to SRO 185 dated 22-05-2007, whereby the Estates of Panzinara and Ranbirgarh Pratapgarh, were excluded from District Bandipora and brought within the territorial and revenue jurisdiction of District Srinagar, and consequently take all necessary administrative measures, in accordance with law, to remove the existing overlapping departmental jurisdictions which are causing continuing hardship and administrative inconvenience to the inhabitants of the said Estates.
- (ii) commanding the respondents, to consider and take a final, reasoned and speaking decision, within a time-bound period, upon the recommendations contained in the Committee Report dated 18-10-2025, submitted pursuant to the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, and the Communication dated 19-11-2025 of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, and thereafter take such consequential steps, in accordance with law, as may be necessary for rationalisation/realignment of the jurisdiction of the concerned departments, including Jal Shakti (PHE), KPDCL, Health, Rural Development, Poshan (ICDS), Irrigation & Flood Control, Forest and other essential

departments, so as to bring the same in conformity, to the extent administratively permissible, with the territorial jurisdiction of District Srinagar.

(iii) commanding the respondents, to ensure effective, accessible and uninterrupted essential public services, particularly drinking water, electricity and healthcare, to the inhabitants of Panzinara and Ranbirgarh Pratapgarh, by appropriately rationalizing the jurisdiction of PHE, KPDCL and Health authorities with District Srinagar, in accordance with law, and to ensure necessary infrastructure, maintenance and timely grievance redressal, so that the inhabitants are not compelled to approach distant or multiple offices, on account of the existing jurisdictional anomalies.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the matter can be disposed of even at this threshold stage by directing the respondents to immediately address the grievance(s) of the inhabitants of Panzinara and Ranbirgarh Pratapgarh, in connection with revenue/territorial jurisdiction of said villages with the District Srinagar as per SRO 185 dated 22nd May 2007.
6. The learned Sr. AAG, however, submitted that the Government is believed to be actively taking necessary action in the matter. However, learned Sr. AAG, did not oppose the disposal of this writ petition with the direction to the respondents to immediately look into the matter to redress the grievance(s) of the petitioner-Committee.
7. In the backdrop, this writ petition at its threshold stage is disposed of with the direction to the respondents to immediately look into grievances(s) of the petitioner-Committee as projected in detail in the

memo of this petition and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law in the matter within a period of eight weeks.

08. The writ petition is ***disposed of*** along with connected CM(s).

(Mohd Yousuf Wani)
Judge

SRINAGAR
28.09.2026.
“Abdul Rashid”