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HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU

CM No. 1712/2026 &
CM No. 1713/2026
In
SWP No. 1732/2014

Shamsher Ali & Anr.

.....Applicants/Petitioners

Through: Mr. Achal Sharma, Advocate.

Vs

State of J&K & Ors.

.....Non-applicants/Respondents

Through:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER
(15.04.2026)

01. Vide advertisement No. **CEO/D/SSA/129972-79** dated **08.02.2014**, Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Bhaderwah had undertaken selection exercise for engagement of Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) in newly upgraded School, Zone Bhaderwah, Panchayat Ghatha.

02. The name of the School for which the engagement of three candidates was Upper Primary School, Lagsroo and the three posts were in the discipline of Math/Science, Hindi/Urdu & Social Studies.

03. The selection exercise resulted in preparation of merit list of fifteen persons. The petitioners did not figure in said merit list for the reason being that their applications were not entertained for the purpose of consideration and that is the reason for the petitioners making prayer in the writ petition for a *mandamus* unto the respondent No. 4 i.e., Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Bhaderwah to consider the application forms of the petitioners on account of the fact that the petitioners were physically and actually residing in village Ghatha housing Upper Primary School, Lagsroo.

04. The two petitioners, namely, Shamher Ali and Raheela Tabassum came forward with the writ petition filed on **04.07.2014**.

05. By virtue of an order dated **08.07.2014**, this Court stayed selection process for three posts as envisaged under advertisement notice (*supra*).

06. The writ petition remained pending all along before this Court came to modify interim order dated **08.07.2014** by virtue of an order dated **05.06.2015** while letting the writ-respondents to fill up the posts of ReT in Science stream by considering the case of intervener Monika Sharma along with other eligibles.

07. The writ petition came to suffer *dismissal* for non-prosecution in terms of order dated **20.11.2024** for seeking restoration of which only one of two writ petitioners, namely,

Raheela Tabassum has come forward with a time barred restoration application-**CM No. 1713/2026** accompanied with application-**CM No. 1712/2026** for condonation of delay of **459 days**.

08. The cause setup for the delay is that the *dismissal* of the writ petition was not known to the petitioners and they came to know about the same recently and immediately acted to come forward with the applications.

09. This Court is not in a position to understand the context of "**recently and immediately**" and, therefore, the same would not constitute a sufficient cause even for the sake of putting the non-applicants/writ-respondents to notice and, therefore, both the applications warrant *dismissal* and are, accordingly, ***dismissed***.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
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(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

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