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HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 400/2021

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Rajinder Thusoo .....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. K.L Pandita, Advocate

vs

UT of J&K and ors. ..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Raman Sharma, AAG

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAHZAD AZEEM, JUDGE

ORDER

29.10.2026

01. On mention, the matter is taken out of turn.

02. The petitioner claims to be a migrant on account of the turmoil that erupted in the wake of militancy in the valley and was, therefore, compelled to take shelter in Jammu, where he came to be registered as a migrant. Accordingly, the petitioner stated to have been provided cash assistance and also ration as a migrant by the respondent No. 3.

03. The grievance of the petitioner is that although he was continuously provided ration and cash assistance as a migrant, but the respondents without any reasons, discontinued the same and in this regard, he also stated to have made a representation, which has not been considered by the respondents till date.

04. On the other hand, the respondents have filed the objections and opposite the petition on the ground that the provisional registration was granted to the petitioner without following due procedure and, therefore, his status as a migrant has not been regularized.

05. It is further submitted by the respondents that the question as to whether or not a person is a migrant has to be considered by the Screening Committee duly constituted by the Government.

06. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

07. What is discernible from the aforesaid factual narration is that the petitioner has been registered provisionally as migrant, but his case was required to be considered by the Screening Committee constituted by the Government, which is yet to accord consideration.

08. At this stage, Mr. Raman Sharma, learned AAG submits that if the Court so directs, the respondents shall place the case of the petitioner before the Screening Committee in its next meeting. Learned counsel for the petitioner is also ad idem with the said proposition.

09. In view of the above, this petition is taken on board and is, accordingly, disposed of with a direction to the respondents to

submit the case of the petitioner regarding his entitlement as a migrant and the benefits flowing therefrom before the Screening Committee for consideration. It is further directed that, on receipt of the case of the petitioner, the Screening Committee shall accord consideration to the petitioner's claim as a migrant and to his entitlement to the cash assistance and ration, in accordance with rules and procedure laid down in this regard. The decision so taken by the Committee shall also be communicated to the petitioner.

10. Writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of, along with connected application.

(Shahzad Azeem)
Judge

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