Sr. No. 16

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU
(Through VC)
LPA 156/2024

UT OF JK THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY AND OTHERS …Petitioner(s)/appellant(s)

Through: Ms. Saliqa Sheikh, Assisting Counsel vice
Mr. Raman Sharma, Advocate

Vs.

PREETA DEVI ...Respondent(s)

Through: None

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE

O R D E R
02-03-2026

1. On 29.07.2024, a Coordinate Bench had passed the following order:

> **"Issue notice to the respondents in this condonation of delay application for filing response. Requisites for service of notice upon the respondents be furnished within one week.**
>
> **List on 06.09.2024"**

2. And thereafter, on 02.12.2024, 22.04.2025 and 09.12.2025 the following orders were passed:

> **"02.12.2024**
>
> **Steps for service of respondent be taken within a period of two weeks.**
>
> **List on 25.02.2025**
>
> **22.04.2025**
>
> **Appellants' counsel seeks and is granted two weeks' time to take requisite steps for effecting service upon the respondents. Subject to appellants taking steps, issue notice to the respondents, returnable within four weeks.**
>
> **List on 06.06.2025**
>
> **09.12.2025**
>
> **1. Per Office Report dated 24.02.2025, the appellants have not taken steps for effecting service upon the respondent.**
>
> **2. Accordingly, learned counsel for the appellants is granted a week's time to furnish the requisites, upon which, notice be issued to the respondent.**

Aadil Hussian Bhat
I attest to the accuracy and
authenticity of this
document

3. Adjourned to 02.03.2026."

3. Per Office report, the appellants despite repeated opportunities have failed to take measures to serve the respondents. Again adjournment is prayed for.

4. That being so, this Court is choiceless but to dismiss the appeal for non-prosecution.

(RAJNESH OSWAL)
JUDGE

(ARUN PALLI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

SRINAGAR
02-03-2026
Aadil

Aadil Hussian Bhat
I attest to the accuracy and
authenticity of this
document