Sr. No. 48

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH**
**AT JAMMU**

WP (C) No. 2889/2025

Date of pronouncement: 21.10.2026
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**Alia and Ors.** …..Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Irfaan Khan, Advocate with
Mr. Wazeem Raja, Advocate

**Vs**

**UT of J&K and Ors.** ….. Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Nirmal Kotwal, Advocate vice
Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG for R- 1 and 4
Ms. Sagira Jaffar, Advocate vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG for R- 2 & 3

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAHZAD AZEEM, JUDGE**

**ORDER (ORAL)**
**21.10.2026**

**1.** The petitioners have invoked the extraordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court, seeking a direction to the respondents for release of compensation in respect of the land acquired by the respondents for construction of Khairkoot to Zabban Road, situate at Village Tethar, Tehsil Banihal, District Ramban. In this regard, final award came to be passed on 28.02.2024.

**2.** Objections stand filed on behalf of respondent Nos. 2 and 3. Although the factual assertions made by the petitioners are not denied, but respondents have expressed their inability to disburse the amount in terms of the final award dated 28.02.2024 passed by respondent No. 3, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Collector Land Acquisition), Banihal, on the ground that amount is not received from the indenting department.

**3.** Learned counsel for respondent Nos. 1 and 4, i.e., the indenting department, submits that the respondents shall arrange the requisite amount as per the award dated 28.02.2024 within a period of eight weeks.

**4.** Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would be satisfied if the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the amount assessed in terms of award dated 28.02.2024 within a specified time frame.

**5.** Learned counsels for the respondents are also not averse to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

**6.** Having regard to the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and the averments contained in the petition, the petition is taken on board and disposed of with a direction to the respondent Nos. 1 and 4 to release and transfer the compensation amount as assessed vide award dated 28.02.2024 within a period of eight weeks to the Collector Land Ramban. Upon receipt of the amount, respondent Nos. 2 and 3 shall release the same in favour of the petitioners within a period of four weeks, after ascertaining the entitlement, along with interest as applicable under the rules. Let the entire exercise be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date a copy of this order is made available to the respondents.

**7.** ***Disposed of***, accordingly.

**(Shahzad Azeem)**
**Judge**

**Jammu**
21.10.2026
***Mihul***

**Whether the order is reportable? Yes/No**
**Whether the order is speaking? Yes/No**