Sr. No. 142

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

WP (C) No. 3405/2026

Date of pronouncement: 27.10.2026
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**Abdul Rashid Katoch** .....Petitioner(s)
**S/o Late Mohd. Akbar**
**R/o Village Bass Panchal, Tehsil**
**Pogal Paristan, District Ramban.**

Through: Mr. Sheikh Altaf Hussain, Advocate

**Vs**

**1. UT of J&K through its Commissioner** ..... Respondent(s)
**Secretary, PWD, Civil Secretariat,**
**Jammu/Srinagar.**
**2. The Chief Engineer**
**Public Works (R&B) Department,**
**Ramban.**
**3. The Executive Engineer,**
**Public Works (R&B) Department,**
**Banihal.**
**4. The Superintending Engineer**
**PWD (R&B), Udhampur-Ramban Circle.**
**5. The Deputy Commissioner,**
**Ramban.**

Through: Ms. Monika Thakur, Advocate vice
Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG

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

**ORDER (ORAL)**
**27.10.2026**

**1.** The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents for the release of compensation of Rs. 16.19 lacs, along with interest, for the damage caused to his house due to the construction of Bus Stand Ukhral.

**2.** The principal grievance of the petitioner is that, despite his house having sustained 50% damage due to the construction of the Bus Stand Ukhral to

Rahoon Top road at KM 1st RD (400-500), and the damage having been duly assessed by the respondents, the amount has not been released so far. It is further contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that though the petitioner has filed a representation dated 10.01.2026, but the duly assessed amount of compensation of Rs. 16.19 lacs has not been released so far.

**3.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied, in case the respondents are directed to release the compensation within a stipulated time frame in terms of communication dated 17.11.2025, whereby the Executive Engineer, PWD(R&B) Division, Banihal, has assessed the compensation at Rs. 16.19 lacs and communicated the same to the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B), Udhampur-Ramban Circle.

**4.** At this stage, Ms. Monika Thakur, Advocate, appearing vice Mr. Ravinder Gupta learned AAG, has caused appearance on behalf of the respondents. She is also not averse to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

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**5.** In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the instant petition is taken on board and disposed of at the motion hearing stage with a direction to the respondents to process the case of the petitioner for release of compensation on account of the damage caused to his house during the construction of Bus Stand Ukhral to Rahoon Top road at KM 1st RD (400-500) and accord consideration to the release of the same in terms of the assessment made vide communication dated 17.11.2025, as per his entitlement under rules. Let this exercise be completed within a

period of eight weeks from the date a copy of this order is made available to the respondents.

**6.** ***Disposed of***, accordingly.

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

**Jammu**
27.10.2026
***Mihul***

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

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