Sr. No. 11

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 3583/2026

Shabnam Kousar ….. Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

Through: Mr. Supreet R. S. Johal, Advocate

vs

UT of J&K and Ors. ….. Respondent(s)

Through: Ms. Nisha Kangotra, Advocate vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SEKHRI, JUDGE

ORDER
17.11.2026

01. Petitioner has invoked extraordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for a mandamus to the respondents to demarcate and define the boundaries of her land measuring 24 Kanals, out of which 16 Kanals is comprised of Khewat No. 26 min, Khata No. 582 min and Khasra No. 1538 min and 8 Kanals is comprised of Khewat No. 26 min, Khata No. 535 min and Khasra No. 1539 min, situate at Chowadhi, Tehsil and District, Jammu.

02. A perusal of the writ record shows that petitioner approached the Revenue Authorities for demarcation of her land by way of an application dated 14.10.2023. However, the Revenue Authorities, comprised of Patwari Halqa, Chowadhi, Girdawar Qanungo, Bahu and Naib Tehsildar, Bahu, instead of demarcating her land, observed that aforesaid land measuring 16 Kanals under Khasra No. 1538 and 8 Kanals under Khasra No. 1539, totalling 24 Kanals stood already recorded and attested in her name in terms of attestation dated 29.02.2008. She again approached the Revenue Authorities for fresh demarcation of the aforesaid land by way of another application dated 08.07.2024, which according to petitioner did not evoke any response. She again approached the respondents by way of third application dated 17.03.2025, which came to be received by Deputy Commissioner,

Jammu on 08.04.2025. It appears that Tehsildar, Bahu constituted a Demarcation Committee comprised of Naib Tehsildar, Bahu, Girdawar, Bhau, Patwari Halqa Bahu and Patwari Halqa, Chowadhi and the land was directed to be demarcated on 10.06.2025 at 10:30 a.m., which came to be adjourned to 19.06.2025. However, according to the petitioner, nothing has happened till date.

03. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner will be satisfied, if respondents are directed to accord consideration to the aforesaid applications preferred by her from time to time and do the needful under law within a certain time frame, to which learned counsel on the other side has no objection.

04. Having regard to the limited nature of controversy and an innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, present petition is admitted to hearing and disposed of at the threshold, with a direction to Deputy Commissioner, Jammu to decide the applications preferred by the petitioner for demarcation of her land in accordance with law after affording a reasonable opportunity of hearing to her, within a period of four weeks from the date a copy of this order along with copy of writ petition and the annexures appended thereto are made available.

05. Disposed of with connected CM(s).

(Rajesh Sekhri)
Judge

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