Serial No. 49
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HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) No. 549/2026

Abdul Hamid Shah **...Petitioner(s)**

Through:
Mr. Sofi Manzoor, Advocate.

V/s.

Union Territory of J & K and Ors **...Respondent(s)**

Through:
Mr. Hakim Aman Ali, Dy. AG.
Ms. Yasmeen Jan, Advocate vice
Mr. T. M. Shamsi, DSGI.

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge.

ORDER
27.10.2026

01. The petitioner through the medium of the instant writ petition has sought the following reliefs:

> "i. A Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, commanding the respondents to reissue/renewed passport to the petitioner;
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> ii. A Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, commanding the respondents to issue a fresh international passport for ten years validity period or else extend more than ten years of validity to the passport issued to him vide passport No. N6932283; Country Code "IND" Type "P" with date and place of issue as "27-04-2016 at Srinagar" which is valid upto 26-04-2026 which is Annexure-ll to this petition.
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> iii. Any other writ, order or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the attending circumstances of the case may also be passed in favour of the petitioner and against the respondents."

02. Reply stands filed on behalf of respondent Nos. 2 and 4, which Mr. Hakim Aman Ali, learned Deputy Advocate General adopts for respondent Nos. 1 and 3 as well. His statement is taken on record; ordered accordingly. Response has also been filed on behalf of respondent Nos. 5 and 6.

03. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties submit that the instant petition can be disposed of at this stage in light of the subsequent developments

04. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has produced a recent communication dated 12.10.2026 issued by the concerned Passport Officer to the petitioner, whereby certain clarifications were sought regarding issuance of the passport in favour of the petitioner, which according to the petitioner have been duly replied in terms of reply/clarification dated 16.10.2026. Copy of communication along with reply is taken on record.

05. Therefore, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that in light of the subsequent development mentioned hereinabove, the instant petition can be disposed of at this stage by directing respondent No. 6-Regional Passport Officer, Bouleward, Srinagar, Kashmir, to take a final call in light of the Passports Act and the relevant rules framed thereunder, as also in light of the contemporaneous official record, to which learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents are not averse, provided the direction is issued to accord consideration to the case of the petitioner strictly under rules and as per law.

06. Heard learned counsel for the parties at length and perused the record.

07. In the aforesaid backdrop, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping this petition alive and with the consent of the learned counsel for parties, the same is taken up for final disposal at this stage and is accordingly disposed of by directing the respondent No. 6-Regional Passport Officer, Bouleward, Srinagar, Kashmir, to accord consideration to the issuance/renewal of the passport in favour of the petitioner in terms of the Passports Act,1967 and the rules framed thereunder, by giving due regard to the reply filed by the petitioner in

pursuance to communication dated 12.10.2026 and also in light of the contemporaneous official record enclosed with the instant petition, strictly under rules and as per law, within a period of six weeks, from the date a copy of this order along with the writ petition and annexures thereto, are made available to the said respondent.

08. The writ petition is accordingly **disposed of** in the manner indicated above.

(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR:
27.10.2026
"Hamid"

