*Item No.93*
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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR**

**WP(C) No.678/2026**

AROOJ FATIMA

...PETITIONERS/APPELLANT(S)

Through: - Mr. M. A. Wani Advocate.

Vs.

UT OF J&K & ORS. ...RESPONDENT(S)

Through: - Mr. Shahbaz Sikandar, AAG.

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY DHAR, JUDGE**

**ORDER(ORAL)**

**1)** The petitioner, through the medium of the present petition, is seeking a direction upon the respondents to correct particulars of her name and date of birth in the school records.

**2)** According to the petitioner, she is a student of 9th class studying in respondent No.3-school. It has been submitted that her date of birth in the school records is recorded as 11.08.2011, whereas her actual date of birth is 05.11.2012. She has further submitted that her name has been wrongly recorded as Urooj Fatima instead of Arooj Fatima. To support her contention, the petitioner has placed on record copy of birth certificate issued by SHO, Chadoora, copy of domicile certificate, affidavit, copy of Aadhaar card and a copy of public notice issued for change of her name and date of birth.

**3)** It has been submitted that incorrect entry of particulars in the school record has occurred due to *bona fide* clerical mistake

at the time of admission. It has been further submitted that the petitioner approached Chief Education Officer concerned as well as school authorities along with the relevant documents, but the Chief Education Officer, vide his communication dated 23.12.2025, returned her case to respondent No. 3-school with the remarks that change of date of birth of the student is not mandate of the said office. It has been submitted that the petitioner has not been registered as yet with the Board of School Education, as such, respondent No.3 is well within its powers to redress the grievance of petitioner, but no action is being taken by the said respondent.

**4)** In view of the nature of relief sought by the petitioner, the petition is disposed of at this stage by directing respondent No.3-Principal Holy Faith Presentation School, Canal Avenue, Rawalpora, Srinagar, to take a decision with regard to the request of the petitioner for change of her name and date of birth particulars, most expeditiously, preferably within a period of one month from the date a copy of this order is made available to the said respondent.

**(Sanjay Dhar)**
**Judge**

**SRINAGAR**
04.11.2026
"Bhat Altaf-Secretary"

Whether the **Order** is speaking: **YES**
Whether the **Order** is reportable: **YES/NO**