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Serial No. 23
Regular cause list

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

CM (1044/2026) in WP(C)PIL 5/2024

**Gazetted Aspirants, Residents of
Ladakh**

...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

Through: Mr. Kachroo Manzoor Ali Khan, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Aga Syed Hadi, Advocate

Vs.

Union Territory of Ladakh

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. T.M. Shamsi, DSGI with
Ms. Rehana Qayoom, Advocate.

CORAM:

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (ACTING)
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE**

ORDER
06.07.2026

1. On the basis of the letter addressed to the Chief Justice of this Court in the social media, this Court registered WPC(PIL) No. 05/2024 to find out as to why the recruitment to the post in the Gazetted Cadre in the Union Territory of Ladakh had not been undertaken for the last five years. After seeing response from the respondent, the matter was considered by this Court on 30th December, 2024, when this Court, taking note of the fact that the respondent-authorities were actively addressing the grievances projected by the petitioners in this PIL, disposed of the petition with liberty to the petitioners to seek revival of the same, if their grievances would remain unresolved. The grievance was of course with regard to non-recruitment to the post of the Gazetted Cadre in the Union Territory of Ladakh. When the respondent-authorities failed to act with due diligence, the petitioners were constrained to file an application for revival of the PIL.

2. Before passing any orders with regard to the revival of the PIL, this Court put the learned counsel for the respondent on notice to seek instructions in the matter.



3. The status report dated 23rd April, 2026 has been filed on behalf of the respondent in which the respondent has categorically stated that the grievance projected in the PIL has been completely redressed. It is submitted that the Union Territory Administration has fully established the requisite statutory and regulatory framework and has even initiated steps for making recruitment to the gazetted post through the UPSC. It is submitted that the recruitment process is presently at various stages and the same is being carried by the UPSC in accordance with its prescribed procedure. The respondent would further state that upon receipt of recommendations from the Commission, the appointments to the gazetted posts in the Union Territory Administration shall be made in accordance with the law.

4. In view of the aforesaid reply/status report submitted by the respondent, we do not see any good reason or justification to revive the Public Interest Litigation.

5. For the foregoing reasons, the proceedings in this PIL are closed.

6. **Disposed of.**

(Mohd Yousuf Wani)
Judge

(Sanjeev Kumar)
Chief Justice (Acting)

SRINAGAR:

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