

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

(Through Video Conferencing)

WP(C) No. 949/2020
CM No. 2357/2020

Mohd Yousuf Bhat

...Petitioner(s)

Through: - Mr. N. D. Qazi, Advocate
(Through video conference)

v/s

Union Territory of J&K and others

... Respondent(s)

Through:- Mr. S. S. Nanda, Sr.AAG
(Through video conference)

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD CHATTERJI KOUL, JUDGE

ORDER

1. The petitioner claims that he was allotted a contract for collection of Toll Tax of Lorry Adda, for the period starting from 31st March, 2019 to 31st March, 2020. He fulfilled all the terms and conditions as laid down in the allotment order and deposited his installments as per the terms and conditions of the contract. It is stated that due to the abrogation of Article 370 in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the Amarnath Yatra was stopped and with the result the tourists and yatris left the valley, therefore, there was no tourist season and because of all this he suffered huge loss and his business came to complete halt. It is further stated that after the abrogation of Article 370, due to band and the restriction imposed by the Government, he could not collect his toll tax due to which he suffered huge loss.

2. It is further submitted that the petitioner has made a representation before respondent No. 2-Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu to compensate the petitioner on account of losses suffered by him. Respondent No. 2-Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu sought report from Municipal Committees of Batote, Doda, Thathri, Ramban, Kishtwar and Bhaderwah. The said representation has not been disposed of so far.

3. Objections to this writ petition have not been filed by the respondents.

4. Today, when this case was taken up for hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the representation made by him before the Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu-respondent No. 2 is still pending and has not been disposed of so far. He further submitted that he would be satisfied if this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No. 2 to consider and dispose of the representation of the petitioner pending before him within a reasonable time.

5. Mr. S. S. Nanda, learned Sr. AAG appearing for the respondents submits that this writ petition can be disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2 to dispose of the representation of the petitioner and he assures that the same will be decided in accordance with law, within a reasonable time.

6. In view of the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr. S. S. Nanda, learned senior AAG appearing for the respondents, this writ petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2-Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu to consider and dispose of the representation of the petitioner in accordance with law within a period of four

weeks from the date copy of this order is made available to him by the petitioner.

7. Writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of along with connected CM.

(Vinod Chatterji Koul)
Judge

Jammu
30.09.2020
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Whether the order is speaking: Yes/No
Whether the order is reportable: Yes/No

