GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Circular instructions regarding timely filing of replies/affidavits and compliance reports in pending litigation, particularly contempt petitions.

Reference: Order dated 14-08-2026 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar Bench in C.P. No. 520/2025 titled Ashwani Kumar Vs. Sh. H. Rajesh Prasad & Ors., arising out of T.A. No. 733/2022

Circular No: 15-JK(LD) of 2026.
Dated. 19- 10-2026.

In order to ensure effective representation of the Government before the Hon'ble Courts/Tribunals and timely filing of replies, affidavits and compliance reports, particularly in contempt proceedings, all Administrative Departments, Heads of Departments and other concerned authorities are hereby impressed upon to ensure strict compliance with the following instructions:

1. Complete records, relevant documents and specific factual inputs shall be furnished to the concerned Law Officer and Officer In-charge Litigation (OIC) sufficiently in advance to enable timely preparation and filing of replies/affidavits;

2. In matters involving implementation of judicial directions, the latest compliance status, duly supported by documentary evidence, shall be provided to the concerned Law Officer and Officer In-charge Litigation (OIC) well before the date fixed for hearing;

3. The concerned Officer In-charge Litigation (OIC) shall maintain close coordination with the concerned Administrative Department and Law Officer to ensure timely filing of replies, affidavits and compliance reports before the respective Courts/Tribunals; and

4. Any delay or failure in furnishing the requisite records, instructions or compliance reports resulting in non-filing of replies/affidavits or

adverse judicial orders shall be viewed seriously, and responsibility shall be fixed upon the officers concerned in accordance with the applicable rules.

By Order of Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-
(Achal Sethi)
Commissioner Secretary to Government

No: Law-Jud/118/2025-10. Dated. 19-10-2026.

Copy to the:

1. Ld. Advocate General, J&K.
2. All Administrative Secretaries.
3. Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu/Srinagar Bench.
4. Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir.
5. All the Government Counsels (Sr.AAG/AAG/DAG/Government Advocates).
6. All Deputy Commissioners.
7. All Sr. Superintendents of Police
8. Director Litigation, Jammu/Kashmir.
9. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K for information of Chief Secretary.
10. Private Secretary to Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Department of Law Justice and P.A. for information of Commissioner Secretary.
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19.10.2026
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