



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Criminal Writ Petition No. 434/2026

1. Rakesh Kumar S/o Shri Mani Ram, Aged About 40 Years, Resident Of Naharanwall, Police Station Anoopgarh, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
2. Peera Ram S/o Shri Ramchandra, Aged About 44 Years, Resident Of Chak 1 N.s.m., 12 N.d., Administrator Gram Panchayat Naharanwali, Police Station Anoopgarh, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
3. Sajan S/o Shri Shera Ram, Aged About 33 Years, Resident Of 112, 11/12 N.d., Naharanwali, Tehsil Anoopgarh, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
4. Dinesh Kumar S/o Shri Balkishan, Aged About 51 Years, Resident Of Chak 17 A-A, P.o. Chak 15 A, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
5. Chand Singh S/o Shri Mewa Singh, Aged About 62 Years, Resident Of Chak 3 J.m., 20 Lm, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.

-----Petitioners

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Secretariat, Department Of Home Affairs, Jaipur.
2. The Inspector General Of Police, Bikaner Range, Bikaner Rajasthan.
3. The Superintendent Of Police, District Sri Gangaragar Rajasthan.
4. The District Collector, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.
5. Station House Officer, Police Station Anoopgarh, District Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. DS Thind Ms. Sonika
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. NS Chandawat, PP

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FARJAND ALI

Order



02/02/2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks withdrawal of the instant petition.

2. Accordingly, the instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

3. Stay petition stands disposed of.

4. However, liberty is granted to the petitioners to submit a representation before the concerned Superintendent of Police seeking re-assessment of the expenditure allegedly incurred on account of deployment of additional police force when the petitioner embarked upon the overhead water tank of the village.

It is clarified that peaceful agitation or protest against any perceived civil wrong or against a decision of the Government, if carried out in a democratic and lawful manner and subject to reasonable restraints, forms an integral part of a democratic set-up, and ordinarily no recovery of expenses should be fastened upon the protestors for such lawful and peaceful demonstration. At the same time, any act exceeding the permissible democratic limits, including the act of climbing upon an overhead tank with an element of threat to public order or safety, may legitimately invite recovery of expenses incurred for maintaining law and order.

5. In that view of the matter, it is expected that the concerned Superintendent of Police shall objectively and fairly assess the nature of the protest and confine recovery, if any, only to such acts which transgressed lawful democratic protest, and not to the peaceful agitation as such.

(FARJAND ALI),J

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