

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

WP(C) 200/2026

Sania Nazir and Anr.

...Petitioner(s)

Through: None

Union Territory of J&K and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Faheem Nisar Shah, GA
Mr. Jahangir Ahmad Dar, GA
Mr. Mir Umar, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER

20.02.2026

1. A moment of vigil on the part of this Court being able to prevent life of a 19 years aged young girl from going waste, is best opening for this order as sequence of events preceding this date of proceedings has been able to establish.

2. Today, the petitioner No.1-Ms. Sania Nazir has been brought in person from the Open Shelter for Girls, Nowgam Srinagar by ASI Ms. Zuitunia Akhter of Police Station Women, Rambagh.

3. Ms. Azrah Manzoor, Social Worker, Open Shelter for Girls, Nowgam Srinagar has also taken pain to accompany the petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir.

4. Today respondent No. 8-Mst. Fareeda Begum, mother of the petitioner No. 1-Ms. Sania Nazir has also come in person along with counsel Mr. Mir Umar, Advocate.

5. Respondent No. 8-Mst. Fareeda Begum, admits that the petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir is her daughter and that there has been a lapse of parental vigil on her part, otherwise the occasion would not have arisen of her daughter escaping her care and custody.

6. This case has far reaching legal implications which need to be fully attended to and addressed by this Court rather than treating it as a one-off case and dispose it like a mere ritual of restoring the custody of the petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir to her mother.

7. Therefore, the proceedings of this case would go on suo moto before this Court particularly considering the fact that even the role of the advocate purportedly representing the petitioners needs to be seriously brought under scanner.

8. In addition, the role of the religious preacher/moulvi, by whose reference the alleged Nikahnama dated 14.11.2025 has come to be produced, also needs to be thoroughly scanned as to whether there is a criminal racket going on with respect to alluring young and gullible girls like the petitioner No. 1 by self proclaimed peers and tantriks (sorcerers) having a predatory presence and play in the society.

9. This Court today has received a sealed cover report from Ms. Azrah Manzoor, Social Worker, Open Shelter for Girls, Nowgam Srinagar which does not make a happy reading relatable to the victim/petitioner No.1-Sania Nazir.

10. This Court puts on record its appreciation for Ms. Azrah Manzoor, Social Worker, Open Shelter for Girls, Nowgam Srinagar for her painstaking involvement in the case and for submitting a well worded and meaningful report, which is taken on record to be kept in the sealed cover.

11. In the meantime, SHO Police Station Shaheedgung, Srinagar has also come up with a sealed cover report relating to the antecedents and

credentials of the petitioner No. 2 as could be gathered and verified.

12. With respect to today's proceedings, this Court is ordering restoration of the custody of the petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir to the respondent No. 8-Mst. Fareeda Begum, her mother.

13. ASI Ms. Zuitunia Akhter, of Police Station Women, Rambagh is directed to ensure that the mother and daughter today board the public transport for the purpose of going back to their native place and also to note down the vehicle number as well as mobile number of the driver of the vehicle for ensuring the proof of their movement having taken place for their native house.

14. Ms. Sehreen Zehra, Advocate is appointed as amicus curie in this case for the purpose of assisting this Court to take note of the issues which this case has posted before this Court which seriously relates to multiple aspects involving the safety and security of the young and gullible girls, particularly in the rural areas getting exposed to the nature of serious mischief/wrong as this case reflects out.

15. Registry is directed to reflect name of Ms. Sehreen Zehra, Advocate as amicus curie in the causelist hence forth.

16. Ms. Azrah Manzoor, Social Worker, Open Shelter for Girls, Nowgam Srinagar, is also requested to assist the amicus curie Ms. Sehreen Zehra, Advocate in this case.

17. This Court directs Registrar Judicial, Srinagar to issue notice to Advocate Zafar Iqbal, who came up with the present petition with his vakalatnama accompanying with the petition with mention of his mobile number being 9469019461.

18. Registrar Judicial, Srinagar is directed to ensure that Advocate Zafar Iqbal is duly notified about next date of hearing for his personal appearance.

19. This Court makes it clear that in the event of Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Advocate evading or avoiding service of notice to him directed to be issued for his personal appearance, this Court shall be constrained to take coercive measures for securing his presence.

20. This Court appreciates the role of Mr. Suhail Anees Khan, SHO Police Station, Shaheedgung, for rendering his effective assistance in the matter.

21. Dr. Aasiya Farooq, Central Administrator, One Stop Centre for Women, District Srinagar, is also present in person under whose supervision Ms. Azrah Manzoor, Social Worker, Open Shelter for Girls, came to handle this case in context of interaction with petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir.

22. In the meantime, SHO Police Station, Shaheedgung is directed to get personal as well as surety bond from the petitioner No. 2 for the sake of securing his presence for appearance as and when called/summoned either by the Police Station, Shaheedgung or by the Police Station, Submal/Bandipora.

23. Furthermore, this Court directs the Central Administrator, One Stop Centre, Bandipora to immediately contact the petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir as well as her mother-the respondent No. 8, by having assistance of Women Police Station, Bandipora for the purpose of rendering the services of a psychologist.

24. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Bandipora is directed to ensure fully safety and security of petitioner No. 1-Sania Nazir as well as her mother-the respondent No. 8, so as to ensure that the two are not subjected to any sort of harm/risk from the end of the petitioner No. 2 or any person acting for an on behalf of the petitioner No.2.

25. Copy of this order be provided to Mr. Jahangir Ahmad Dar, learned GA for the sake of notice and compliance at the end of the Administrator One Stop Centre, Bandipora.

26. List in continuation on **02.03.2026.**

(RAHUL BHARTI)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR:

20.02.2026

"Mir Arif"