

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
AT SRINAGAR
(Through virtual Mode)**

CJ Court

WP(C) No.1229/2021

Ranjeet Gurkha

...Petitioner(s)/Appellants.

Through: Mr. Salih Pirzada, Advocate.

Vs.

Union Territory of J&K and others.

....Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. D. C. Raina, AG, with Mr. Sajad Ashraf, GA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY DHAR, JUDGE

ORDER

01.07.2021

Heard Sh. Salih Pirzada, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. D. C. Raina, learned Advocate General for the respondents.

The petition is in relation to management and preservation of property of a temple in terms of provisions of Jammu & Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997. The petitioner further alleges that it has been looking after the affairs of the temple at Gulmarg belonging to Shri Jagat Amba Sharika Chakreshwar Sanstha, Hari Parbat, Srinagar, since long but despite that it is being encroached upon.

Learned Advocate General submits that there are certain other matters, may be in public interest, relating to the preservation of properties of temples and places of worship and that the matter may be taken up along with pending matters and in the meantime he may be supplied with the copy of the writ petition.

Let copy of the writ petition be supplied to learned Advocate General by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

The learned Advocate General may explore the possibility of having a uniform legislation governing the places of worship.

Put up on 5th July, 2021.

In the meantime, the Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, may submit a report as to whether any land of the temple has been encroached upon and is in unauthorized possession of any third party.

(SANJAY DHAR)
JUDGE

(PANKAJ MITHAL)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Srinagar

01.07.2021

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