

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR
(THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)**

CJ Court

Case: WP(C)PIL No. 1/2026

Monisa Manzoor Mir

...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

Through: Ms. Monisa Manzoor Mir, Advocate.

V/s

U.T. of J&K & Ors.

.... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Illyas Nazir Laway, GA.

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE.**

**ORDER
16.02.2026**

01. Petitioner, who is an Advocate by profession, has approached this Court in Public Interest. And, underscores the systemic failure in implementing the safety measures and seat reservation for women in public transport, with reference to Article 15(3), Article 21 and Article 38(1) of the Constitution as also the Circular 3/TC/2025 (**Mandating reservation of seats 1-12 in large buses and 1-9 in mini-buses**).

02. She submits that vide Circular dated January 07, 2025, the Transport Department had issued a mandate for reserved seating, whereas the material placed on record only shows its **ostensible existence**. With no implementation on ground. Further, the information obtained from the Transport Commissioner and RTO Kashmir, under RTI, reveals that no actual inspections, penal actions, have been taken against the violators and there does not exist any established public helpline. **Albeit**, RTO Flying Squads claimed to have been constituted but no tangible material exists or was provided showing its ground level enforcement.

Rather, a bare analysis of the response received from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner as also the Traffic Police shows that they have actually shifted the responsibility to the Department of Transport, indicating a lack of inter-departmental coordination. She asserts that data collected from 298 women at the Local Educational Institutions revealed that 85.6% of them experienced harassment or discomfort and, in fact, majority was even unaware of any existing complaint mechanism. To the contrary, it is urged that States like Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have successfully implemented '**Pink Tickets**', '**Tejswani Buses**' and '**Shakti Schemes**', through administrative intent, crystallizing that legislative amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act, is not a pre-requisite for safety reforms.

03. Notice to the respondents.

04. Mr. Illyas Nazir Laway, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents. At the outset, he prays for a short accommodation to seeks instructions and/or submit response.

05. Adjourned to March 04, 2026.

(RAJNESH OSWAL)
JUDGE

(ARUN PALLI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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