

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Labour and Employment Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu**

Notification

Jammu, the 20th January, 2022

S.O. 23 - Whereas Ajay Kumar Sharma S/o Bansilal Sharma R/o Near Durga Mandir, Gangyal Jammu, J&K-180010 has filed an application under Section 17(1) of the Working Journalist & Other Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 before the Labour Commissioner (Authority, Working Journalist Act, 1955) on 23-03-2021 against the management- (1) Managing Director, M/s Amar Ujala Ltd. New Delhi (2) Branch Manager, M/s Amar Ujala, Jammu, wherein applicant has stated that "he was engaged by the respondents as scanning operator in their production department at Jammu vide appointment letter dated 30.11.2010. The services of applicant were confirmed w.e.f 30.11.2011 vide letter dated 30.11.2011. The name of the company M/S Amar Ujala Publications Limited has been changed as M/S Amar Ujala Ltd w.e.f 15.04.2019. The applicant being entitled to revised wages as per recommendations of Majithia Wage Board, approached the respondent/management for payment of Rs.50,95,299/- on account of un-paid dues to which he was entitled, calculated as per the recommendation of Majithia Wage Board, but the management never agreed to the same; and

Whereas, both the parties were heard by the Labour Commissioner and the matter could not be resolved between the parties and has now requested that the Payment of claimed amount is required to be adjudicated by the J&K Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court in terms of Section 17(2) of the working journalists and other Newspaper Employees(Conditions of service)Act,1955, constituted under section 7 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947); and

Whereas, the Labour Commissioner has recommended the case for its reference under sub-section 2 of section 17 of the working journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 to the Hon'ble Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court, Jammu constituted under section 7 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947) for adjudication; and

Whereas, the Government considers it desirable to refer the said dispute to the Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court, Jammu for adjudication.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 (XIV of 1947), the Government hereby

refers the said dispute to the Industrial-Cum-Labour Court, Jammu for adjudication on the following issues:-

1. Whether the claimant is covered under the definition of Working Journalist and Non-journalist employee as defined in Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955?
2. Whether the claimant is entitled for claim as per the recommendations of the Majithia Wage Board, if yes, then to what extent?

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Mrs. Sarita Chauhan) IAS,
Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Labour & Employment Department.

No.:LE/70/2021

Dated: 20 .01.2022

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1. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New delhi-110001
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
3. Joint Secretary (J&K and Ladakh), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. Secretary to Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.
5. Labour Commissioner, J&K, Srinagar/Jammu with the request for providing physical file/leaves in Original along with this S.O to Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court, J&K Jammu for further action at their end.
6. Director Information, J&K, Jammu with the request to publish the S.O. in the leading local newspapers of Srinagar/Jammu
7. OSD to Advisor (F) to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
8. General Manager, Government Press, Srinagar/Jammu for its publication in the next issue of Government Gazette.
9. Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court, J&K Jammu along with full case details/leaves in original.
10. Assistant Registrar, J&K, High Court, Jammu.
11. Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu.
12. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Labour and Employment Department.
13. I/C Website (L&E).
14. SRO file/stock file (w.2.s.c.)

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