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(Judgment of Hon'ble High Court about extension of PM Package for Job and rehabilitation to Non Migrant Kashmiri Pandit Community living in Kashmir Valley)

Kashmir Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS), the representative body of Valley based Kashmiri Pandits is delighted to inform and share with members of the community in the valley and outside, about an order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir at Srinagar.

In an order delivered on May 31, 2016, the Hon'ble J&K High Court has in its judgment allowed our writ petition with respect to extension of the 'PM's Package' for jobs and rehabilitation to the Kashmiri Pandits who did not leave the Valley following the exodus of majority of their community members.

The news is like a historical event for us and we request Valley based Kashmiri Pandits to be part of this historic event and attend general meeting on 05.06.2016(Sunday) at Shri Sidhi Vinayak Mandir, Ganpatyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar to discuss the future course of action for settlement and rehabilitation of left out Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir Valley.

A writ petition bearing no. 1986/2013 titled 'Kashmiri Pandit Sangarash Samiti and others Vs. Union of India and others', was filed on 30.12.2013. In the petition, we had challenged the SRO 412 dated 30.12.2009, with a request that the Five hundred and Sixty one (561) Valley based Kashmiri Pandit community members be included and allowed to apply for jobs and rehabilitation in respect of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Package.

In this order by the Hon'ble High Court, the State Government is directed to consider the claim of the petitioners in accordance with the rules and to take decision preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of the order.



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The order given by the J&K High Court, vindicates the struggle of the Valley based Kashmiri Pandits represented by Kashmir Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS). It is a shot in the arm for us in our ongoing engagement with the State for the rights of Valley based Kashmiri Pandits, who suffer precarious existence due to the ongoing conflict since many years.

Kashmir Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS) is very much hopeful that the Centre as well as State Government will separate 561 posts for Valley based Kashmiri Pandits who chose to live in Kashmir Valley facing many challenges to their existence in the last 26 years. We have forwarded the said judgment to the concerned authorities, as such, we urge the State Government that it will process the matter without any delay or excuse within a period of six weeks as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court.

We are also thankful to our legal advisor Mr. Saleem Gupkari (Advocate), who has stood by us through thick and thin and worked with unselfish diligence to convince the Hon'ble Court for justice on our behalf and for the appropriate directions from the State.

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