

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

CRM(M) 704/2024 CrIM(1634/2024)

MOHAMMAD YASIN KHAN AND ORS

... Petitioners

Through:None.

**Vs.**

NAZIA IQBAL

...Respondent

Through: None.

**CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE**

**ORDER**  
**27.11.2024**

1. A person appearing before this court identifies herself to be an Advocate Ms.Syed Ainain Qadri as counsel for the petitioners. The person is appearing with her face covered although wearing advocate's attire.
2. On the request of the court to remove her face cover, the person identifying herself as Advocate Ms.Syed Ainain Qadri submits and insists that it is her right to come and appear with

the same state of appearance with her face covered and this court cannot insist upon her to remove her face cover.

3. In view of this, this court does not entertain the appearance of the person identifying herself to be Advocate Ms. Syed Ainain Qadri as counsel for the petitioners as this Court has no basis/opportunity to confirm her actual identity both as a person as well as professional.
4. Await appearance of the petitioners in default whereof the petitioners may suffer an order for dismissal of case for non-prosecution.
5. List on 02.12.2024.
6. In the meantime, it is directed to the Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh to confirm the legal/rule position with respect to the dress code of the advocates in terms of a claimed right that a woman advocate can appear with her face covered and can turn down the request of the court to remove her face cover on the pretext of being fundamental right of a person as an advocate to appear in the said state of attire.

7. Registrar Judicial, Srinagar to forward a copy of this order to the Register General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh for input on the legal/rule position.

**(RAHUL BHARTI )  
JUDGE**

Srinagar  
27.11.2024  
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