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**ELECTION URGENT** 

The District Panchayat Election Officer, (Deputy Commissioner)
Kupwara/Baramulla/Bandipora/Ganderbal/Srinagar/
Budgam/Pulwama/Shopian/Kulgam/Anantnag/Kishtwar/
Doda/Leh/Kargil/Ramban/Udhampur/Reasi/Kathua/Samba
Jammu/Rajouri/Poonch.
The Director Rural Development,

Jammu/ Kashmir.

No: 5202/P-E/CE0/2010-11/3266-93

Dated: 29-03-2011

Sub: Clarification regarding Allotment of symbols- regarding

Sir/Madam,

Your attention is drawn to Gazette Notification issued vide this office Order No: 5202/CEO/2010/244 dated 28.12.2010, whereby the list of all the National Parties, State Parties (J&K) along with their symbol as well as the list of free symbols were notified for the conduct of Panchayat election 2011. Since the Panchayat Elections- 2011 are being held on non-party basis, so, the symbols earmarked for the National Parties as well as the State Parties (J&K) are frozen and are not available for allotment. Therefore, only free symbols numbering 59 notified in Government Gazette are to be used and allotted to the candidates taking part in Panchayat Elections-2011.

In this regard, clarifications have been sought from various quarters regarding allotment of the same free symbol to the candidates standing for Sarpanch and Panch Halqas. It has been decided by Election Authority that in case the same free symbol has been chosen by the candidate standing for Sarpanch elections and Panch elections falling within the same Panchayat, then priority shall be given to the allotment of free symbol to candidate standing for election of Sarpanch Halqa and thereafter the said free symbol will be frozen and will not be available for allotment to the candidate standing for the Panch constituency. The candidate/candidates for Panch constituency will be allotted a symbols from the symbols still available in the list of free symbols notified by this office other than the symbols allotted to the candidate/candidates standing for the position of Sarpanch. This instruction may be brought to the information of all concerned.

Matter may be treated as Election Urgent.

Yours faithfully,

DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

J&K, JAMMU.

## Copy to the:

- 1. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/ Jammu for kind inf.
- 2. Special Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
- 3. ACEO Jammu/ Kashmir for inf. and n/a.