

Office of the Election Authority

Chief Electoral Officer, UT of J&K

“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

Notification

JAMMU, DATED THE 18th FEBRUARY, 2020

Whereas, recommendations of the Apex Level Committee constituted vide Government Order No. 10-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated 03-01-2020 regarding preparatory work for conducting elections to vacant Panchayat seats along with the security clearance was received from the General Administration Department, UT of J&K vide its No. GAD(Adm) 01/2020-I dated 23-01-2020: and

Whereas, under Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, vide S.O. 53 dated 10th February, 2020, issued notification calling upon the Panchayat Halqas, to elect Sarpanches and Panches for the vacant seats in the UT; and

Whereas, the Election Authority, accordingly has announced the schedule of the by-elections to the vacant seats of Sarpanches and Panches in the Panchayat Halqas as mentioned in the S.O. 53 dated 10-02-2020 read along with errata dated 13-02-2020; and

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 36 of Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read with Rule 8 and Rule 40 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority, J&K (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) has issued notifications appointing various dates for the conduct of Phase – I and Phase – II of the by-elections vide its notifications dated 15-02-2020 and 17-02-2020: and

Whereas, Home Department Government of Jammu and Kashmir vide its letter No: Home/ISA/237/2019 dated 18-02-2020 has advised the Election Authority to consider deferring of the conduct of polls based on credible inputs from the law enforcement agencies;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers under section 36 of Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read with Rule 8 and Rule 40 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Notifications dated 15-02-2020 and 17-02-2020 issued for Phase I and Phase II respectively, and the schedule issued on 13th February, 2020 for other phases of the Panchayat Bi-Elections 2020 are hereby withdrawn. After addressing all the concerns suitably at the earliest, possibly in two to three weeks, fresh schedule shall be notified.

Sd/-

(Shailendra Kumar) IAS

Election Authority

(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)

Dated: 18 - 02 - 2020

No. 5311/CEO/Pyt/2020/757-67

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for favour of information.
2. Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for information.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
4. Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and PRIs, Civil Secretariat Jammu.
5. District Panchayat Election Officers (All districts) of UT of Jammu and Kashmir for information and n/a.
6. Director Rural Development Department, Jammu/Kashmir.
7. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K Govt., Jammu with a request to arrange publicity of the notification through electronic and print media, immediately.
8. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu with a request to ensure the publication of this Notification in the extraordinary issue of Government Gazette.
9. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu/Kashmir.
10. I/c website, IT Section, O/o CEO, J&K, to upload the said Notification on official website forthwith.


(Anil Saigotra)

Joint Chief Electoral Officer,
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