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ELECTION AUTHORITY

UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989
(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU & KASHMIR)

2ND FLOOR VIKAS BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in pursuance of Rule 7 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government had issued a Notification, in consultation with the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K), vide its SRO No.78 dated 14th March, 2011, calling upon the Panchayat Halqas in the State to elect Sarpanches and Panches on the dates to be appointed by Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K);

Whereas, in pursuance of Rule 8 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) had issued a Notification on 1st April, 2011, notifying the dates for the 5th Phase of Election for Sarpanches and Panches in respect of Blocks Rajwara, Wagoora, Khansahib, D.H.Pora, Arnas, Panchari, Basohli, Darhal and Budhal, as per the schedule given below:-

- a) 1st April, 2011 as date of issue of Gazette Notification,
- b) 8th April, 2011 last date for making Nominations,
- c) 9th April, 2011 date of Scrutiny of Nominations,
- d) 13th April, 2011 last date for withdrawal of candidate,
- e) 30th April, 2011 date of poll/counting wherever, necessary,

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri vide his letter No.ENT/R/11/2356-59 dated 03-05-2011 has intimated that as per the report of Returning Officer, the poll process at Middle School Sagrawat in respect of Panch Constituency No.1 (Dara), Panch Constituency No.2 (Sagrawat Upper) and Panch Constituency No.3 (Sagrawat Lower) of 14-Sagrawat Panchayat Halqa was going smoothly upto 11:00 a.m. and 75% of the votes had been polled upto that time, after which a mob led by Shri Mohammad Sharief, a contesting Sarpanch candidate came to the polling station, forced their entry into the booths of the above mentioned Panch Constituencies, beat up the polling parties and unlawfully took away the ballot boxes and election material;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner)
Rajouri has recommended that the polling in respect of Panch Constituency No.1
(Dara), Panch Constituency No.2 (Sagrawat Upper) and Panch Constituency No.3

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(Sagrawat Lower) and election for Sarpanch Constituency in the above three Panch Constituencies may be declared as null and void and re-poll held thereafter;

Whereas, the report of District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri has been perused and it has been decided to order a re-poll at Panch Constituency No.1 (Dara), Panch Constituency No.2 (Sagrawat Upper) and Panch Constituency No.3 (Sagrawat Lower) for electing the Panches for the respective Panch Constituency as well as for the Sarpanch Constituency of 14-Sagrawat Panchayat Halqa Block Darhal in so far as it relates to these three Panch Constitutencies;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 36 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 read with rule 3 of J&K Panchayat Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) hereby issues directions that fresh poll shall be taken for Panch Constituency No.1 (Dara), Panch Constituency No.2 (Sagrawat Upper) and Panch Constituency No.3 (Sagrawat Lower) as well as the election of Sarpanch Constituency of 14-Sagrawat Panchayat Halqa Block Darhal in so far as it relates to these three Panch Constituencies. The re-poll will be taken on 12-05-2011 between 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and counting of voters will be held on the same day alongwith other Panch Constituencies and Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa.

(B. R Sharma) IAS
Election Authority
Under Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)
Jammu

Dated: 03-05-2011

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- 1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department, J&K, Jammu for information.
- 2. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K, Jammu with the request to publish the notification through electronic and print media especially in Kashmir Division.

3. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for information.

- 4. State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K, Jammu for information and with the request to publish the above said notification in the website.
- 5. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri for information and necessary action.
- 6. Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K, Jammu for the kind information of Chief Secretary, J&K.