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OFFICE OF THE  
**ELECTION AUTHORITY**  
UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989  
(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU & KASHMIR)  
BLOCK-A OLD SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, notifying the dates for the 7<sup>th</sup> Phase of Election for Sarpanches and Panches in respect of Blocks Kralpora (Except three Panchayats of Kralpora Block i.e., KP-290-Kerian Bore, KP-291-Mundian and KP-325-Pathran), Kunzer, Narbal, Shangus, Pouni, Hiranagar, Rajouri and Manjakote (Except four Panchayats of Manjakote Block i.e., 7-Galhuti Upper, 27-Panjgrain Upper-A, 31-Rajdhani Upper and 33-Saroola Upper) as per the schedule given below:-

- a) 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 as date of issue of Gazette Notification,
- b) 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 last date for making Nominations,
- c) 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 date of Scrutiny of Nominations,
- d) 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2011 last date for withdrawal of candidate,
- e) 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 date of poll/counting wherever, necessary,

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua vide her letter No.ENT/K/2011/1728 dated 9-5-2011 has intimated that at around 12:00 noon on the day of polling i.e., 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, the Presiding Officer of Ward No.3-Bhagocha Chak Panchayat Halqa Bhaiya Block Hiranagar brought to her notice that a problem was created at 11:30 a.m. due to the fact that the names and symbols of one of the contesting candidate figuring at S.No.5 of the ballot paper namely Shri Madan Lal was missing in the ballot papers comprising of S.No.901-950 and S.No.951-1000 in the above mentioned Panchayat Halqa due to some Printing error;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer rushed to spot alongwith Sr. Superintendent of Police and other officers to take stock of the position personally and keeping


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in view of the atmosphere created by the protesters demanding repolling, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) had ordered suspension of the polling process;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua has further reported that all the ballot boxes used in the remaining polling stations of the Panchayat Halqa Bhaiya were sealed properly by the concerned officers and deposited in the Government Treasury, Hiranagar;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua has recommended re-polling in Ward No.3-Bhagocha Chak Panchayat Halqa Bhaiya Block Hiranagar District Kathua;

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 for re-poll in Ward No.3-Bhagocha Chak Panchayat Halqa Bhaiya Block Hiranagar District Kathua on 21-05-2011 between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The counting of votes shall be taken up on same day at a place and time to be decided by the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua.

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

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Dated: 16-05-2011

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1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department, J&K, Srinagar for information.
2. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K, Srinagar with the request to publish the notification through electronic and print media especially in Kashmir Division.
3. Divisional Commissioner, ~~J&K~~ for information. <sup>JAMMU</sup>
4. State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K, Srinagar for hosting in the website.
5. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua for information and to circulate the above said notification to the concerned Returning Officer.
6. Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K, Srinagar for the kind information of Chief Secretary, J&K.