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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 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 30th April, 2011, notifying the dates for the 12th Phase of Election for Sarpanches and Panches in respect of Blocks Baramulla, Kakapora, Achabal, Padder, Nagseni, Ghat Doda, Gool, Mandi and Poonch as per the schedule given below:-

- a) 30th April, 2011 as date of issue of Gazette Notification;
- b) 7th May, 2011 last date for making Nominations;
- c) 9th May, 2011 date of Scrutiny of Nominations;
- d) 11th May, 2011 last date for withdrawal of candidate;
- e) 29th May, 2011 date of poll/counting wherever, necessary;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner)

Poonch has intimated vide his letter No.NTE/P/2011/1149-50 dated 14-05-2011, that
two nomination papers were filed in the office of Returning Officer, Salootri for Panch
Constituency No.4 Begyial Dara of Panchayat Halqa Salootri of Block Poonch;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner)

Poonch has also intimated that the nomination papers of one candidate namely Mst.

Shahnaz Akhter W/o Mohammad Yousaf R/o Ward No. 4 was accepted by the Returning Officer and no objection was filed on the day of scrutiny;

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Whereas, such improper acceptance of nomination papers of Mst. Shahnaz Akhter W/o Mohammad Yousaf R/o Ward No. 4 from Panch Constituency No.4 Begyial Dara of Panchayat Halqa Salootri of Block Poonch by the said Returning Officer has resulted in complete vitiation of the Election proceeding in the said Constituency and the continuation of such vitiated election proceedings in the Panch Constituency under reference would be wholly unnecessary and unjustified, considering the huge burden on the contesting candidate and electors of the constituency, apart from being a wasteful administrative effort and Govt. expenditure in the conduct of such proceedings;

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 rescinds its Notification dated 30th April, 2011 issued in pursuance of Rule 8 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996 in so far as it relates to the Panch Constituency No.4 Begyial Dara of Panchayat Halqa Salootri of Block Poonch. Fresh Notification for the conduct of election to the said Panch Constituency shall be issued in due course.

(B. R Sharma) IAS

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Under Panchayati Raj Act, 1989

(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)

Srinagar

Dated: 27-05-2011

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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, Jammu for information.

4. State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K, Srinagar for hosting in the website.

 District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Poonch 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.