Office of the Election Authority

Under J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

<u>Notification</u> JAMMU, DATED THE 28th NOVEMBER, 2018

Whereas, in terms of the dated 12th November, 2018, *inter alia*, various dates were appointed for the conduct of elections to elect Sarpanchs and Panchs for various Halqa Panchayats including Panchayat Halqa, Surey Chak, Block Mandal Phallian, of District Jammu; and

Whereas, one Smt. Seema Devi W/o Ram Dass R/o Surey Chak, Block Mandal Phallian (hereinafter referred to as complainant) had filed her nomination paper for Panch in PC-II, reserved for SC (women) category, of Panchayat Halqa Surey Chak but the same was rejected by concerned Returning Officer on the ground of non-submission of category (SC) certificate; and

Whereas, a report in the matter was sought and the same has been furnished by District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu and perusal thereof revealed that the nomination papers filed by her does include a certificate issued of the competent authority (Tehsildar, Khour in the instant case) and that she belongs to a caste which is very much included in the Constitution (J&K) Scheduled Castes Order 1956. It has also been recommended that she should be considered as a candidate; and

Whereas, considering the above, the Election Authority reached the conclusion that there has been an improper rejection, which has resulted in vitiation of the election process from the date of scrutiny onwards for the Panch constituency PC-II, reserved for SC (women) category, of Panchayat Halqa Surey Chak; and

Now, therefore, considering the above, in exercise of powers under section 36 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read with Rule 8 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) hereby notifies and, accordingly, appoints the following dates for the conduct of elections to elect Panches in respect of the Panch constituency PC-II, reserved for SC (women) category, of Panchayat Halqa Surey Chak District Jammu as under:

- a) the 28th November, 2018 (Wednesday) as the date for the scrutiny of nominations.
- b) the 30th November, 2018 (Friday) as the last date for withdrawal of candidature.
- c) the 08th December 2018 (Saturday) as the date on which a poll, if necessary, shall be taken from 08:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.
- d) the 08th December 2018 (Saturday) as the date of counting, unless notified otherwise.
- e) the 17th December, 2018 (Monday) as the date before which the election shall be completed.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS Election Authority Under J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 (Chief Electoral Officer,J&K)

Dated: 28-11-2018

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Copy for information and necessary action to:

- 1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.
- 2. Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and PRIs, J&K.
- 3. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu.
- 4. Director Rural Development Department, Jammu.
- 5. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K with a request to kindly arrange the publicity of the notification through electronic and print media.
- 6. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu with a request to ensure the publication of this Notification in the extraordinary issue of Government Gazette.
- 7. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu.
- 8. Incharge Website, IT Section, O/o CEO, J&K, to upload the said Notification on official website forthwith.