

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail Head Complex Jammu

Public Notice

Subject: - Bifurcation of Panchayat Ganote.

Whereas, writ petition No.742/2017 titled inhabitants of village Ganote versus State of J&K and others was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of J&K at Jammu wherein petitioner have prayed for writ of mandamus for commanding the respondents to consider the case of Panchayat Ganote for its bifurcation into two Panchayat i.e Ganote and Bheri -Neghal as recommended by District Panchayat Election Officer, Ramban.

Whereas, the writ petition was disposed of by the Hon'ble Court vide Order date 09-02-2018 with the direction to Chief Electoral Officer, J&K to consider the claim of inhabitants of Village Ganote for its bifurcation into two Panchayats namely Ganote and Bheri -Neghal and while taking the aforesaid decision the Chief Electoral Officer J&K shall bear in mind the recommendations made by the District Panchayat Election Officer Ramban vide Communication dated 12-07-2016 as well as the population as per census of 2011. The representative of the petitioner shall also be afforded opportunity of being heard by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Whereas, in compliance to the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court on 09-02-2018 the Chief Electoral Officer J&K (Election Authority) issued consideration order bearing No. CEO/PYT/2019/9074-77 dated 25-07-2019, wherein it has been mentioned that as per census 2011 the population of Panchayat Halqa Ganote is more than 3000 souls and qualifies for bifurcation as per J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 being hilly Area.

Whereas, consequent to the above said consideration order of the Election Authority, the Director Rural Development Department, Jammu being the prescribed Authority under Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, for determination of panch constituencies in a Panchayat Halqa has, recommended bifurcation of Panchayat Halqa Ganote into two Panchayats namely Ganote and Bheri Neghal mentioning therein the panch wards falling under the two Panchayats.

Whereas, section 2 (j) of Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, empowers the Election Authority to determine and delimit Halqa Panchayat.

Now therefore in exercise of powers under section 2(j) of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 the Election Authority hereby notifies the proposed bifurcation as Annexure- A (also available on official website www.ceojk.nic.in) for inviting objections. Objections, if any, shall be filed in the office of the District Panchayat Election Officer, Ramban upto 6th February, 2020 and the District Level Committee constituted vide order No. CEO/PYT/2017/40 Dated 21-02-2017 headed by the District Panchayat Election Officer shall examine the same and furnish its report with clear recommendations by 8th of February, 2020. Any objections received after the expiry of stipulated period shall not be entertained.

Sd/-

**Election Authority
(Chief Electoral Officer)
J&K**

Dated: 30.01.2020

Annexure - A to Public Notice dated 30.01.2020

S. No.	Name of the Proposed Panchayat	Name of the Panch Constituencies	Areas included in the Panch Constituencies	Population
1	Ganote (Existing)	Gulail	Gulail, Bathi	183
2		Thatta	Thatta	214
3		Devghar	Devghar, Grath	215
4		Gora	Gora, Kach	222
5		Dugbag	Dugbag, Nagile	250
6		Charna	Charna, Kothi	266
7		Bhatti	Bhatti, Bass	207
TOTAL				1557
1	Bheri Neghal (New Panchayat)	Karan Sool	Karan Sool Dadri	185
2		Batonhal	Batonhal Chanka	192
3		Neghal	Naghal, Chunda	228
4		Halsool	Halsool Sarmor, Battal	208
5		Bheri	Bheri, Bhagan, Dvidar	223
6		Sharian	Sharian, Saryal	219
7		Lower Bheri	Lower Bheri, Banjar	220
TOTAL				1475
GRAND TOTAL				3032