The Director,  
Rural Development Department,  
Kashmir/Jammu  

No. *No* /CEO/PYT/2011/2738-60  
Dated: 20-03-2011  

Subject: Giving wide publicity to the roster providing reservation of Panch seats in favour of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women – regarding.

Sir,

Your kind attention is drawn to the section 4 (3) of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, which has laid down that the Panch seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Women. Similarly, Director Rural Development Department, Jammu as well as Director Rural Development Department, Kashmir have been authorised to prepare the reservation roster for their respective provinces vide SRO 181 dated 18th June, 2004.

The reservation roster stands prepared and notified by the Director Rural Development Department, Jammu as well as Director Rural Development Department, Kashmir for the respective provinces. The reservation roster should now be widely publicised so as to ensure maximum participation of the concerned sections of society, in the forthcoming electoral process.

You are therefore requested to take the following steps in this regard:-

(i) District-wise/Phase-wise reservation roster should be published before the issuance of notification by the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) calling for nominations on that particular District/Phase in the two leading dailies of Jammu as well as Kashmir namely Daily Excelsior and Amar Ujala in case of Jammu province and Greater Kashmir and Daily Aafaq in case of Kashmir province.
(ii) A copy of the reservation roster should be provided to the General Secretary/District President of the following recognized/registered National and State parties against proper receipt:-

**National Parties**
1) Bahujan Samaj Party
2) Bharatiya Janata Party
3) Communist Party of India
4) Communist Party of India (Marxist)
5) Indian National Congress
6) Nationalist Congress Party

**State Parties**
1) Jammu & Kashmir National Conference
2) Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party
3) Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party

(iii) Copies of the reservation roster must be affixed at a conspicuous place in the offices of District Panchayat Election Officer/Returning Officer/Block Development Officer etc.

(iv) The copies of the roster must be available to the VLWs/ Patwararies so that they can be widely published by a beat of the drum within the Panchayat Halqa.

Action taken in the matter may be reported to this office treating the matter as ELECTION UGENT.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to the:-
1-22. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner)Kupwara/Baramulla/Bandipora/Ganderbal/Srinagar/Budgam/Pulwama/Shopian/Kulgam/Anantnag/Leh/Kargil/Kishtwar/Doda/Ramban/Reasi/Udhampur/Kathua/Samba/Jammu/Rajouri/Poonch for follow-up action on most urgent basis.