Office of the Election Authority

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

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

Subject: Complaint against Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Mast Ram and Smt. Sudesh W/o Rajinder Singh, contesting candidate for a Panch and Sarpanch respectively at Panchayat Nadore, Block Nagrota, District Jammu.

ORDER No.: CEO/Pyt/2018/747 DATED 07-12-2018

Whereas, Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh, Mast Ram and Smt. Sudesh W/o Rajinder Singh (both referred hereinafter as candidates) filed their nomination papers for contesting Panch and Sarpanch seats respectively in Panchayat Halqa Nadore, Block Nagrota, District Jammu; and

Whereas, a complaint has been received seeking cancellation/rejection of candidature/nomination of both the candidates on the ground of their being enrolled on Municipal electoral roll of JMC as well on the electoral roll of Panchayat Nadore of Block Nagrota and that they have already cast their vote in the recent Municipal elections; and

Whereas, report in the matter was sought and same has been furnished by District Panchayat Election Officer, Jammu enclosing therewith other reports procured from concerned quarters; and

Whereas, perusal of the reports reveal that the candidates are registered as voters both on Municipal Electoral Roll ward No. 13 P.S. No. 03 at serial No. 540 and 541 as well as in Panchayat Electoral roll in ward No. 03 at S. No. 28 and 29 of Panchayat Halqa Nadore, Block Nagrota. Since the Municipal and Panchayat electoral rolls are prepared from the Assembly roll, reference to the same revealed that the candidates figure in Assembly draft electoral roll 2019 at Serial Nos. 539 (EPIC No. LSW1119130) and 540 (EPIC No. LSW1119148) in part No. 159 of AC 73 - Jammu West as well as at serial Nos. 84 (EPIC No. CMV0197582) and 85 (EPIC No. CMV0197590) in part No.120 of AC 70 - Nagrota. At the same time, the PRC certificates and the Ration card depict the candidates to be residents of 'Ban' which is an area falling in the Panchayat Halqa Nadore; and

Whereas, an elector can have only one vote and is entitled to figure in the electoral roll at only one place. Since the candidates have chosen to file nomination papers from Panchayat Halqa Nadore, it may be inferred that they will continue in the electoral roll of Panchayat Halqa Nadore;

Now, therefore, the above facts lead to conclusion that they shall be retained in the Panchayat Roll of Panchayat Halqa Nadore and, as such, the nominations filed by candidates are valid. The instant complaint is disposed of accordingly.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS

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No.6463/LE0/Dyf/2018/5066-76.

1. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu for information and n/a.

2. Electoral Registration Officer (Jammu West) for information and appropriate n/a.

3. Electoral Registration Officer (concerned Municipal Area) with directions to delete their names from the Municipal Voter list forthwith.

4. ERO, Block Nagrota, Distirct Jammu for information.

5. R.O concerned for information.