Office of the Election Authority

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

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

ORDER NO. C-Eo/Pyf/207 DATED 15-11-2018

Whereas, in terms of Notification dated 29-10-2018, conduct of election to elect Sarpanchs and Panchs for various Halqa Panchayats including Halqa Panchayat Wadipora-A, Block Handwara was notified; and

Whereas, one Ab. Ahad Bhat S/o Mohammad Maqbool Bhat R/o Wadipora, Tehsil Handwara, District Kupwara had also filed Nomination as a candidate for Sarpanch of Panchayat Halqa Wadipora-A, Block Handwara; and

Whereas, District Panchayat Election Officer. Kupwara has reported that pursuant to an enquiry into a complaint lodged on the date of scrutiny against the said candidate, of him being a Government employee, the inputs from Superintendent, Post Office Baramulla revealed that the said candidate is working as Gramin Dak Sevak, branch post master Wadipora having four (04) working hours in a day and being paid TRCA as admissible from time to time and also that the resignation of the candidate has not been accepted by the postal authorities; and

Whereas, perusal of the reports depict that the said candidate is in an employment of the Government and therefore attracts the disqualification laid down under section 6 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act. 1989;

Now, therefore, considering the above, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 36 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 read with Rule 8 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the nomination papers of the Ab. Ahad Bhat S/o Mohammad Maqbool Bhat R/o wadipora Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, for Sarpanch, Panchayat Halqa Wadipora-A, Block Handwara, are hereby rejected; and

Consequent upon this rejection, the concerned Returning officer is directed to issue the statutory Forms/ Notices afresh and proceed with the election process.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS
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No. CEO/Pyf/2018/3672-73.

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- 1. District Panchayat Eection Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara for information and necessary action.
- 2. R.O. for information and n/a (through the DPEO, Kupwara).