## Office of the Election Authority

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

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

Subject: Appeal titled Tariq Ahmad Bhat versus Returning Officer/ Assistant Returning Officer, Panchayat Halqa Kunan, Block Trehgam, Distirct Kupwara.

ORDER No. CEO/Pyt/2018/ 74/ DATED: 03-12-2018

Whereas, in terms of Notification dated 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, conduct of elections to elect Sarpanchs and Panchs for various Halqa Panchayats including **Panchayat Halqa Kunan, Block Trehgam of District Kupwara** was notified; and

Whereas, one Tariq Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh. Mohd. Bhat R/o Kunan, Kupwara (hereinafter referred to as appellant) had filed his nomination paper for Sarpanch in **Panchayat Halqa Kunan, Block Trehgam** and the same was rejected by the concerned Returning Officer, on the ground of non-furnishing of affidavit alongwith the nomination paper, hence the instant appeal; and

Whereas, a report in the matter was sought and the same has been furnished by District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara; and

Whereas, the report revealed that the nomination papers of the said candidate have been rejected by the concerned RO based on the fact that the candidate has neither enclosed the prescribed affidavit alongwith his nomination form at the time of submission of nomination papers, nor furnished the same to the RO till 3:00 PM on the last date of filing nominations for the said Panchayat Halqa; and

Whereas, non-furnishing of affidavit upto the last date of filing Nomination papers entails rejection of the nomination paper, as was done in the instant case by the concerned RO;

Now, therefore, in view of the above, the rejection of nomination of the appellant namely Tariq Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh. Mohd. Bhat R/o Kunan, Kupwara is held to have been done correctly by the RO and the instant appeal having no merit, is rejected.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS Election Authority

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1. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara for

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2. R.O concerned for information.

information and necessary action.