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. CEO/Pyt/2018/ 740 DATED: 03.12.2018

Whereas, in terms of Notification dated 09th November, 2018, conduct of elections to elect Sarpanches and Panches for various Halqa Panchayats including Panchayat Halqa, Rajnagar Upper, Block Rajnagar, of District Rajouri was notified; and

Whereas, one Mst. Nasreen Akhter W/o Arshad Hussain (hereinafter referred to as Candidate), had filed her nomination as a candidate for the seat of Sarpanch of the Panychayat Halqa Rajnagar Upper, Block Rajnagar; and

Whereas, based on a complaint received, alongwith photocopy of her Matriculation Marks Certificate issued by JK BOSE, against the said candidate regarding her age to be less than 21 years, report in the matter was sought from District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri and also original records were called from the Office of J&K Board of School Education; same were furnished to this end accordingly; and

Whereas, upon perusal of the reports, it is revealed that during enquiry, Mst. Nasreen Akhter W/o Arshad Hussain produced a Birth Certificate issued on 14-11-2018 by SHO, Police Station Kandi as proof of her age wherein her D.O.B is shown as 03-06-1993, same as that reflected in the School leaving Certificate issued from Govt. High School Kandi. However, on the other hand, in the original record in the Result Register of J&K State Board of School Education, her D.O.B. is 03-08-1998, which is same as that reflected in the photocopy of Matriculation Marks Certificate enclosed with the complaint. Also, concerned ZEO has reported that upon verification of School leaving Certificate (mentioned supra) of the said candidate, it has come to fore that the said certificate does not match with the admission or result record of School (MS Kandi/Kotranka) for the session w.e.f 1995 till date; and

Whereas, it is noted that date of birth of a person is determined on the basis of the records maintained by the J&K Board of School Education which, in the instant case, clearly depicts the date of birth of the candidate as <u>03-08-1998</u>, and, hence, Mst. Nasreen Akhter W/o Arshad Hussain is under the age of 21 years, as such attracts 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, the nomination papers of Mst. Nasreen Akhter W/o Arshad Hussain, candidate for election as Sarpanch of Panchayat Halqa Rajnagar Upper, Block Rajnagar, of District Rajouri are hereby rejected.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS
Election Authority
Under J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)

Dated: 03-12-2018

No. 6463/CEO/Pyt/2018/ Solo-1/ Copy to:

- 1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for information.
- 2. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri for information and necessary action. He shall instruct the concerned Returning Officer to draw the list of contesting candidates afresh and take further n/a.