

# OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY

UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989  
(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU AND KASHMIR)

**“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”**

## Notification

Jammu, Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

Whereas, vide Notification dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019, *inter alia*, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 was appointed as the date on which a poll, if necessary, was to be taken for the election of Sarpanch/Panch seats of the Panchayat Halqa Hajitara, Block Teetwal of District Kupwara;

Whereas, on the appointed date of poll, i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, on commencement of poll, one of the contesting candidates, namely, Fayaz Ahmad Gakadh raised objection to his name not figuring on the ballot paper of PC-IV of the Panchayat Halqa Hajitara, from where he had filed his nomination papers;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara vide his letter No. DEO/Elec/18/682 dated 18-11-2018 has informed that the said candidate had filed his nomination papers from PC-IV of Panchayat Halqa Hajitara but his name has been printed on the ballot paper of PC-III of the same Panchayat halqa;

Whereas, District Panchayat Election Officer, (Deputy Commissioner) Kupwara has recommended re-poll in PC-III and PC-IV of Panchayat Halqa Hajitara of Block Teetwal on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018;

Whereas, perusal of records reveal that the incorrect printing of the ballot papers for PC-III and PC-IV of the Panchayat Halqa Hajitara is a consequence of wrong publication of the prescribed forms/notices including the list of validly nominated candidates as well as the list of contesting candidates by the concerned RO, vitiating thereby the election process taken up after the last date of nominations in the said panch constituencies;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 36 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 read with rule 3 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) hereby declares the election process after the last date of nominations onwards right up to the poll day, i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 for the PC-III and PC-IV of



Panchayat Halqa Hajitara of Block Teetwal, as void and re-notifies the following dates for the said panch constituencies:

- i. the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 as the date of scrutiny of nominations;
- ii. the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 as the last date for withdrawal of candidature;
- iii. the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 as the date on which a poll, if necessary, shall be taken from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM;
- iv. the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 as the date of counting unless notified otherwise;
- v. the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 as the date before which the elction shall be completed.



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

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Dated:19-11-2018

Copy to:

1. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
2. Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and PRIs, Civil Secretariat Jammu, for information.
3. District Panchayat Election Officer (DC) Kupwara for information and n/a..
4. Director Rural Development Department, Kashmir.
5. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K Govt., with a request to arrange the publicity of the notification through electronic and print media.
6. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu with a request to ensure the publication of this Notification in the extraordinary issue of Government Gazette.
7. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Kashmir.
8. Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Kashmir.
9. Incharge Website, IT Section, O/o CEO, J&K, to upload the said Notification on official website forthwith.