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Order No: 21/SEC/DDC/2022  
Dated: 16.11.2022

Whereas, section 45 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, envisages the Constitution of District Development Councils having jurisdiction over the entire District(s) excluding, such portions of the District as are included in a Municipality or Municipal Corporation Constituted under any law for the time being in the force.

Whereas, under Rule 108-F of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, vide S.O. 336 dated 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, issued notification calling upon the Constituencies of the different District Development Council(s) to elect their members.

Whereas, Election Authority accordingly announced the schedule of elections to the District Development Councils and vide Notification No. EA/PYT/2020/09 dated 13-11-2020 appointed dates for the conduct of elections in respect of District Development Councils (4<sup>th</sup> Phase) which also included election for DDC, Drugmulla Constituency as per the following schedule:-

Date of issuance of Gazette notification	Last date of making nominations	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll	Date of Counting.
13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020	22-12-2020

Whereas, on 21.12.2020, that is prior to the scheduled counting of votes for the DDC Constituency, Drugmulla, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Panchayat (District Panchayat Officer) Kupwara vide order No. DPO(K)/5245-50 dated 21.12.2020 in terms of Rule 21(A) of Registration of Electors Rules 1960, deleted the name of one Elector, Mst Soomia Sadaf 'ab-initio' from the Panchayat Electoral Roll of Panchayat Halqa Batergam, after it was found by the Electoral Registration Officer (Panchayat), Kupwara that Mst Soomia Sadaf has entered wrong information in declaration regarding being citizen of India in Form-6 during registration as an Elector. Since Mst. Soomia Sadaf was one of contesting Candidates for DDC Drugmulla, as such the counting in the said District Development Council Constituency was withheld by the State Election Commissioner (Election Authority) and subsequently the Election Authority vide Order No. 05/SEC/DDC/2021 Dated 05/03/2021 declared the polling in the DDC Constituency Drugmulla held on 07.12.2020 as void and cancelled the candidature of Mst. Soomia Sadaf 'ab-initio'.

The operative part of the afore-mentioned order dated 05-03-2021 of the Election Authority is reproduced below:-

1. The polling held to the DDC Constituency Drugmulla is, hereby, declared as void.
2. The candidature of Mst. Soomia Sadaf is hereby cancelled 'ab-initio'.
3. There shall be Re-poll in the DDC Constituency Drugmulla District Kupwara.
4. The re-poll, shall be held by re-drawing the list of contesting candidates after dropping the name of Mst. Soomia Sadaf.

5. The re-poll shall be conducted under the applicable election rules/guidelines, on date to be notified by the Election Authority, through a separate order.

Whereas, the Election Authority has now decided to conduct the re-poll in the above mentioned District Development Council Constituency in terms of its aforementioned order dated 5.03.2021.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of the Jammu Kashmir Panchayat Raj Act, 1989 and in continuation to notification no. 53/SEC/Pyt/2020/631-640 dated 31.10.2022, the Election Authority, hereby orders a re-poll in DDC Constituency Drugmulla, District Kupwara on 05.12.2022 (Monday) from 07 AM to 02 PM. The counting shall be done on 08.12.2022 (Thursday) & the poll process shall conclude on 15.12.2022 (Thursday). The provisions of Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the concerned DDC Constituency.

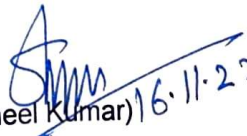
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K. K. Sharma IAS (Retd.)  
State Election Commissioner  
(Election Authority)

Dated 16 / 11 / 2022

No. 53/SEC/PYT/2020/704-724  
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1. All Additional Chief Secretaries.
2. Director General of Police, J&K.
3. All Principal Secretaries to the Government.
4. Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, J&K
5. Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi
6. Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.
7. Joint Secretary (J&K) Ministry of Home Affairs, (GoI) Government of India.
8. All Commissioner/Secretaries to the Government.
9. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu for information.
10. Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Kashmir/Jammu.
11. District Panchayat Election Officer (DC) Kupwara, for information and to inform the concerned Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Observers, Sector/Zonal Magistrates, Police Authorities, Political Parties, Candidates and the electors of the DDC through appropriate means & also to ensure that wide publicity is done regarding the re-poll.
12. Director, Information and Public Relations, J&K with the request to kindly arrange the Publicity of the notification through Electronic and Print Media.
13. All Heads of the Departments/Managing Directors/Secretary, Advisory Boards.
14. Director, Estates Jammu/Kashmir.
15. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
16. Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrant), J&K.
17. Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly.
18. General Manager, Government Press, J&K, with the request to ensure the Publication of this Notification in the extraordinary issue of Government Gazette on 15.11.2022.
19. Returning Officer, DDC Constituency Drugmulla (Kupwara) for immediate necessary action.
20. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K for information.
21. Private Secretary to the Advisor (B) to the Lieutenant Governor.

  
(Susheel Kumar) 16.11.22  
Secretary  
State Election Commission  
UT of Jammu & Kashmir