

## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR NIRVACHAN BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

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> Order No: 22 | 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/2020/14 dated 23-11-2020 appointed dates for the conduct of elections in respect of District Development Councils, (8<sup>th</sup> phase) which also included election for DDC Hajin-A Constituency as per the following schedule:-

Date of issuance of Gazette notification		Last date of making nominations		Date Scrutiny	of	Date withdrawal candidature	of of	Date of Poll	Date Counting.	of
23-11-2020		01-12-2020		02-12-2020		04-12-2020		19-12-2020 22-12-2		0

Whereas, on 21.12.2020, that is prior to the scheduled counting of votes for the DDC Constituency, Hajin-A, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Hajin-A, vide order No ERO/Hajin/Election/2020-2021/03-06 Dated 21/12/2020 (issued by the concerned Electoral Registration Officer) in terms of Rule 21 (A) of the Registrations of electors Rules, 1960, ab-initio deleted the name of one of elector Mst. Shazia Begum from the Panchayat Electoral Roll of Panchayat, Halqa Sadunara-A for entering wrong information in form-6 during registration as an elector Since Mst. Shazia Begum was one of contesting candidates for DDC Hajin-A, as such the counting in the said District Development Council Constituency was withheld by the State Election Commission (Election Authority) and subsequently the Election Authority vide Order No 06/SEC/DDC/2021 Dated 05/03/2021 declared the polling in the DDC constituency Hajin-A held on 19-12-2020 as void and cancelled the candidature of Mst. Shazia Begum "ab-intio"

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 Hajin-A is, hereby, declared as void.
- 2. The candidature of Mst. Shazia Begum is hereby cancelled 'ab-inito'.
- 3. There shall be Re-poll in the DDC Constituency Hajin-A District Bandipora.
- 4. The re-poll, shall be held by re-drawing the list of contesting candidates after dropping the name of Mst. Shazia Begum.

5. The re-poll shall be conducted under the applicable election rules/guidelines, on date to the 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 05.03.2021.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of the Jammu Kashmir Panchayat Raj Act, 1989 and in continuation to Notification No: 54/SEC/Pyt/2020/641-650 dated 31.10.2022, the Election Authority, hereby orders a re-poll in DDC Constituency Hajin-A, District Bandipora 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.

Sd/-

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

Dated: | 6 / 11/2022

No. 54/SEC/PYT/2020/ 725-745 Copy to:

All Additional Chief Secretaries.

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

Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

7. Joint Secretary (J&K) Ministry of Home Affairs, (Gol) 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) Bandipora, 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 repoll.
- 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.

- 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 Hajin-A (Bandipora) 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.

Secretary

State Election Commission
UT of Jammu & Kashmir