

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Rural Development Kashmir

Subject:- De-reservation of PC-I Guewaith Khurd (ST) of Panchayat Halqa PH-09- Gurwaith "B" of Block Khansahib Budgam.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, this office vide notice No:-1 dated: - 30.12.2017 issued draft proposal for reservation of SC/ST/Women panch constituencies of erstwhile Kashmir Division for inviting objections / suggestions from general public.

Whereas, after examination of various objections / suggestions received by this office and after incorporation of relevant changes in the draft proposal, this office in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (a) of sub section 3 of section 4 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act 1989 amended from time to time and clause (a)(b)&(c) of Rule 4 of Panchayati Raj Rules 1996, reserved panch seats for SC/ST Women & ST categories in each Panchayat Halqa of 12 Districts of erstwhile Kashmir Division vide notification No:- 2 DRDK of 2018 dated :- 10.01.2018 issued under endorsement No:- DRDK/Pyt/Res/Women/29957-30153 dated :- 10.01.2018.

Whereas, District Panchayat Officer Budgam vide letter No :- DPO/Election/ 2486-87 dated :- 15.10.2020 intimated that Panch Constituency – I – Guewaith Khurd of Panchayat Halqa PH-09- Gurwaith "B" has been reserved as ST, but no voter of said Panch constituency falls under ST category.


Whereas, this office vide letter No: - DRDK/Pyt/54146-48 dated :- 19.10.2020 informed District Panchayat Officer Budgam that notification No :- 2 DRDK of 2018 dated :- 10.01.2018 has been issued after obtaining objections / suggestions from general public and concerned District Panchayat Officers / Block Development Officers . However, no objection regarding non-availability of ST voters in Panch constituency-I- Guewaith Khurd of Panchayat Halqa Gurwaith "B" was received from District Panchayat Officer Budgam or general public by this office except the instant communication.

Whereas, the District Panchayat Officer Budgam was therefore directed to re-verify the details of ST population in said Panchayat Halqa in light of census 2011 from concerned revenue authority and submit the report accordingly.

Whereas, District Panchayat Officer Budgam vide letter No:-DPO/Bud/2650 dated :- 31.10.2020 submitted a detailed report of Block Development Officer Khansahib, where-under it has been mentioned that before year 2017-18 , the Panchayat Gurwaith "B" of Block Khansahib consisted of six (06) wards and Ward No. 1 was reserved as ST as the same had some ST population. However, during delimitation process of 2017-18, the Panchayat Halqa Gurwaith "B" was divided into Seven (07) Wards and the entire ST Population of erstwhile Ward No. 1 was shifted to Ward No. 2 after delimitation, leaving ward No. 1 with no ST population at all. However no change was made in the ST status and ward No. 1 continued to be ST reserved till date. It has been also verified from concerned Revenue authorities that the entire population of Ward No. 1 of Panchayat Halqa Gurwaith "B" is purely general with no voters at all. Accordingly District Panchayat Officer Budgam recommended that the status of Ward No. 1 of Panchayat Halqa Gurwaith "B" be changed to general category.

Whereas, before considering de-reservation of PC-I - Guewaith Khurd of Panchayat Halqa PH-09 Gurwaith "B", it shall be in the interest of Justice to put the proposal for de-reservation of said Panch constituency in public domain for information of general public and to obtain objections (if any) regarding the same.

Therefore, in view of above public of Panchayat Halqa PH-09-Gurwaith "B" in general and PC-I Guewaith Khurd in particular of Block Khansahib through the medium of this notice is hereby informed to file their objections (if any) regarding de-reservation of PC-I - Guewaith Khurd of Panchayat Halqa PH-09 Gurwaith "B" to this office till 2nd November 2020 upto 04:00 pm through District Panchayat Officer Budgam, enabling this office to take the matter to its logical conclusion.


Director 31.10.2020

Rural Development Department
Kashmir

Dated: 31.10.2020

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1. Chief Electoral Officer J&K Jammu for favour of information.
2. Secretary to Government Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj for information.
3. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Budgam for information.
4. Joint Director Information Department Srinagar for information, with the request to publish this notice in two leading dailies of Kashmir Division.
5. District Panchayat Officer Budgam for information and with the direction to give wide publicity to this notice in the said Panchayat Halqa particularly PC-I Guewaith Khurd.
6. Block Development Officer Khansahib for information and similar necessary action.
7. I/c official website of DRDK for information and necessary action.