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Subject: Select List for the posts of Horticulture Development Officer in Agriculture Production Department.

Notification No. 86 – PSC (DR-S) of 2021

Dated: 03.11.2021

Whereas, Agriculture Production Department vide letter No.Agri/Horti/7-B/2009 dated 11.06.2013 referred 22 posts [OM:17, RBA:02, SC:01, ST:01, ALC:01] of Horticulture Development Officer in accordance with SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002 for selection of suitable candidates. The prescribed qualification for the said post is as under:

“M.Sc. Horticulture in case of non-availability B.Sc. Horticulture/B.Sc. Agriculture”; and

Whereas, J&K Public Service Commission vide Notification No.10-PSC (DR-P) of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 advertised the said posts for selection of suitable candidates. The last date for receipt of applications was **22.07.2013** against which the Commission received 266 applications, which were scrutinized and accordingly 76 eligible candidates were shortlisted for interview in terms of Rule 40 of J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 1980. Some of the candidates having irrelevant qualification approached Hon'ble Court through the medium of SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Ors. Vs State and Others. The Hon'ble Court disposed of the said petition vide order dated 08.10.2010. The operative part of the same is reproduced herein below:

“In the circumstances, this petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The respondents shall constitute a Committee headed by the Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department. The Committee shall have the following members:

- 1. An expert from the Horticulture Department to be nominated by the Commissioner.***
- 2. A member from the State PSC to be nominated by the Chairman PSC.***
- 3. An expert from the SKUAST to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor of the University.***
- 4. An expert from the central Institute of Temperate Horticulture Rangreth, Srinagar Kashmir, Govt. of India to be nominated by the Director of Institute.***
- 5. State PSC shall proceed in the matter on the basis of decision taken by the Committee. In case, the Committee finds that the petitioner possess the qualification prescribed in the advertisement notice, the selection list shall be finalised by the State PSC within one week from the report of the committee.***

Disposed of, accordingly.”

Whereas, in compliance to the Hon'ble High Court judgment, Agriculture Production Department vide Govt. Order No.264-Agri of 2010 dated 27.10.2010 constituted the Committee comprising of the following:

1. Mr. K.M. Wani, Member, J&K PSC
2. Dr. Fayaz Ahmed Banday, Professor and Head, Division of Pomology, SKUAST, Shalimar.
3. Dr. B.S. Singh, Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Temperature Horticulture, J&K Rangreth.
4. Director, Horticulture, Kashmir.

The Ld. Member, PSC Mr. K.M. Wani apprised the Committee regarding the Hon'ble High Court order and accordingly the matter was deliberated upon and it was resolved as under:

“The members thus resolve that the department should update the Recruitment Rules of the department in view of the advancement that has taken place in the field of Horticulture through diversification under different specialties. The Committee suggested that the prescribed procedure should be followed to update the Recruitment Rules. However, in the instant case the selection should be strictly made on the basis of the Recruitment Rules, as there is no provision of equivalence in the Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002.”

The Committee, therefore, concluded that the petitioners of SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Others Vs State & Ors. do not possess the qualification as laid down in the Recruitment Rules, as there is no provision of equivalence in the Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002. Accordingly, the claim of the petitioners in SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Others Vs State & Ors. to be eligible for the post of Horticulture Development Officer/Assistant Analyst, has been rejected by the Commission vide its order No.171-PSC of 2011 dated 16.05.2011.

Whereas, 24 petitioners in SWP No.1870/2013 titled Khurshied Ahmad Mir & Others were also called for interview in view of the Hon'ble High Court directions. The operative part is reproduced as under:

“The respondent Commission shall allow the petitioner to participate in the selection process for the post of Horticulture Development Officer. However, the selection process shall not be finalised till next date before the Bench.”

Subsequently, the case was transferred to the Central Administrative Tribunal on 22.02.2021 for further proceedings. The Hon'ble CAT vide order dated 23.07.2021 passed in T.A. No.62/782/2021 dismissed the supra petition due to non-appearance of the applicant as under:

“...it seems that the applicant has lost interest in pursuing the matter. Accordingly, the TA is dismissed due to non-appearance of applicant.”

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court vide Order dated 28.07.2021 also disposed off SWP No.919/2012 titled Khurshied Ahmed Zarger Vs J&K PSC and another with the following direction:

“Neither petitioner nor council present, seemingly the petitioners have lost interest in prosecuting the matter, therefore, the writ petition deserves to be dismissed, however, while making such order the Court feels it proper to reserve the right of petitioners to re-agitate the matter if the cause still survives by filing the notion seeking restoration of the writ petition. Writ petitioners are also at liberty to file representation before the competent authority for seeking consideration and decision. The consideration shall be made and decision taken in accordance with law and the norms governing the subject.”

Whereas, the interview of the shortlisted candidates was conducted w.e.f. 29.03.2016 to 31.03.2016 with the assistance of experts.

Now, therefore, on the basis of the performance in the interview in pursuance of Rule 51 of the J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 1980 as amended from time to time and other related parameters, the merit of the candidates who have appeared in the interview is enclosed as **Annexure-“A”** to this Notification.

Consequent upon the above, the **select list** of the candidates against the available posts is given in **Annexure-B** to this Notification.

Note:-

1. The Commission reserves the right to have certificates/documents of the candidate verified, if at any later stage found expedient to do so. The Selection of the candidate is purely provisional and is subject to the outcome of writ petition(s) pending before any competent Court of law.
2. The select list is provisional and objection, if any, may be submitted to the Commission within five days for examination and disposal. No claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained after five days from the date of issuance of Notification.

Sd/-

(R. K. Katoch) JKAS

Secretary

J&K Public Service Commission.

Dated:03.11.2021

No. PSC/DR/HDO/Agri. Prod. Deptt/2013

Copy to the:-

1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Agriculture Production Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.
2. Director General Information Department for favour of getting the notice published in at least two local leading Nutrition & Dietetics dailies of Srinagar/Jammu.
3. General Manager, Govt. Press, Jammu for publication in extra ordinary issue of the Gazette.
4. Pvt. Secretary to Hon'ble Chairman, J&K Public Service Commission for information of the Hon'ble Chairman.
5. Private Secretary to _____, Hon'ble Member, J&K Public Service Commission for information of the Hon'ble member.

6. I/C Website for uploading the notice on website.
7. In-Charge Camp Office, Srinagar.
8. Notice Board, J&K PSC, Jammu/Srinagar.
9. Main file/Programme file.

Annexure- B (Select List)

SNO	BD NO	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	MERIT
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY					
1.	5	BILAL AHMAD PANDIT	MOHD YOUSUF PANDIT	JABLIPORA BIJBEHARA ANANTNAG	80.85
2.	4	ASMA HASSAN	JOWHAR AHMAD LONE	RAWATHPORA COLONY BAGHAT BARZULLA NEAR M.E.T SCHOOL LANE	74.63
3.	13	GOUSIA HUSSAIN	ZAFFAR MASOODI	C/O: MASOODI MOTORS KADLABAL PAMPORE	74.14
4.	2	MOHD IMRAN KHAN	ABDUL RASHID KHAN	NEW COLONY BATAMALOO HOUSE NO: 84-A SRINAGAR	72.63
5.	10	SUMINA RAMZAN	DR MOHMAD RAMZAN BHAT	MADINA COLONY CHANAPORA SRINAGAR	71.84
6.	7	ZAFER IQBAL NANGROO	MOHD ANWAR NENGROO	PRICHOO PULWAMA KASHMIR	70.76
7.	40	MOHD ABID	ZAHOR AHMAD MIR	BUL BUL LANKER NAWA KADAL SRIANGAR	70.53
8.	18	FEROZ AHMAD PARRY	GH MOHD PARRY	BON-MAKHAMA (MAGAM) BEERWAH BUDGAM KASHMIR	69.44
9.	32	TANVEER AHMAD DAR	GH RASOOL DAR	DOONI WARI CHADOORA BUDGAM	69.06
10.	42	SYED BERJES ZEHRA	SYED MUZAFAR SHAH	DAB GANDERBAL BLOCK WAKOORA TEHSIL: LAD DISTT: GANDERBAL	68.81 (RBA)
11.	50	KUNZANG LAMO	TSERING PHUNTSOG	BARZI COMPLEX, HOUSE NO: 42 NEAR POSTAL COLONY LEH	68.69 (ST)
12.	17	ASHA NABI	GHULAM NABI KABLI	AZAD GUNJ NEAR CHECK POST BARAMULLA	68.29
13.	12	KOUNSER JAVEED	JAVEED AHMAD NADROO	MODEL TOWN "B" SOPORA DISTT: BARAMULLA	67.57
14.	11	MUZAMIL RASOOL	GH RASOOL PATNI	BAGHI ISLAM KRANKSHIVAN COLONY KASHMIR	66.60
15.	37	GOHAR AHMAD DAR	ABDUL RAHIM DAR	AMIR ABAD TRAL DISTT: PULWAMA	66.51
16.	33	GH MOHAMMAD WANI	ALI MOHAMMAD WANI	CHAKURA PULAMA KASHMIR	66.38
17.	26	AARIFA JAN	AB SALAM ITOO	MONDHOLE QAZIGUND KULGAM	65.73
SELECT LIST OF RBA CATEGORY					
1.	56	ARSHAD AHMAD PAL	MOHD ABDULLAH PAL	DANGARPORA SHOPIAN	63.14
2.	59	SYED MOHD AUSIF BUKHARI	SYED GH MOHD	LOWER MUNDA DORU ANATNAG	53.88
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY					

1.	43	VIJAY KUMAR	BALDEV RAJ	H.NO. 06 SEC: B SAINIK COLONY JAMMU	49.17
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY					
1.	64	SONAM SPALDON	TSETAN MOTUP	TSETAN MOTUP MATHO CHOLA LEH LADAKH	61.55
SELECT LIST OF ALC CATEGORY					
1.	47	RAKESH KUMAR	RAM LAL	VILL: KALAH PALLANWALA AKHNOOR JAMMU	60.86

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