



JAMMU AND KASHMIR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Solina, Srinagar – 190009

Subject: Rejoinder regarding the news item carried by one of local newspaper of the State.

Rejoinder

The daily newspaper '*Early Times*' has published in today's daily under the heading as "KCS mains left out students smell rat in selection PSC" by "Asif Iqbal Naik" which is not based on facts and therefore clarified as under:-

The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission is considered as one of the best PSCs of the country having adopted the best available practices for fair, transparent and timely recruitments in various Gazetted services of the State.

As reported in today's edition of *early times* it has been alleged that the PSC has violated the rules in terms of making selections of mains of Judicial Services aspirants by not following the criteria of "1post 3 candidates call" or "1post 5 candidates" for the interviews, in-fact the JKPSC has followed the criteria as envisaged in the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) Recruitment Rules, 1967 read with SRO No.5 dated:04.01.1968, SRO No.254 of 2017 dated:20.06.2017 and JKPSC (Conduct of Examination), Rules 2005 as amended upto date, thereby for 42 vacancies 162 candidates have been called for interviews by strictly adopting the rules/criteria.

As further reported that a group of aggrieved candidates while talking to early times took a dig at the PSC for its "dubious functioning". They said: "This process of PSC of conducting KCS Mains is marked by discrepancies as the answer sheets which they have given are that of Range Officer", wherein, the fact is that the Question cum Answer Booklets (QCAB) provided to candidates were having the questions with space for answers so how is it possible for KCS(Judicial) candidates to responded to Range Officer papers, while appearing for KCS(Judicial). The nine candidates who spread rumors and resorted to damage JKPSC property resulting in postponement of paper in Range Officers exams stand sternly punished by JKPSC by declaring them failed in all papers and debarred for one year in appearing in all exams of JKPSC.

It has further been reported that the aggrieved candidates have not been foretold about On-Screen Evaluation(OSE/DM) in the notification, whereas the fact is that the JKPSC is independent Constitutional body and empowered to adopt its own methods for fair, transparent and timely selection of candidates still then the Notification for On-Screen Evaluation has been issued in the year 2017 that is much earlier than the date of Notification of KCS(Judicial).

In a competitive examination only best are being selected not all so everyone who prepares hard for this examination does not get selected.

Another allegation that PSC has not disclosed the cut-off for the KCS(Judicial) and the Country's prime recruiting agency, the UPSC, disclose the cut-off of the exam "but the JKPSC did not bother to disclose the cut-off merit". Whereas the fact is that the UPSC discloses the cutoff marks only after the final selection list is issued after interview/viva voce. After the viva voce of judicial services and finalization of selections, JKPSC as per the rules will not only disclose cutoff marks but the marks obtained by all candidates who appeared in mains examination.

It has also been requested that the aggrieved students urged the JKPSC to go for manual checking, whereas as per the JKPSC (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2005 as amended upto date, there is no procedure for rechecking.

With regard to litigations about KAS Examination (2016), the JKPSC does not want to offer comments on being sub-judice.



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Controller of Examinations

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