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Subject:- Representation of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth, with regard to selection of Lecture Paedatrics in Government Medical College Srinagar/Jammu, in pursuance of J&K Public Service Commission Notification No. 11-PSC (DR-S) of 2022 dated 18.07.2022-consideration thereof.

Notice Dated: 27.10.2022

Whereas, one (01) post of Lecturer Paediatrics, under OM category, in Government Medical College, Srinagar was advertised vide Notification No. 12-PSC of 2021 dated 14-12-2021. Dr. Nuksheeba Aziz D/o Shri Abdul Aziz Bhat with merit position of 78.81 was provisionally selected against the said post. The provisional select list was notified vide Notification No. 11 -PSC of 2022 dated 18-07-2022, and;

Whereas, one Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth who had secured 77.83 points, filed a representation before the Public Service Commission wherein she challenged the Publications/articles submitted by Dr. Nuksheeba at the time of interview and for which she was awarded 1.50 Points. The representation of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth alongwith the publications/articles of Dr. Nuksheeba were forwarded to the two experts vide letter dated 01.08.2022, who were on the Board of interview, for comments. In response, the experts vide email dated 02.08.2022 conveyed that all the 6 papers of Dr. Nuksheeba are not fit to be accepted, therefore, these may be removed as also the marks from her final score, and;

Whereas, in the meantime, Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth vide letter dated 22.08.2022 withdrew her objections to the select list, and;

Whereas, on the other hand, Dr. Nuksheeba also filed counter allegations challenging the authenticity of research articles published by Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth, which she had submitted at the time of interview. In this context, she submitted a representation dated 01.09.2022 enclosing therewith letter No.HOD/PED/2022/2634 dated 25.08.2022 of Prof.& HOD of Department of Paediatrics, Government Medical College, Srinagar, obtained by her under RTI Act, regarding authenticity of research publications of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth, Post Graduate Scholar, Department of Paediatrics, Batch 2016-2019, and;

Whereas, before any action could be initiated, it was thought appropriate to seek the comments of Dr. Anzeen on the above representation/communication submitted by Dr. Nuksheeba. Accordingly, vide letter dated 12.09.2022, Dr. Anzeen was advised to give her comments as to why points awarded to these papers/research work



shall not be deducted from her total points, besides any action as per law/ J&K (Business and Procedure) Rules, is taken, and;

Whereas, the representation/ communication of GMC Srinagar was also forwarded to the two experts, vide letter 09.09.2022, for their comments on the research/publications submitted by Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth at the time of interview, in light of letter dated 25.08.2022 of GMC Srinagar as also on the objections raised by Dr. Nuksheeba on publications of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth, and;

Whereas, in response Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth has furnished her response to the objections raised by Dr. Nuksheeba on the research articles. Her point-wise reply is as under;

Study: Analysis of patients presenting to the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) of a tertiary care hospital as 1st author in the journal "World journal of pharmaceutical and medical research.

<u>Objections</u>: The study was conducted from March 2020 to December 2020. Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth was working as senior resident Paediatrics SKIMS Soura during study period. The paper mentions Japanese encephalitis syndrome in the study population. No case of Japanese encephalitis has been reported from J&K till date. This proves that the study is fake.

Response: As has been conveyed to the worthy commission that Japanese encephalitis was a typographical error instead if viral encephalitis. Accepted that errors like these do occur in the best of the journals and we are apologetic for it. The same has been notified to the publishing house for correction.

Study: Analysis of patients presenting to the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) of a tertiary care hospital as 1st author in the journal "World journal of pharmaceutical and medical research. (Use of urine dip stick test for rapid screening of urinary tract infection in children as 1st author in the journal "European Journal of pharmaceutical and medical research).

Objections: The study abstract mentions study population as the kids presenting to a tertiary care hospital and the main text mentions kids from schools as the study population. Further 53 participants were of the age of 24 months which is too less for school going children. This proves that the study is fake.

Response: The main text clearly mentions that "the study was carried out at a tertiary care hospital where in 250 patients were selected using computer assisted random sampling methods involving the various classes and gender." Although there is one line that mentions "schools" and that is for the collection of samples where ever applicable.

Study: Ramification of covid-19 infection at the time of delivery as 2^{nd} author in the journal "European journal of Molecular & Clinical Medicine".

<u>Objections</u>: The journal is not an indexed journal and has been withdrawn from Scopus.



Response: The journal is indexed in <u>embase</u> which is in accordance to the accepting criteria of upsc as well as jkpsc and mci.

Study: Analysis of extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy in renal calcular disease among children: a tertiary care experience as corresponding author in the journal "International surgery journal".

Objections: This is a retrospective study including patients from year 2012 to 2019 at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital New Delhi.

Response: Yes, the study was performed in Indraprastha Apollo Hospital New Delhi which is a tertiary care hospital, where Dr. Azhar Khan was working as senior resident who is one of the authors.

Whereas, with regard to her research publications mentioned in the letter dated 25.08.2022 of GMC Srinagar, which are alleged to be fake, she has expressed her apology for not taking the HODs on board while performing the study, and;

Whereas, both of the candidates were given an opportunity of being heard through a video conference on 29.09.2022. During discussions, the response of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth on the objections raised by Dr. Nuksheeba/ communication of GMC Srinagar, was not found convincing by the experts. Besides, they stated no research could be accepted for any award which has been done without express permission from the authorities.

Whereas, in view of the above opinion of the experts 1.50 Points awarded to Dr. Nuksheeba for publications/articles need to be deducted which will bring her merit down to 77.31 from 78.81 points. Similarly, 02 points awarded to Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth for her research publications need to be deducted from their over all points which will bring her merit down to 75.83, and;

Whereas, in view of the above circumstances, the matter was placed before the Commission for consideration/approval to the;

- 1. Revision of select list Notified vide Notification No. 11-PSC(DR-S) of 2022 dated 18.07.2022 with respect to Dr. Nuksheeba Aziz and Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth and re-draw their overall merit as under:
 - Dr. Nuksheeba Aziz = 77.31 instead of 78.81 points Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth = 75.83 instead of 77.83 points
- 2. Release of recommendation in respect of Dr. Nuksheeba Aziz Bhat D/o Shri Abdul Aziz Bhat R/o Khayam Chowk Srinagar for the post of Lecturer Paediatrics in GMC Srinagar, as she still maintained the top position even after deduction of 1.50 points of her research articles.
- 3. Action to be taken against Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth in view of the production of research work denied by the concerned Institute.

Whereas, the Commission on 19.10.2022, in its 12th meeting decided to redraw the merit of both of the candidates for the post of



Lecturer Paediatrics, Government Medical College, Srinagar after deducting the marks (1.5 marks in respect of Dr. Nucksheeba & 2.00 marks in respect of Dr. Anzeen Nazir) awarded for their Publications and Paper Presentations as recommended by the Experts. The final merit position approved by the Commission is as under:-

- i) Dr. Nucksheeba Aziz = 77.31 points
- ii) Dr. Anzeen Kanth = 75.83 points

Whereas, on account of Dr. Nucksheeba Aziz D/o Abdul Aziz Bhat securing **77.31 points** under OM category, hence, having superior merit than that of Dr. Anzeen Nazir Kanth, the Commission decided to recommend her for appointment of Lecturer, Paediatrics, Government Medical College Srinagar, in Health & Medical Education Department.

Now, therefore, in view of the circumstances and facts enumerated hereinabove Dr. Nucksheeda Aziz, being placed at Sr.No. 1 in the merit list is fit for being recommended to the Government for appointment.

(Bashir Ahmad Dar)JKAS

Secretary

J&K Public Service Commission