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Subject: Representation against the provisional Select List for the post of Lecturer-II (Non Engineering) Food Technology in Skill Development Department- Disposal thereof.

NOTICE Dated: 24 .05.2023

Whereas, among others, 02 post, one each under Open & RBA category, of Lecture-II (Non Engineering) Technology in Skill Development Department, was advertised vide Notification No. 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2022 dated 24.01.2022; *and*,

Whereas, the written test was conducted on 15.11.2022 in which 85 candidates appeared and the result of the written test was declared vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/2022/39 dated 19.12.2022; **and**,

Whereas, the interview/viva-voce of the candidates who were declared to have qualified the written exam, was conducted on 10.04.2023 with the assistance of experts; **and**,

Whereas, the Provisional Select List was issued vide Notification No. 14-PSC (DR-S) of 2023 dated 14.004.2023; *and*,

Whereas, on the basis of the performance in the interview in pursuance of Rule 44 of the J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021 and other related parameters, Aunjum Reyaz D/o Reyaz UI Rehman R/o Quil Muqam Bandipora having secured 50.00, under Open category ,and Ms. Shaziya Manzoor D/o Manzoor Ahmad Wani R/o 32 1 Kralpora, under RBA category, having secured 40.33 points were provisionally selected against the said posts; *and*,

Whereas, anonymous complainants, who claim to have participated in the Interview, was received against the Provisional Select List, alleging that the Selected candidate, namely, Aunjum Reyaz has a part-time PhD from Amity University Rajasthan and as per the advertisement for the subject posts, a part-time PhD was not considered valid as per UGC norms as it was only in November 2022 that UGC allowed a part-time Ph.D and, therefore, Ajum Reyaz's Ph.D degree cannot be considered valid as as it was not acceptable at the time of the advertisement. Moreover, the Ph.D obtained by the candidate is not in the relevant subject as per the requirement mentioned in the advertisement. Secondly, the marks of the two selected candidates, appears that they were awarded 24.5 out of 25 despite performing poorly in the written score which makes suspicious that they were awarded these marks to ensure their selection, as it is highly unlikely for anyone to get almost full marks in an interview; **and**,



Whereas, Regulation 11.2 of UGC Regulations dated 05.05.2016 states that part-time Ph.D will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D Regulations are met. Therefore, from the UGC Regulations it does not occur that part-time Ph.D is not valid; *and*,

Whereas, the PhD topic of Dr. Aunjum Reyaz is "Evaluation of Psyllium Seed for Physical, Psyco-chemical, Thermal and Structural Properties and Development of Functional Foods". Again it does not occur that the PhD is irrelevant; *and*,

Whereas, there is no bar on award of any score by the Interview Board within the maximum marks earmarked for Interview.

Now, therefore, in view of above, the claim being devoid of any merit is hereby considered and rejected.

(Bashir Ahmad Dar) JKAS

Secretary,

J&K Public Service Commission.

Dated: 4.05.2023

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