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Subject: Provisional Select List for the post of Assistant Professor, Horticulture Technology, in Higher Education Department – disposal of representations thereof.

NOTICE

Dated: 06.11.2024

Whereas, the Higher Education Department, vide letter No. HED-GAZ/85/2022-04 dated 24.03.2023, among others, referred (**sixteen**) 16 posts (OM=07, SC=02, ST=02, ALC/IB=01, RBA=02, PSP=01, EWS=01) of Assistant Professor Horticulture Technology, in Higher Education Department, for selection; and,

Whereas, the posts were advertised vide Notification No. 17-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 15.05.2023; and,

Whereas, the written test was conducted on 05.11.2023, and the result thereof was declared, vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2024/08 dated 01.04.2024. The viva-voce of candidates, who qualified the Written Test was conducted on 22nd and 23rd August, 2024 with the assistance of Experts; and,

Whereas, the provisional Select List was issued vide Notification No. 31-PSC (DR-S) of 2024 dated: 04.09.2024; and,

Whereas, the Select List was provisional, subject to objections, if any, which were to be received within five days; and,

Whereas, six (06) representations have been received from;

- i. Dr. Asif Mohiuddin Rather.
- ii. Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Ganie.
- iii. Ms. Safina Kosser.
- iv. Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Paray
- v. Mr. Mousian Ahmad Hajam
- vi. Dr. Suhail Altaf.

Whereas, the objections raised in the representations and their consideration is given here-in-under:

S.No	Name of the candidate	Objection	Remarks/Disposal
01	Dr. Asif Mohiuddin in Rather	<p>I) The candidate Insha Majeed(OM) shown in the final selection list (S/No 4) of Assistant professor Horticulture technology has been given 5 points of PhD even when her PhD result was not declared till the cutoff date of eligibility and was not eligible to secure 5 points which is gross violation of recruitment rules. It is also pertinent to mention that her PhD degree certificate is issued only after the issuance of result notification.</p> <p>II) Mudasir Iqbal (OM) falling at serial No 3 in the Selection List of Assistant professor Horticulture technology possess M.Sc degree in Agriculture and not in Horticulture, which as per rules is not eligible for the said post. Previously Commission has rejected these degrees in the recruitment for the posts of Horticulture the details are enclosed for ready reference.</p>	<p>I) As per the PhD certificate of Ms. Insha Majeed issued by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, the selected candidate had completed all the prescribed requirements of degree on 31.05.2023 i.e., before the cutoff date of the advertisement notification.</p> <p>II) The SKUAST, Jammu vide Memorandum issued under No. Auj/Acad/F/18-19/7627-34 dated 27.02.2019, read with letter No.Auj/Acard/24-25/3919 dated 12.08.2024 has clarified that the candidates possessing M.Sc Agriculture (Fruit Science) should be considered for the post of Assistant Professor Horticulture Technology.</p>
02	Mr. Mubarak	<p>I) Ms Insha Majeed D/o Abdul Majeed selected for the post of AP Horticulture Technology had</p>	<p>I) As per the PhD certificate of Ms Insha Majeed issued by Sher-e-Kashmir University</p>

	Ahmad Ganie	submitted false PhD result notification at the time of interview and has requested to verify the PhD result notification of the said candidate has produced the viva-voce date instead of PhD result notification. II) Further verify Masters degree of Mr Mudasar Iqbal for the post of AP Horticulture Technology, as his masters degree M.Sc Agriculture (Pomology) is already rejected by the J&K, PSC and J&K High Court (all proof attached) due to irrelevance.	of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, the selected candidate had completed all the prescribed requirements of degree on 31.05.2023 i.e., before the cutoff date of the advertisement notification II) The candidate has done M.Sc Agriculture in Fruit Science and is eligible as per the SKUAST Jammu Memorandum issued under No. Auj/Acad/F/18-19/7627-34 dated 27.02.2019, read with letter No.Auj/Acard/24-25/3919 dated 12.08.2024.
03	Ms. Safina Kosser	Ms Zahida Parveen (Serial No. 2. BD No. 12) has been selected under ST category, for the post of Assistant Professor Horticulture Technology. She has been awarded one mark under the Gold Medal category. However, this award does not represent a University Gold Medal but rather a divisional award specific to only vegetable science division within SKUAST-Jammu. It was introduced in 2021 in memory of Late Dr Arun Gupta. The matter be referred to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) New Delhi/Skuast Jammu for clarification on the status of the award.	Under examination.
04	Ejaz Ahmad paray	It is requested to verify the RBA category certificate of Imtiyaz Ahmad wani & Zehwa Jan as their family Ceiling income is well above the criteria for Reserved Baward Area (RBA Category). Imityaz Ahmad wani is working as Senior Assistant Handicrafts Training Officer w.e.f. 10.01.2014 – He is not eligible for RBA Category as per rules and also his father is working as a Bank Manager in SBI.	Issuance of category certificate is the domain of the concerned Tehsildar and PSC has no role in it.
05	Mousian Ahmd Hajam	Cross check the written Test marks and degrees of candidates in reference to provisional selection list of Assistant Professor, Horticulture Technology, the OMR marks comes to be different as reflected in the result published. The cross checking may also be followed in case of Mir Tabasum Ashraf (S.No. 07) and Nighat Mushtaq (S.No. 06). In addition to this selected candidates are holding irrelevant masters degrees, the documents of the few candidates were entertained despite being issued past the cutoff date	Calculation of Marks obtained in the written examination has been done as per Rule 45(I) of J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules 2021, updated vide Notification No. 05-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated:09.02.2023. The weightage given to the marks obtained in the written test is 70 as per the above rule.
06	Dr. Suhail Altaf	The interview of the post of Assistant Professor Horticulture Technology was conducted on 22nd and 23rd of August 2024 and I appeared for the interview on 22nd of August 2024 with roll number 5000004. The eligibility for the post was M.sc Horticulture with NET and I fulfilled the eligibility criteria required for the said post i.e M.sc Horticulture (Degree certificate enclosed) and provisional result was declared vide notification no 31-PSC (DR-S) of 2024 and I was shocked to see my result withheld, I don't know the reason. He has requested to release his withheld result.	The representation has been considered. However the candidate has secured 53.89 points which is less than the cut of merit under OM category.

Now, therefore, the above representations are disposed off.

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J&K, Public Service Commission

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