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Subject:

O.A No. 37/2025 titled Naik Inyat vs Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department and O.A. No. /29/2025 titled Naveed Ahmed Malik vs Agriculture Production Department-Disposal of representation thereof.

Order No:\8(E)- PSC of 2025 Dated: 03 -03-2025

Whereas, the Department of Animal/Sheep Husbandry, vide its communications No. ASHF-AHOGAZ/15/2021-03 Dated 28.05.2024, No. ASHF-AHOGAZ/15/2021-03 Dated 5.07.2024 and No. ASHF-AHOGAZ/105/2021-03 dated 25.07.2024 referred One Hundred and Seventy Four (174) posts in Animal Husbandry Department and Two (02) Posts in Sheep Husbandry Department as per the following break-up to the J&K Public Service Commission, for being filled up in accordance with the relevant rules of the Department: Details of posts with category wise breakup:

| Wing/Deptt. | OM | RBA | SC | ST-1 | ST-2 | EWS | ALC/ | OBC | Total |
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| Animal | | | | 1/21 | 50 Is | 9. | | | 40 A |
| Husbandry | 70 | 17 | 14 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 07 | 14 | 174 |
| Department | | | | | | 8 0 | 8 | | |
| Sheep | | - | # # # # # | | 15 750 | 29 | | | |
| Husbandry | 01 | - | 01 | | | | - | | 02 |
| Department | | | E 27 | | | 5 84 | 14 17 | | - |
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Whereas, the J&K Public Service Commission, notified these One Hundred and Seventy Six (176) posts, vide Notification No. 05-PSC (DR-P) of 2024 dated 02.08.2024 mentioning about the category wise breakup of the posts as also the factum regarding horizontal reservation for inviting applications and for admission of eligible candidates to the Written Test for selection in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Animal Husbandry Department (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules,1988 issued vide SRO 359 dated 01.12.1988 amended vide SRO 546 dated 10.12.2018 and in terms of J&K Sheep Husbandry Department (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1987 dated 6.3.1987 amended vide SRO 547 dated 10.12.2018 which interalia provide that ".... the posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons shall be filled on the basis of written test only to be conducted by the J&K Public Service Commission." and in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules 2021 as amended from time to time.



Whereas, OMR based written examination for the said post was conducted smoothly on 12.01.2025 both at Srinagar and Jammu centres and,

Whereas, Rule-10 of JKPSC Conduct of Examination Rules,2022 provides the procedure pertaining to the OMR based Offline Screening Test/Written Examination with negative marking. The said rule mentions that after conduct of the examination, Provisional Answer Key shall be notified for inviting objections from the candidates who have taken the test/ examination for which 03 (three) days' time shall be given. The objections shall be received on a prescribed format, through offline or online mode, as may be prescribed, along with such fee in the shape of demand draft drawn in favour of Controller of Examinations, J&KPSC, as may be prescribed by the Commission from time to time (refundable in case the objections are upheld). Objection(s) submitted in any other mode will not be entertained; and,

Whereas, in term of rule 10, provisional key was notified and 73 objections were received against 24 questions which stand referred to subject experts for their opinion; and,

Whereas, representations were received from some candidates alleging that the question paper was not framed as per the syllabus and represented for re-examination of written test for the post of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon; and

Whereas, representations were also received from another group of candidates, representing for fast tracking the process of evaluation and releasing the merit list for the written test of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon; and,

Whereas, some candidates (Naik Inyat and others) had filed OA in Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal at Srinagar and Hon'ble Tribunal in OA/37/2025 titled Naik Inyat vs Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department has passed following order dated 15.01.2025:

"In the meanwhile, respondent-PSC will consider and dispose of the representation filed by the petitioners within one week positively. It is further provided that the result declaration will abide by the final outcome of this OA."

Whereas, some other candidates (Naveed Ahmed Malik and others) had filed OA in Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal at Jammu and Hon'ble Tribunal in OA/29/2025 titled Naveed Ahmed Malik vs Agriculture Production Department has passed following order dated 27.01.2025:

"In the meantime, respondents are directed to decide the representation of the applicant before the declaration of the result as it has been alleged by the applicant's counsel that the syllabus has been changed."

Whereas, in due deference to the directions passed by Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar/Jammu in aforementioned two OAs, the representations of candidates/applicant were referred to subject experts for their expert comments/opinion in the matter and the subject experts have certified that the questions in the question paper set for the post of "Veterinary Assistant Surgeon 2024" conducted on January 12,2025, is within the specified syllabus; and

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Whereas, the allegation that the syllabus has been changed was also examined in depth by the competent authority and it has been found that the same is without any merit. It is to reiterate that the question paper for the PSC examination for the post of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, 2024 was exclusively set as per the notified syllabus.

Now, therefore, in view of aforesaid facts and in due deference to the Order dated 15.01.2025 passed by Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench in OA/37/2025 titled Naik Inyat vs Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department and Order dated: 27.01.2025 passed by Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench in OA/29/2025 titled Naveed Ahmed Malik vs Agriculture Production Department, the representations submitted by the applicants have been considered and found devoid of any merit and hence rejected.

By Order.

J&K Public Service Commission

Dated: 03.03.2025

No: PSC | Ex-Secy | 2025 | 02

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- Private Secretary to Chairman for information of the Hon'ble Chairman.
- Private Secretary to Member for information for the Hon'ble Member.
- A.L.R, J&K Public Service Commission for information. 6.
- P.A. to Controller of Examinations, J&K Public Service Commission.
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