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Subject: Filling up of the posts of Lecturer Sociology in School Education Department-Disposal of representation thereof.

Notice  
Dated: 27.04.2026

Whereas, the School Education Department vide letter No. Edu-Gen/35/2024/35/2024-01(7383282) dated 12.11.2024 and dated 05.12.2024 referred 13 posts (OM=06, RBA=01, SC=01, ST-I =02, ST-2 =01, ALC/IB=01, OBC=01) of Lecturer Sociology in School Education Department to J&K Public Service Commission for selection; and,

Whereas, these posts were advertised vide Notification No. 07-PSC (DR-P) of 2024 dated 09.12.2024; and,

Whereas, the written test was conducted on 11.10.2025 and the result thereof was declared vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/20 dated 06.02.2026. The viva-voce of the candidates was conducted on 27.03.2026 & 28.03.2026, with the assistance of Experts from outside of the Union Territory of the J&K; and,

Whereas, the Provisional Select List for the post of Lecturer, Sociology, in School Education Department was notified vide Notification No. 19-PSC(DR-P) of 2026 dated 28.03.2026 with a stipulation that the selection is provisional and objections, if any, may be submitted to the commission within five days; and

Whereas, in response to the ibid notification, the following two candidates have submitted representations/objections against the Provisional Select List:-

1. Mr. Aqib Rashid Sheikh
2. Ms. Yasir Irfan.

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

SNO	Name of the representee	Objection	Decision
1	Aqib Rashid Sheikh	It is submitted that the provisional selection list, being based on such a questionable and un-reviewed answer key, suffers from apparent inconsistencies and	Mr. Aqib Rashid, bearing Roll No. 7101516, appeared in the written examination conducted for the post of Lecturer (Sociology) on 11.10.2025. The Provisional Answer Key was issued inviting objections from the candidates on



		<p>inaccuracies. It is deeply concerning that candidates who have marked demonstrably incorrect answers appear to have been selected, whereas candidates who relied upon standard academic sources, including myself, have been unjustly excluded from the selection process. Such discrepancies undermine the fundamental principles of merit, fairness, and transparency that are expected to guide the functioning of a constitutional recruiting body. The preparation of a provisional selection list without adequately addressing genuine and evidence-based objections compromises the integrity and credibility of the entire selection process.</p> <p>He has requested for review of the Provisional Select List.</p>	<p>11.10.2025. The applicant submitted an objection with respect to Q.No. 14. The said objection, alongwith other objections, was duly examined and forwarded to the experts for their opinion. The response from the experts was received, wherein no change was recommended in respect of the said question. Accordingly, all the objections were disposed of by the Commission in terms of Rule-10 of JKPSK Conduct of Examination Rules, 2022, and the Final Answer Key was notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/19 dated 06.02.2026.</p> <p>The said candidate was, however, shortlisted for interview/viva-voce vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/20 dated 06.02.2026. He has not been able to cross into the selection zone as per merit.</p> <p>Therefore, objections filed against the provisional list have no merits hence disposed of.</p>
2	Yaser Irfan	<p>The candidate has NET-JRF, M.Phil and is underway for Ph.D. He has stated that he is distressed by the marks awarded in the viva voce. Most candidates were awarded approximately 7-8 marks, including those with only postgraduate qualifications. However, he was awarded only 6.38 marks, which significantly affected my final merit position. Moreover, the selected candidate was awarded 9.25 marks in the viva, which enabled them to surpass me despite my higher academic qualifications, including M.Phil. This situation raises serious concerns regarding the fairness, transparency, and objectivity of the evaluation process. It is difficult to understand how candidates with comparatively lower qualifications were awarded higher viva marks, while those with advanced academic achievements such as NET-JRF, M.Phil, and Ph.D. were not assessed on the same scale,</p>	<p>The candidate has appeared in RBA category. He has secured 72.76 points included 3 marks of M.Phil and 6.38 points for viva voce thus could not cross into the selection zone as per merit. The interviews are conducted strictly in terms of the J &amp; K Business Procedure Rules 2021 as amended from time to time to ensure fairness of the process. The candidates are required to demonstrate domain knowledge/ skills/ teaching skills during the interview process and are assessed and evaluated by the subject expert(s) and the Member (s) of the Commission in the Selection Committee/ Interview Board. The decision of the Board is final in the matter. Hence the objections filed against the provisional selection has been examined having no merit for consideration and is disposed off.</p>

In view of the above, I sincerely request you to kindly review the marking criteria of the viva voce and the overall selection process. I would be grateful if my case could be considered or if a detailed explanation regarding the marking and selection criteria could be provided. I trust in the integrity of the Commission and sincerely hope that justice will be done

Now, therefore, the above representations are disposed of, being devoid of any merit and are, hence, rejected.

*Ishwar Dutt*  
27/4/26.

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