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Subject: Filling up of the post of Lecturer Mathematics in School Education Department. Disposal of representation thereof.

Notice

Dated:07.07.2026

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 54 posts (OM=22, RBA=05, SC=04, ST-I =06, ST-2 =05, ALC/IB=03, OBC=04, EWS=05) of Lecturer Mathematics 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.

Whereas, the provisional Select List for the post of Lecturer, Mathematics, in School Education Department was notified vide Notification No. 28-PSC(DR-P) of 2026 dated 15.04.2026, 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 candidates have submitted representations/e-mails/objections against the Provisional Select List, as reported above noting's:-

1. Dr. Naseer Ahmad Malik.
2. Mr. Hamid Raza.
3. Mr. Tawseef & others .
4. Mr. Irfan Mushtaq
5. Aamir Hussain Lone.

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

S. No	Name of the representee	Objection	Remarks/disposal
1	Dr. Naseer Ahmad Malik	<p>He has stated that he has secured 65.75 marks in the written examination, which corresponds to 51.29 points, and is higher than the prescribed cut-off for the Open Merit category. The candidates securing lesser marks under the Open Merit category have been called for interview, whereas the applicant has been excluded solely on the ground of belonging to the RBA (Reserved Backward Area) category.</p> <p>As per the settled principle of law, a candidate belonging to a reserved category who secures marks equal to or above the cut-off prescribed for the Open Merit category is entitled to be considered under the Open Merit category. Such a candidate cannot be disadvantaged or denied consideration merely on account of belonging to a reserved category.</p> <p>The present action appears to be violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 14 (Right to Equality) and Article 16 (Equality of Opportunity in Public Employment) of the Constitution of India, which mandate fairness, non-arbitrariness, and equal treatment in public recruitment processes.</p> <p>It is also pertinent to highlight a relevant precedent of the Commission itself. In Notification No. 93-PSC (DR-5) of 2023 dated 18.11.2023 regarding the Provisional Selection List for the post of Assistant Professor (Mathematics) in GCET, 06 candidates were called for interview against a single Open Merit post, thereby demonstrating that candidates are considered on merit within the Open Merit pool irrespective of category.</p> <p>In light of the above, the exclusion of the applicant despite securing higher marks is inconsistent with the established practice followed by the Commission.</p> <p>It is further submitted that</p>	<p>The applicant appeared in the written examination conducted for the post of Lecturer (Mathematics) under RBA category and secured 65.75 marks. However, the said candidate could not be shortlisted as the said marks were below the cut off marks under RBA category. Subsequent to shortlisting of candidates, viva voce has been done and the candidates shortlisted from reserved candidates having total score (written plus viva) more than cut off in OM have duly been included under OM category.</p> <p>The shortlisting of candidates has been carried out in terms of Rule 31 (ii) of J&K PSC (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021</p>

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		<p>the applicant possesses higher academic qualifications, including M.Phil. and Ph.D., and is presently 39 years of age, making this opportunity crucial for career progression and meaningful service contribution.</p> <p>The candidate has requested that: The case of the applicant may kindly be reviewed in light of merit and applicable legal principles.</p> <p>The applicant may be granted an opportunity to appear in the interview/oral test in the interest of justice and fairness.</p>	
2	Mr. Hamid Raza	<p>He has stated that, in response to Advertisement Notification No. 07-PSC (DR-P) of 2024, had applied for the post of 10+2 Lecturer in Mathematics under ST-2 category and appeared in the written examination held on 11-10-2025 under Roll No. 6500207. As per the initial answer key (Key-1) issued by the JKPS, the applicant secured 59.75 marks, which translated to 46.61 points out of the 78 points allocated for the written examination.</p> <p>Subsequently, the applicant submitted a representation on 13-10-2025 for review of four (04) questions, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 500/- per question, vide DD No. 191675 to 191678 dated 13-10-2025 (Photostat copies enclosed), payable to the Controller of Examinations, JKPS.</p> <p>Upon issuance of the revised/final key by the JKPS, it was found that 02 out of the 04 challenged questions were accepted, resulting in an increase of 2.50 marks. Accordingly, the applicant's corrected score in the written test becomes 62.25 marks (59.75 + 2.50), which converts to 48.56 points out of 78, as per the prescribed criteria.</p> <p>It is further submitted that the applicant was declared qualified for the interview, being one among 171 candidates, as per Notification No. PSC/Exams/5/2026/20 dated 06-02-2026, and was placed at S. No. 130 in the list of candidates called for interview. The applicant</p>	<p>The applicant appeared in the written examination under ST-2 category and was shortlisted for interview vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/20 dated 06.02.2026. The claim of the applicant regarding having secured 62.25 marks in the written examination as per final answer key is without any merit.</p>

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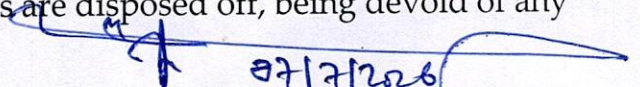
		<p>accordingly appeared in the interview on 11-04-2026. However, upon declaration of the final result vide Notification No. 28-PSC (DR-S) of 2026 dated 15-04-2026, it has been observed that only 46.61 points have been recorded against the applicant in respect of the written examination, instead of the corrected 48.56 points as per the revised/final key. The discrepancy arises due to non-inclusion of the benefit of 02 corrected questions, which account for 2.50 marks out of 100, translating to 1.95 points out of 78. He has requested that:</p> <p>The written test score of the applicant may kindly be reviewed and corrected from 46.61 to 48.56 points in accordance with the revised/final key issued by JKPS. The applicant's merit position may be re-determined accordingly for selection to the post of 10+2 Lecturer (Mathematics) under ST-2 category, as per rules in vogue.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Mr. Tawseef & others</p>	<p>They have mentioned the following points in their representation:-</p> <p>The issue of Academic Errors, Mathematics is a subject of precision However the final answer key used for the recent selection process contains demonstrable errors These are not mere "differences of opinion but objective mathematical inaccuracies These errors have been formally verified and certified by independent reports from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Both institutions have confirmed that 18 questions are either incorrectly keyed structurally flawed or lack a correct option entirely In a high-stakes competitive examination 18 questions represent a massive shift in merit, affecting the career prospects of dozens of deserving candidates.</p> <p>Disregard for Judicial Directives: On April 13, 2026 the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Srinagar in OA/113/2026 expressed concern over the JKPSs failure to address our representations The Tribunal mandated a speaking order</p>	<p>The written examination for the post of Lecturer (Mathematics) was conducted on 11.10.2025, and the provisional answer key was notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2025/42 dated 11.10.2025, seeking objections from the candidates against the provisional answer key. All the objections received were forwarded to the experts for their opinion. Upon receipt of the experts' recommendations, the objections were disposed of by the Commission in terms of Rule-10 of the JKPS (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022, and the final answer key was notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/19 dated 06.02.2026. As per governing rules, the decision of the team of experts is final and binding upon all the stake holders.</p> <p>Similar representations were also considered and disposed of by the Commission through a speaking order issued vide order No. 28(E) of 2026 dated 15.04.2026 in O.A. No. 113/2026 titled Umar Hussain Mir and ors.</p>

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		<p>to ensure fairness However the Commission has chosen to dispose of these representations in a mechanical manner citing the "finality of expert opinion while completely ignoring the counter-evidence provided by AMU and CUK A final opinion that refuses to acknowledge documented errors is not expert-it is arbitrary</p> <p>The Consequences of Silence: By rushing to issue a Provisional Selection List based on a flawed foundation the Commission is rewarding incorrect answers and penalizing those who provided the right ones if this process is finalized it will lead to the selection of candidates on incorrect merit a cycle of endless litigation that will stall the recruitment process for years and a loss of public trust in the JKPSC's recruitment transparency</p> <p>Our Humble Appeal: We are not asking for any undue favor We are asking for Accuracy and Justice We earnestly request</p> <p>An immediate Stay on the final recommendation process</p> <p>2. The appointment of an Independent Expert Committee (from an IIT or a neutral National University) to review the paper.</p>	<p>vs School Education Department & ors.</p>
<p>4</p> <p><i>Dr. Irfan Mushtaq</i></p>	<p>Mr. Irfan Mushtaq</p>	<p>He has stated that the final selection list for the post of Lecturer (Mathematics) conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission It is a matter of serious concern that multiple discrepancies were identified in the official answer key released by the Commission. Despite candidates submitting valid representations supported by standard references and academic justification, several incorrect answers were not revised. Consequently, the final selection list has been prepared on the basis of a flawed answer key, adversely affecting the merit and fairness of the selection process. This situation has caused grave injustice to many deserving and meritorious candidates undermining transparency and trust in the</p>	<p>The written examination for the post of Lecturer (Mathematics) was conducted on 11.10.2025, and the provisional answer key was notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2025/42 dated 11.10.2025, seeking objections from the candidates against the provisional answer key. All the objections received were forwarded to the experts for their opinion. Upon receipt of the experts' recommendations, the objections were disposed of by the Commission in terms of Rule-10 of the JKPSC (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022, and the final answer key was notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/19 dated 06.02.2026. As per governing rules, the decision of the team of</p>

		<p>recruitment system. It is humbly requested that your esteemed office kindly intervene in this matter to ensure justice</p> <p>1. therefore, requesting the following:</p> <p>A thorough re-evaluation of the disputed questions by an independent panel of subject experts.</p> <p>Necessary correction of the answer key based on authentic academic sources Revision of the final selection list accordingly to ensure fair consideration of all candidates.</p>	<p>experts is final and binding upon all the stake holders.</p> <p>Similar representations were also considered and disposed of by the Commission through a speaking order issued vide order No. 28(E) of 2026 dated 15.04.2026 in O.A. No. 113/2026 titled Umar Hussain Mir and ors. vs School Education Department & ors.</p>
5	Mr. Aamir Hussain Lone.	<p>He has stated that he raised objection to the final answer keys, shortlist, as well as the provisional selection list of the lecturer mathematics examination. The first was submitted during the stipulated three-day period provided for objections after the release of the provisional answer keys. The second representation was submitted after the release of the shortlist. Unfortunately, neither his representations appears to have been considered.</p> <p>He has requested to kindly review his case and consider his grievance fairly.</p>	<p>The applicant had filed objections against questions No. 14, 20, 21, 31, 48, 50, 75 and 94 of Series A in response to the provisional answer key. The said objections, alongwith all other objections received, were forwarded to the experts for their opinion. Thereafter, the final answer key was notified after incorporating the recommendations of the experts. The decision of the team of experts is final and binding upon all the stake holders.</p>

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


 07/07/2026
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