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**OFFICE OF THE
ELECTION AUTHORITY
UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989
(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU & KASHMIR)
BLOCK-A OLD SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in pursuance of Rule 7 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government had issued a Notification, in consultation with the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K), vide its SRO No.78 dated 14th March, 2011, calling upon the Panchayat Halqas in the State to elect Sarpanches and Panches on the dates to be appointed by Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K);

Whereas, in pursuance of Rule 8 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) had issued a Notification on 23rd April, 2011, notifying the dates for the 10th Phase of Election for Sarpanches and Panches in respect of Blocks Teetwal, Pattan Hajin, Keller (Main Block), Dachnipora, Inderwal, Assar, Thathri, Banihal, Khour and Balakote as per the schedule given below:-

- a) 23rd April, 2011 as date of issue of Gazette Notification,
- b) 30th April, 2011 last date for making Nominations,
- c) 2nd May, 2011 date of Scrutiny of Nominations,
- d) 4th May, 2011 last date for withdrawal of candidate,
- e) 21st May, 2011 date of poll/counting wherever, necessary,

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu vide his letter No.ENT/2011/6460 dated 22-5-2011 has intimated that there was a printing error of symbol for one of the candidate in the ballot papers of Ward No.2 of Panchayat Halqa Bhagwana Chak Block Khour District Jammu which was detected on the poll day with the result that the polling for Panch and Sarpanch of the said constituency was deferred;

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu has deferred the election on the report of Returning Officer, wherein in the Returning Officer has submitted that the ballot papers prepared by the technical staff had inadvertently printed symbol of "Pressure Cooker" instead of "Sewing Machine" allotted to the candidate No. 1 (Smt. Gullan Devi). He has further stated that it is surely a printing mistake and it was pointed at the time of start of poll on 21st May, 2011;

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Whereas, the Returning Officer has further stated that as the candidate objected and it was ordered that polling in respect of Ward No. 2 for Panch as well as Sarpanch Constituencies will be deferred and the polling for both Panch and Sarpanch Constituencies for the rest of five Wards was conducted smoothly and the ballot boxes have been sealed and deposited in the strong room set up by Block Development Officer, Khour.

Whereas, the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu has recommended re-polling in Ward No.2 of Panchayat Halqa Bhagwana Chak Block Khour District Jammu in so far as it relates to Sarpanch and Panch Constituency;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 36 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 read with rule 3 of J&K Panchayat Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) hereby issues directions for re-poll in so far as it relates to Sarpanch and Panch Constituency of Ward No.2 of Panchayat Halqa Bhagwana Chak Block Khour District Jammu on 25-05-2011 between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The counting of votes shall be taken up on same day at a place and time to be decided by the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu.

Sharma 23/5/11
(B. R Sharma) IAS
Election Authority
Under Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)
Srinagar

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3. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for information.
4. State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K, Srinagar for hosting in the website.
5. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu for information and to circulate the above said notification to the concerned Returning Officer.
6. Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K, Srinagar for the kind information of Chief Secretary, J&K.