



OFFICE OF THE  
**ELECTION AUTHORITY**  
UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989  
**(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU & KASHMIR)**  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR VIKAS BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

The District Panchayat Election Officer  
(Deputy Commissioner),  
Doda.

No. 5309/Pyt/2011/CEO/5430

Dated: 29/04/2011

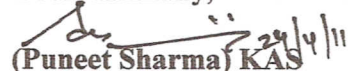
Sub.- Clarification regarding filing of nominations – regarding filling of nominations -2011.

Sir Madam,

Kindly refer your letter No ENT/D/11/426 dated 23.04.2011 regarding subject cited above. In this regard, I am directed to convey that a Ration dealer (Govt paid) is not eligible to contest the Panchayat Elections. Similarly, ration dealer on commission basis is also not eligible to contest Panchayat Elections. This decision follows the fact that Panchayats (Sarpanch/ Panch) will be required to supervise the functioning of Ration shops in the villages. In such a situation, it would be unfair that a ration dealer even on commission basis be allowed to contest. In any case, if such a ration dealer files nomination, he should be asked to give up the dealership before the date earmarked for scrutiny of nomination papers. So that he can be eligible for contesting Panchayat Elections

These instructions/directions may be brought to the notice of all the Returning Officers/ Asst. Returning Officers and other election related officers immediately for strict compliance. The Ration dealer on commission basis if any, got elected during earlier phases of Elections either as Sarpanch or Panch, before coming into notice this clarification by the concerned DPEOs' should be given option either to retain dealership or Post of Sarpanch or Panch. Matter may be treated as Election urgent.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Puneet Sharma) KAS

Deputy Chief Electoral officer  
Jammu.

Copy to the:-

- 1-2) Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
- 3-24) DPEO \_\_\_\_\_ for kind inf and n/a
- 25-26) Director, Rural Development Department, Kashmir/Jammu.
- 27) Special Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Law, Justice and parliamentary Affairs for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
- 28) Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K, Jammu for the kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- 29-30) Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Kashmir/Jammu