



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

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);

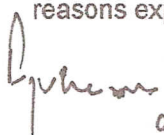
Whereas, in pursuance of Rule 8 of J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) had issued a Notification vide No 5311/CEO/PYT/Notification /2011/~~340~~-3410 dated 01st April, 2011, notifying the dates for the 5th Phase of Election for Sarpanches and Panches in respect of Blocks Basohli, Dharal, Budhal, Arnas, Pancheri, Wagoora, Khansahib, D.H. Pora and Rajwara with date of poll on 30.04.2011;

Whereas, District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Kathua vide her letter No DPEO/K/1570 dated 01.05.2011 had reported that counting of votes in respect of Panchayat Halqa Adhat, Block Basholi had resulted in a tie between the two contesting candidates;

Whereas, DPEO Kathua had further reported that the tie has resulted after rejection of 19 votes by the Returning Officer due to the reason that same had been "casted" with the stamp of Presiding Officer instead of the prescribed Arrow Cross mark stamp;

Whereas, DPEO, Kathua has further stated that the ballot boxes were sealed and taken in custody by the Assistant Commissioner (Development), Zonal Magistrate, BDO Basohli, Sector Magistrate and deposited with District Panchayat officer, Kathua and kept in the safe custody;

Whereas, Election Observers deployed for Basohli block have also corroborated the report of DPEO, Kathua and recommended the re-poll for Sarpanch Halqa Adhat of Block Basohli due to the reasons explained above;


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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 issue directions for re-poll of Sarpanch Constituency Adhat of Block Basohli on 12.05.2011 between 8AM to 2PM. The counting of votes shall be taken up on same day at the place and time decided by the District Panchayat Election Officer, Kathua.

B. R Sharma 03.05.11.
(B. R Sharma) IAS
Election Authority,
Under Panchayati Raj Act, 1989,
(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)
Jammu.

No.5311/CEO/PYT/Notification/2011/ *5895-98*

Dated: 03-05-2011

Copy to the:-

1. Commissioner /Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department.
2. Director, Information & Publicity, J&K Jammu with the request to publish the notification through electronic and print media.
3. District Panchayat Election Officer (Dy. Commissioner), Kathua for information and to circulate the said notification to the concerned Observers and Returning Officer.
4. Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K Jammu for the kind information of Worthy Chief Secretary, J&K