

Office of the Election Authority
Under J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
(Chief Electoral Officer, J&K)

“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

Notification

JAMMU, DATED THE 22nd NOVEMBER, 2018

WHEREAS, under J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, vide SRO No. 405 dated 16th September, 2018, issued notification calling upon all the Panchayat Halqas of the State to elect Sarpanches and Panches; and

WHEREAS, accordingly the Chief Electoral Officer has announced the schedule of elections to Panchayat Halqas in the State; and

Whereas, in terms of the Notification dated 06-11-2018, *inter alia*, various dates were appointed for the conduct of elections to elect Sarpanchs and Panchs for all the Halqa Panchayats of Block Lar, District Ganderbal except Halqa Panchayat **Chuntwaliwar-A** in view of the interim order dated 24-10-2018 passed by Hon’ble High Court in OWP No.2013/2018 titled Inhabitants of Halqa Chountwar-A versus State and others; and

Whereas, pursuant to the said direction of the Hon’ble Court, the matter was duly considered by the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) and a consideration order dated 02-11-2018 was passed; and

Whereas, Hon’ble Court vide its order dated 19-11-2018, while deciding the application moved by Election Department for vacation of the status quo order dated 24-10-2018, has observed that there was no need to file such application as the mandate of the said interim order has already been carried out by considering the matter and passing of an appropriate order by the respondent authority (Election Authority); and

Whereas, perusal of the order mentioned supra reveals that the Election Authority can proceed ahead with the election process in the Halqa Panchayat, **Chuntwaliwar-A**, since there being no restraint or stay order in this regard;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers under section 36 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read with Rule 8 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority (Chief Electoral Officer, J&K) hereby notifies and, accordingly, appoints the following dates for the conduct of elections to elect Sarpanches and Panches in respect of the **Panchayat Halqa Chuntwaliwar-A of Block Lar of District Ganderbal**, as under:

- g) the 22nd November, 2018 (Thursday) as the date of issuance of the Gazette Notification.
- h) the 29th November, 2018 (Thursday) as the last date for making nominations.
- i) the 30th November, 2018 (Friday) as the date for the scrutiny of nominations.
- j) the 03rd December, 2018 (Monday) as the last date for withdrawal of candidature.
- k) the 11th December 2018 (Tuesday) as the date on which a poll, if necessary, shall be taken from 08:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.
- l) the 11th December 2018 (Tuesday) as the date of counting, unless notified otherwise.
- m) the 17th December, 2018 (Monday) as the date before which the election shall be completed.



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Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
2. Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and PRIs, J&K.

3. District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Ganderbal.
4. Director Rural Development Department, Kashmir.
5. Director, Information and Publicity, J&K with a request to kindly arrange the publicity of the notification through electronic and print media.
6. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu with a request to ensure the publication of this Notification in the extraordinary issue of Government Gazette.
7. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Kashmir.
8. Incharge Website, IT Section, O/o CEO, J&K, to upload the said Notification on official website forthwith.