

**Sub:** Minutes of the meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, J&K, on 17.02.2023, notified vide No. PS/CS/236/2023, dated 17.02.2023 - **directions regarding social media.**

**ORDER**

Whereas, Chief Secretary, J&K, during the meeting chaired on 17.02.2023, passed directions to all Administrative Secretaries for monitoring of social media networks on regular basis and identifying Government employees criticizing/commenting adversely on Government policies/ achievements on various social media platforms; and

Whereas, some Facebook posts were found making rounds on social media networks on which the policies/ achievements of Government were criticized; and

Whereas, after securitizing the said Facebook page(s), it has been found that the Facebook account is in the name of person, Sh. Joginder Singh, who happens to be a Teacher in School Education Department, Ramban, presently posted at GPS Chanderkote, Education Zone Batote; and

Whereas, a report was sought from the Chief Education Officer, Ramban for ascertaining the facts as to whether said Joginder Singh is working as Teacher in School Education Department, District Ramban or otherwise; and

Whereas, the Chief Education Officer, Ramban, sought a detailed report from the Zonal Education Officer, Batote regarding the said Facebook page of the aforementioned person; and

Whereas, the Zonal Education Officer, Batote, submitted his detailed report to the Chief Education Officer, Ramban and the same was endorsed to this office vide No.CEO/R/23/24775-76, dated 22.02.2023, by the Chief Education Officer, Ramban; and

Whereas, after perusal of the said report, it has been confirmed that the Sh. Joginder Singh is presently working as Teacher in GPS Chanderkote and is presently deployed in MS Sawmi, Zone Batote. Further, it has been revealed that his pay was kept withheld for misuse of social media in the year 2020 also by the Chief Education Officer, Ramban vide order No. CEO/R/20/146-53, dated 11.04.2020, and the same was released after submission of written apology from the said Teacher; and

Whereas, it has been found that the said Teacher has posted various posts criticizing/ commenting adversely about the Government policies on his Facebook page. Besides, he has concealed his identity and made fake Facebook ID with a profession as socio-political activist and not a Government Teacher; and

Whereas, after proper scrutiny of the social network account, it has been found that four Facebook pages are running on the name of the said Teacher, amongst them only in two pages the said teacher has written his designation as Teacher and in others he has written his designation as socio-political activist; and

Whereas, the said Teacher was transferred from Higher Secondary School, Rajgarh to Government Girls Primary School, Chanderkote, during the previous ATD, but the PRIs of Panchayat Kunfer (Chanderkote) objected to his posting in GPS Chanderkote due to his doubtful character.

Now, therefore, in order to ascertain the fact findings in the matter, an Inquiry Committee headed by **Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban** is hereby constituted with following members:

1. Chief Education Officer, Ramban.
2. Zonal Education Officer, Batote.
3. Headmaster HS Chanderkote.

The Inquiry Committee so constituted shall initiate an indepth enquiry and submit a detailed/comprehensive report in the matter, along with specific recommendations, by or before 15.03.2023.

Pending enquiry and for violations of directions passed by the Government regarding criticism of policies of the Government by its employees on social media platforms, Sh. Joginder Singh, Teacher GPS Chanderkote, is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect.

During the period of suspension, he shall remain attached in the office of the Chief Education Officer, Ramban.

Mussarat Islam, JKAS,  
District Magistrate,  
Ramban

1. Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Dept, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/ Srinagar, for kind information
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, for kind information.
3. Director, School Education, Jammu for information.
4. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Ramban, for information and necessary action.
5. Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, for information and necessary action.
6. Special Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/ Srinagar, for kind information of the worthy Chief Secretary.
7. Additional District Magistrate, Ramban for information.
8. Chief Education Officer, Ramban for information and n/a
9. Zonal Education Officer, Batote for information and n/a
10. Headmaster, HS Chanderkote, for information and n/a