OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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NOTICE

Dated: 4th September, 2023

In accordance with Section 10-A of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, and Section 11-A of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000, wards are to be reserved for Women/Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Municipal bodies of the State.

Based on the population data, wards to be notified as reserved wards for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women (Open Category) Women (Scheduled Caste Category) and Women (Scheduled Tribe Category) have been worked out and are enclosed as Annexure I.

The principles adopted in determining the total number of reserved wards for each Municipal body, Category-wise, as well as identification of specific wards to be reserved for various categories in each Municipal body, are enclosed as Annexure II.

The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K invites objections/ suggestions in relation to the aforesaid proposed Notification. Any objections/suggestions should reach the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Nirvachan Bhawan Rail Head Complex, Jammu, or Darul Intikhab, M. A. Road, Srinagar, within 7 days from the issuance of this notice, i.e. 09.09.2023, after which no objections/suggestions shall be entertained.

(Pandulang K. Pole)IAS Chief Electoral Officer, UT of J&K

Dated:04-09-2023

No: CEO-ME0GF/3/2023-1/725-31 Copy to:-

- 1. Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, J&K
- 2. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
- 3. Deputy Commissioners (All Districts).
- 4. Director Information & Public Relations Department, J&K.
- 5. Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation / Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation for information and necessary action.
- 6. Special Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Kashmir, who shall receive the objections/suggestions and transfer the same to Jammu office on a daily basis.

ANNEXURE- II to Notice Dated: 04.09.2023

PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL NUMBER AS WELL AS THE SPECIFIC WARDS TO BE RESERVED UNDER VARIOUS CATEGORIES

- 1. The number of wards reserved for various categories (SC, ST & Women) in each Municipal Body have been fixed on the basis of the prescribed ratio under the Act for each category and applying the principle of mathematical round off with the part fraction of 0.5 and above being rounded off to 1 and part fraction below 0.5 being ignored for each Municipal Body separately.
- 2. For Women, the Act provides for reservation of wards at the rate of 1/3rd of the total number of seats for each Municipal Body. This includes reservation for SC Women candidates and ST Women candidates at the rate of one-third of the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively, in each Municipal Body. The number of Wards to be reserved for Women (Open Category), Women (SC Category) and Women (ST Category) for each Municipal Body have been fixed accordingly after applying the principle of mathematical rounding off as given in para 1 for each Municipal Body Separately.
- 3. The Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, amended from time to time provides that the number of wards to be reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in every Municipal Body have to be in proportion to the total population of the SCs and STs in the area falling under the Municipal Body. For this purpose, the population of SCs and STs in the Municipal area has been furnished by the Deputy Commissioners.
- 4. The identification of the Wards to be reserved by rotation for SCs and STs is on the basis of SC/ST population of the identified wards in descending order, after excluding the wards reserved in 2005 and 2018 elections and such wards where their population percentage is less than that equivalent to one seat.
- 5. The allocation of specific wards to be reserved for Women (Open Category), Women (SC Category) and Women (ST Category) has been done on a threepoint roster system for each category separately of Women (Open Category), Women (SC Category) and Women (ST Category). The Roster points have been taken as follows:
 - (i) Open Seat;
 - (ii) Seat reserved for Women;
 - (iii) Open Seat;
- 6. This three-point roster system has been applied for each Municipal Body for the wards in each category of Open, Scheduled Caste, and Scheduled Tribes, after listing them in increasing numeric order for each category. In case the roster leads to a ward that has been reserved in 2005 or 2018 under the same category, the ward immediately next in the serial has been reserved for that particular roster point.

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