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Subject: Provisional Select List for the post of Assistant Professor, Mathematics, in GECT, in Higher Education Department - Disposal of representations thereoff.

NOTICE Dated: 02 .02.2024

Whereas, the Higher Education Department, vide letter No. HED-GAZ/85/2022-04 dated 13.04.2022, referred one (01) post under OM category of Assistant Professor Mathematics, in GECT, in Higher Education Department to the J&K Public Service Commission, for selection. The J&K Public Service Commission advertised the said post vide Notification No. 11-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated: 05.04.2023; and,

**Whereas, t**he written test was conducted on 22.10.2023 and the result thereof was declared vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2023/80 dated: 09.11.2023. The viva-voce of the candidates was conducted on 14.11.2023; *and*,

Whereas, the provisional Select List was issued vide Notification No. 93-PSC (DR-S) of 2023 dated 18.11.2023, subject to objections, to be received within five days; and,

Whereas, in response to the above Notification, one objection has been received from Mr. Irshad Ahmad Sheikh, alleging that a selected candidate, under OM category, namely, Ajaz Ahmad Mallah has managed the publication of two Research Papers in the following paid/predatory journals against payment:-

- (i) AIMS Mathematics
- (ii) AKCE International journal of Graphs and Combinations.

Whereas, he has appended and downloaded copy of various fees charged by the said journals; and.

Whereas, he has requested that (0.5) marks for each paper, may be removed from his score; and

Whereas, the objection has been examined in the following manner:-.

- 1. The assessment/award of the Special Attributes is the domain of subject experts. They have accepted the papers for award of points.
- 2. The journals are not predatory and are duly approved.

Now, therefore, the above representation is disposed off, being devoid of any merit and is, hence, rejected.

(Bashir Ahmad Dar) JKAS

Secretary

Dated: 02.02.2024

J&K, Public Service Commission

No: PSC/DR-HE/Assistant Prof/2023

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1. Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.

2. I/C website.