



**Subject:-** O.A. No. 190/2024 titled Huzaif Atiq Padder V/s UT of J&K & Ors- Disposal thereof.

**Order No:-13 (E) -PSC of 2024**  
**Dated:- 22-03-2024**

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide Communication No. GAD-SERVOKAS/339/2022 dated 12.04.2023 referred **Seventy Five(75)** vacancies, with the following Service/Category wise breakup, to the J&K Public Service Commission for being filled up in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Examination Rules, 2018:

Sr. No	Service	OM	RBA	SC	ST	ALC /IB	EWS	PSP	OSC	Total
1.	Junior Scale of J&K Administrative Service	13	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	25
2.	J&K Accounts (G) Service	13	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	25
3.	J&K Police (G) Service	12	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>

**Note: 01 post each in J&K Administrative Service and J&K Accounts Gazetted Services is earmarked for Differently Abled (PHC) persons as horizontal reservation.**

Whereas, accordingly, the Commission invited online applications from the eligible candidates, vide advertisement Notification No. **12-PSC(DR-P) of 2023 dated: 13.04.2023**, and,

Whereas, the J&K Public Service Commission conducted the J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination 2023, on 15.10.2023; and,

Whereas, the Provisional official key(s) of General Studies-I paper and General Studies-II paper were notified and uploaded on the official website of the Commission for information of the candidates vide Notification No.PSC/Exam/S/2023/65 dated 15.10.2023, inter-alia notifying that, if any candidate feels that the key(s) to any of the question(s) are wrong/incorrect, he/she may prefer a representation/objection on the prescribed proforma to the Controller of Examinations within a period of three days from the date of the said notification along with documentary proof/evidence and a fee of Rs.500/- per question; and,

Whereas, in response to the said notification, number of objections/representations were received by the Commission against the Provisional Answer Key(s); and,

Whereas, all the objections/representations were referred to the Committee(s) of Experts as envisaged in Rule 10 (d) of the J&K Public Service Commission

(Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022, as amended from time to time, for independent Expert opinion; and,

Whereas, the independent team of Experts recommended changes in the Provisional Official Answer Key(s) in respect of the said papers; and,

Whereas, the recommendations of experts were adopted/incorporated and Final Answer Key was notified vide notification dated 27.10.2023; and,

Whereas, based on the Final Answer Key, the result of the J&K Combined Competitive(Preliminary) Examination-2023 was notified vide notification No.PSC/Exam(S)/2023/68 dated 27.10.2023; and,

Whereas, after the declaration of the said result, a number of representations were received in the Commission from the candidates regarding answer of certain questions in the Final Answer key; and,

Whereas, the Commission decided to have these representations examined again by an independent set of Experts and referred the same to a panel of Experts for adjudication; and,

Whereas, all the representations were carefully examined by the team of Experts appointed by the Commission and based on the recommendations of the experts, it was decided by the Commission to revise the Final Answer Key; and,

Whereas, the changes recommended by the team of Experts were adopted and the Revised Answer Key in respect of General Studies-I paper was notified vide Notification No.PSC/Exam (S)/2023/89 dated 18.11.2023; and,

Whereas, on the basis of Revised Answer Key notified vide notification No. PSC/Exam (S)/2023/89 dated 18.11.2023, the result of Jammu & Kashmir Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination-2023 was declared vide notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2023/90 dated 18.11.2023, in which 2266 candidates were declared to have qualified for Combined Competitive (Mains)-2023; and,

Whereas, Mr. Huzaif Atiq Padder filed writ petition before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal in the OA No. 190/2024 titled Huzaif Atiq Padder V/s UT of J&K & Ors. The Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal in its decision dated 20.03.2023, passed the directions re-produced as under:-


***" the respondents are directed to consider the prayer of the applicant to allow him to appear provisionally in the J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination, 2023, to be conducted in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No.12-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 13.04.2023, if he is squarely covered by the order dated 05.03.2024 passed by this Tribunal in the case titled Mohammad Iqbal Kumar and ors vs. UT of J&K and if they are otherwise entitled to appear in the said examination and if there are no impediments. It is made clear that the applicant shall be allowed to appear in the J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination, 2023 strictly at his own risk and responsibility. It is further provided that mere appearance of the applicants in the examination shall not confer any preferential right upon him to claim for his appointment. It is also directed that the result of the applicant shall not be declared unless otherwise directed by this Tribunal."***



Whereas, the case was examined and found that the Public Service Commission has allowed only those candidates/petitioners to sit in the J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination-2023 provisionally, where the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal has passed on the clear directions; and,

Whereas, the Public Service Commission has already issued the datesheet/schedule for conduct of Mains Examination-2023 w.e.f. 26.03.2024 and due to logistic arrangements it is not possible to allow the candidate/petitioner to sit in the said examination at this stage.

In view of the above, the claim of the petitioner is considered and accordingly, rejected.

  
(Bashir Ahmad Dar) JKAS  
Secretary,

J&K Public Service Commission.

Dated:- 22-03-2024

No:- PSC/Exam/C.C.(P)Exam/15/2023

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