



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of The
District Election Officer, Reasi**

**Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department,
J&K Government, Jammu**

No: PS/DC/Rn/114/4059-65

Date: 18.01.2014

Subject: Request for intervention in administrative anarchy and hampering of election related work due to highly unprofessional way of Tehsildars' joining/departure upon transfer.

Sir,

1. Tehsildars are assigned the work of Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and as such they are in deputation to Election Commission of India during Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls which is under way till 31st January 2014.
2. Tehsildars, Territorial and Settlement, are entrusted with various duties in their capacity of Revenue Officer, Executive Magistrates and Assistant Collectors First Class apart from magisterial enquiries and other administrative tasks which are required to be completed in a time bound manner.
3. A number of directions issued by Hon'ble High Court in issues related to ReT, Land Disputes, Removal of Encroachments, Sealing of buildings etc require the Deputy Commissioner to submit compliance in a specified time and these directions are obviously to be implemented through Tehsildars.
4. Recently 59 Tehsildars were transferred vide Govt Order No. Rev/Gaz/03 of 2014 Dated 10.01.2014. The order copy is yet to reach this office as on date. There has become a practice of Tehsildars leaving the existing place of posting to new place of postings even without the Deputy Commissioner having information of transfer order issued by the Government. The height of irresponsibility is that Tehsildars upon transfer move to new place of postings and the new Tehsildars take over without any charge note or exchanging details about ongoing important assignments entrusted by the Deputy Commissioner / District Collector which are to be completed in specified time. Moreover, there is no exchange of information regarding law and order scenario in the Tehsil.
5. In such a practice being adopted by the Tehsildars with utter contempt of the Single Line Administration in the state the administrative machinery comes to a grining halt. On one hand public suffers a lot and on the other all the important

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tasks are left midway as the conduct of relieving and taking over of Tehsildars is highly unbecoming of a responsible officer.

6. The election related work is scuttled badly and the timelines fixed by the Election Commission of India are missed for which the Commission reprimands the District Election Officer in turn. This is a serious cause of concern. Moreover, as per standing instructions from the Election Commission of India no transfer and posting can be effected especially in case of officers assigned election related duty except with the approval of the commission on the recommendation of the State Government in urgent cases.
7. I am pained to bring to your notice the administrative anarchy prevailing at the basic unit of administration i.e. Tehsil due to such highly unprofessional way of handing over and taking over of the charge of the post.
8. Above being the situation it is requested to take cognizance of the matter and kindly issue strict circular instructions about the following issues:-
 - a) No Tehsildars shall leave the place of posting or join new place of posting except for joining before/relieved by the Deputy Commissioner. (The transfer order shall be made available to the Deputy Commissioner and be implemented after due endorsement by the DC to the transferee Tehsildars; not *suo motto* by Tehsildars based on non-officials communication about transfer orders)
 - b) Tehsildars shall handover a charge note to successor indicating the status of all pending assignments and also the existing profile of the works undertaken in the Tehsil including revenue matters.
 - c) Tehsildars shall obtain a "No Object Certificate" from the District Election Officer to the effect that that there is no pendency of election related work on his/her part.
 - d) Tehsildars shall not leave the station upon transfer without a "No Object Certificate" from the District Magistrate / District Collector regarding pendency of urgent issues which shall be reflected in the charge note.

The matter may kindly be treated as most urgent.

Yours Faithfully


Dr Shahid Iqbal, IAS
Distt Election Officer,
Reasi

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1. Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, for information
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, for information
3. Addl Deputy Commissioner Reasi with direction to ensure that that no Tehsildar leaves the place of posting before completion of summary revision of electoral rolls as desired by the DEC. ECI.
4. All Tehsildars for immediate compliance. They shall be personally responsible for leaving mid-way the election related work or executive assignments (especially involving implementation of directions issued by Hon'ble Courts and the enquiries assigned)
5. I/C Website
6. Notice Board