

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
**JAMMU & KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD**  
CPO Chowk Panjtirthi, Jammu/ Zamzam Complex Rambagh Srinagar  
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**Subject: Directions of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in OA No. 61/135/2024 titled Sandeep Singh Pagoch V/s UT of J&K and Ors – Consideration order thereof.**

**Order No. : 94-SSB of 2024**  
**Dated: 01-03-2024**

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board advertised the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (DNA) vide Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2022, under Item No. 44; and

Whereas, the examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (DNA), was held in OMR mode on 07.01.2024; and

Whereas, the Provisional Answer Key for the said examination was issued Vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/100/2023-03 (7362014) dated: 07.01.2024, wherein the candidates were given an opportunity to file objections/representations to the said answer key within the stipulated time period of three working days starting from 08-01-2024; and

Whereas, in response to the above said notice, 04 number of objections were received against 03 number of unique questions, while the applicant namely, Mr. Sandeep Singh Pagoch S/o Sh. Dalip Singh has filed 03 objections against the 03 questions of the provisional answer key; and

Whereas, as per the relevant provisions of the extant Regulations, the objections were referred to the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and based on their opinion, the Revised/Final Answer Key in respect of above said examination was issued vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/100/2023-03 (7362014) dated:05.02.2024; and

Whereas, the applicant filed an O.A. No. 61/135/2024 in the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu. The O.A. was disposed of by the Hon'ble CAT with the order dated: 09.02.2024, whose operative part reads as follows: -

**"Accordingly, the Original Application is disposed of, at the admission stage itself, without entering into the merits of the case, with a direction to respondents to treat a copy of this Original Application as applicant representation and decide the same by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order."**

Whereas, the matter was considered in light of **the J&K Services Selection Board (Conduct of Examination) Regulation 57** which states: -

*"In case the Expert confirms that the option notified in the Provisional Answer Key viz-a-viz a question is incorrect, the same shall be corrected and the correct option shall be incorporated in the Final/Revised Answer Key. Based on the decisions/recommendations of the expert, the Controller of Examination shall, with the approval of Chairman, notify the Final/Revised Answer Key before the declaration of results and the same key shall be used for assessing the answer scripts. No Objection(s)/representation shall be entertained against Revised/Final Answer Key. Further, the candidate has not filed any objection against the Provisional Answer Key within the stipulated time period".*

Whereas, the case of the applicant has been considered in light of aforesaid facts and regulation in the field, accordingly necessary action has been taken; besides, the objections claimed by the candidates within time have been considered by Subject Matter Expert and thereafter, Final answer key has been issued based on the opinion/decision of the concerned Subject Matter Experts in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Now, therefore, in view of above stated facts and circumstances of the case and in due deference to the Order dated- 09.02.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal Jammu, the case of the applicant has been considered and found devoid of any merit, hence rejected.

**By Order.**

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*Sachin Jamwal*  
*01/03/24*

(Sachin Jamwal) JKAS

**Secretary**

**J&K Services Selection Board**

No.: JKSSB-LEG/40/2024-03- (7408037)

Dated: 01.03.2024

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2. Ld. Counsel, J&K Services Selection Board.
3. Controller of Examinations, J&K Services Selection Board.
4. Additional Secretary (Legal), J&K Services Selection Board.
5. Pyt. Secy. to Chairman, JKSSB, for the information of the Chairman.
6. Applicant concerned.
7. Order File.