

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)
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Subject: Disposal of representation regarding implementation of Order passed in O.A. No. 56/2022 titled Manzoor Ahmad Tantry vs UT of J&K & others-regarding.

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JK SSB) advertised 144 UT cadre posts of Junior Engineer (Civil) in Public Works (R&B) Department vide Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2020 under Item No. 130 and 65 UT cadre posts of Junior Engineer (Civil) in Jal Shakti Department vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021 under Item No. 01, and;

2. Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted CBT examination for the various posts including the posts of Junior Engineer (Civil) alongwith other posts from 27.10.2021 to 02.11.2021; and,

3. Whereas, JKSSB notified tentative answer key(s) vide Notice No. SSB/CoE/CBT/2021/7494-7501 dated 03.11.2021 for seeking Objections, if any, from candidates in respect of posts for which the aforesaid CBT examination was conducted; and,

4. Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) pursuant to disposal of the representations/ objections submitted by the candidates, notified the revised answer Key(s), in respect of posts for which Computer based Objective Type Written Examination (CBT) was conducted w.e.f. 27.10.2021 to 02.11.2021, for viewing of the candidates on JKSSB's official website www.jkssb.nic.in from 08-12-2021 to 10-12-2021; and,

5. Whereas, the JKSSB received certain offline representations with regard to correctness of answers in respect of certain questions, displayed/shown in the notified revised answer key(s) in respect of Junior Engineer (Civil) from candidates. The objections were examined in the Board and after due deliberations on the matter, it was deemed expedient by the Board, for the sake of fairness, transparency and to allay fears/misgiving amongst candidates and to ensure accuracy in the result, to provide one more opportunity to all candidates to register their grievances with regard

to Answer Key(s), so that a detailed exercise is carried out once for all, and final answer key is displayed /notified; and,

6. Whereas, vide No. SSB/COE/2021/1-6 dated: - 01-01-2022, the Revised Answer Key(s) in respect of the aforesaid posts was made live on official website of JKSSB for viewing and seeking of objections, if any, as one time exception. The candidates desirous of submitting their representations /objections against the said Answer Key(s), were advised to submit their objections/representations in respect of any question/answer (if any), along-with documentary evidence/ reference within the specified time period i.e., **03-01-2022** through the online link provide on the official website of the JKSSB; and,

7. Whereas, in response to aforesaid Notice, 1133 representations were received from candidates against 287 unique questions for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil). The representations/objections were subsequently, got examined by the Agency concerned through Subject Matter Experts; and,

8. Whereas, based on their opinion /views, the final answer key in respect of CBT examination held for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil) was finalized and notified vide No. SSB/COE/CBT/2022/299-306 Dated: 11-01-2022; and,

9. Whereas, based on the performance of candidates who appeared in the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for the posts of Junior Engineer (Civil), JKSSB notified Result / Score sheet of candidates, vide No. SSB/COE/CBT/2022/350-357 dated 12.01.2022; and,

10. Whereas, para 9(iii) of the afore said result/ score sheet provided that any candidate desirous of making representation with regard to position assigned to him/her in the score sheet, may do so by or before 15th of January 2022, through e-mail on official email address ssbjkgrievance@gmail.com. Such representation shall be disposed of in accordance with the extant Rules; and,

11. Whereas, applicant Sh. Manzoor Ahmad Tantry S/O Gh. Nabi Tantry appeared for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil) on 28-10-2021 under Roll No: 10689941 claimed that the re-revised answer key issued by Board vide notice no: SSB/COE/CBT/299-306 dated:11-01-2022, is once again showing wrong answers in some questions resulting in unfairness and discrimination; and,

12. Whereas, the perusal of the available record reveals that the applicant Sh. Manzoor Ahmad Tantry S/O Gh. Nabi Tantry submitted objections against 10

unique questions. Out of 10 questions 8 objections were raised/ submitted on 07.11.2021 in response to the tentative answer key notified vide No. SSB/CoE/CBT/2021/7494-7501 dated 03.11.2021 and 02 objections were raised / submitted on 03.01.2022 in response to the Notice No. SSB/COE/2021/1-6 dated: 01-01-2022. Pertinently, out of the 10 objections raised/ submitted by aforesaid applicant, 03 were found to be valid and considered and 07 were found to be invalid, hence not considered by the subject matter experts; and,

13. Whereas, the applicant has also submitted an offline representations/ objection for few questions in addition to objections/ representations submitted online on 13.01.2022 at JKSSB camp office Srinagar; and,

14. Whereas, the Subject Matter Experts after due diligence examined the objections and conveyed as under:

"It may be noted for all these cases the original answer-key is still retained and other option provided is considered as an additional (multiple-key) key. There are numerous authors on these subjects and no single authority whose literature can be considered as final and hence have to allow multiple-key option to certain questions".

15. Whereas, the applicant claimed that the answering respondents went ahead with the selection process without taking decision on the representation and notified result/ score sheet followed by provisional list of candidates for document verification. The applicant further claimed that on account of his performance in the written test, he was expecting more points than shown (99.25 points) against his name in the result/score sheet. Aggrieved of the same the petitioner approached the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, in O.A. No. 56/2022 titled Manzoor Ahmad Tantry vs UT of J&K & others; and,

16. Whereas, the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal vide order dated 10.02.2022 disposed of the O.A with the following directions:

"In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the applicant, no useful purpose will be served in keeping this O.A. pending. Hence, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the O.A. is disposed of at the admission stage with a direction to the respondents / competent authority to treat the Original Application of the applicant as representation and decide it by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of 04 weeks

from the elate of receipt of certified copy of this order. A copy of the speaking order be given to the applicant. Further, the respondents are also directed not to take any further action on the result notified on 12.01.2022 till the decision of the representation of the applicant.”

17. Whereas, the final answer key in respect of CBT examination held for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil) notified vide No. SSB/COE/CBT/2022/299-306 Dated: 11-01-2022, it was impressed upon the candidates that the JKSSB shall not entertain any further claims with regard to revised Answer key(s) either online or offline; and,

18. Whereas, the candidate’s representation was given due consideration when the window was made open for all candidates vide Notices dated 03.11.2021 and 01.01.2022 as has been mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, and that based on the opinion of subject matter experts, the answer key was finalised to conclude the selection process, by taking all possible steps to ensure accuracy of the result.

19. Now therefore, in view of the above, the case of the applicant is prejudiced and does not hold merit. As such the application is disposed of for being devoid of merit and hence rejected.

Sd/-

(Ashok Kumar) JKAS

Controller of Examinations

J&K Services Selection Board Jammu

Dated: 27.04.2022

No. SSB/CoE/CBT/2022/4150-52

Copy to the:

1. Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board Jammu.
2. Pvt Secretary to the Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board for information of the Chairman.
3. Manzoor Ahmad Tantry S/O Gh. Nabi Tantry, applicant in O.A. No. 56/2022 titled Manzoor Ahmad Tantry vs UT of J&K & others for information.