

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD**  
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Order No: **12** -SSB of 2024

Dated: **08** -01-2024

**Subject: OA No. 1002/2023 Tahir Nabi Bhat vs Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir & Ors. Consideration order thereof.**

Whereas, the applicant has filed an Original Application (OA), bearing No. 1002/2023 before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench, and upon consideration of the matter on 15.12.2023, the Hon'ble Tribunal, was pleased to pass an order, the operative portion whereof at paragraph 6, is reproduced as under:

***"Without entering into the merits of the O.A., the O.A. is accordingly disposed of, with a direction upon the respondents to consider the genuine grievances of the petitioner, in accordance with the rules and the statute governing the field. It is expected that an expeditious disposal is accorded to the petitioner"***

Whereas, having regard to the order dated 15.12.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench the case of the applicant has been examined and the factual position which has emerged is noted as under:

- a) The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) based written examination for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil), UT Cadre, Public Works (R&B) Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2022, under Item No. 201 on 19.11.2023.
- b) That the Provisional Answer Key was notified by the JKSSB vide JKSSB COE0EXAM(UT)/89/2023-03 (7314803) dated 19.11.2023 wherein following was provided:

***"Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s) / representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim...."***

It was also stipulated in the said notification that the objections/representations received after the due date and through any other means shall not be entertained.

- c) That in response to the afore-mentioned notification, 1524 objections to the Provisional Answer Key in respect of 50 unique questions came to be received. These objections/representations as per applicable norms were forwarded to the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for opinion and examination.
- d) That JKSSB, subsequent to the consideration of the objections by the SMEs vide Notification No. JKSSBCOE0EXAM(UT)/89/2023-03 (7314803) dated **07.12.2023** issued the Revised/Final Answer Key. It was reiterated in the said notification that no further claim from the candidates in respect of the final answer key, through any medium, shall be entertained by JKSSB.
- e) That the applicant has filed a representation on **22.12.2023**, after the issuance of the Final Answer Key which otherwise is not admissible in terms of afore-mentioned notification.

Whereas, Chapter **XXIV Rule 57** of Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (Conduct of Examination) Regulations, 2022 provides for the **Answer Key**, which is reproduced as under for the sake of convenience:



**"On receipt of such objection(s), if it is prima facia found that:**

- i. The formulation/text of the question(s) is/are admissible to different interpretation because of vagueness, or**
- ii. The question(s) recorded in the paper is/are incomplete, or**
- iii. That all options recorded viz-a-viz a question are wrong, or. That more than two options recorded viz-a-viz a question are correct, or**
- iv. That the option notified in the provisional answer key vis-à-vis; a question is incorrect;**

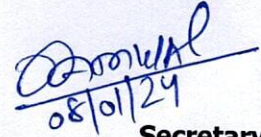
**The Controller of Examinations shall in that eventuality refer all these objections to the Subject Matter Experts appointed with the approval of the Chairman for the purpose, and based on the opinion/decision of the concerned Subject Matter Expert to the objection(s) raised and in case the Subject Matter Expert confirms that the formulation/text of the question(s) is/are admissible to different interpretations because of vagueness or that the question(s) recorded in the paper is/are incomplete or that all the options recorded viz-a-viz a question are wrong or that more than two options recorded viz-a-viz a question is correct, the concerned question(s) shall be deleted from the paper and mark(s) allocated thereof shall be individually added to the marks secured by the individual candidates to ensure that the marks allocated for the question paper as a whole remain unchanged. 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.**

**In case the setting of question papers is assigned to an agency, the above procedure shall be followed while disposing the objections to answer key."**

Whereas, the applicant has not represented within the permissible time limits and also there is no provision to entertain any objections after notification of Final/Revised answer key.

Now therefore, in view of above and with due deference to the order passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench dated 15.12.2023, the representation of the applicant upon consideration is disposed of in light of afore-mentioned rule position, and the same is found factually incorrect, legally not tenable and devoid of any merit, hence rejected.

**By Order**

  
08/01/24

**Secretary  
J&K Services Selection Board**

No: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/107/2023-03 (E-7375936)

Copy to the:

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5. Order file.

Dated: 8.01.2024