

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD
Muthi, Akhnoor Road, Jammu / Zamzam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar
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Subject: O.A No. 430/2026 titled *Riyaz Ahmad Rather vs Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Ors.* – Consideration order thereof

Order No: 272-SSB of 2026
Dated: 17.07.2026

Whereas, the applicant filed an Original application bearing O.A. No. 430/2026 titled *Riyaz Ahmad Rather Vs. Union Territory of J&K* and Others before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench, and upon consideration of the matter on 05.05.2026, the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to pass an order, the operative portion whereof is reproduced here as under:

"9. Issue notice. Mr. Syed Musaib, learned DAG, appears and accepts notice for the respondents, who is granted three weeks' time to file his detailed response. In the meantime, the respondents shall consider and pass a speaking order on the representation filed by the applicant within the notice period. It is made clear that the respondents shall convey the decision of the representation to the applicant, and in case, while deciding the representation filed by the applicant, the personal presence of the applicant is required, the respondents are liberty to do so. Mr. Syed Musaib, learned DAG, to come up with all the relevant information as regards the allegations of unfair means on the next date of hearing. It is made clear that the rights of the applicant shall be preserved in case, he ultimately succeed in the O.A."

Whereas, the applicant appeared in the OMR based written examination conducted on **02.11.2025** for the post of Junior Engineer (Civil), Public Works (R&B) Department and Jal Shakti Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. **03 of 2025 dated 24.04.2025** under Item Nos. 06 and 07; and

Whereas, the applicant has submitted a representation in the Board alleging therein that despite having secured 103.25 marks in the written examination, he has been excluded in the final selection list notified vide Notification No. 16-Selection of 2026 dated 10.04.2026, as such sought redressal of his grievance; and

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Whereas, pursuant to the directions passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench, in O.A. No. 430/2026 titled *Riyaz Ahmad Rather vs. Union Territory of J&K & Ors.*, the representation of the applicant has been examined in the Board; and

Whereas, during the course of examination of the representation, it has transpired that while the selection process for the instant post was underway, a complaint was received regarding the suspicious conduct of the applicant during the examination; and

Whereas, upon scrutiny of the complaint in its perspective and upon carefully observing the electronic evidence viz: CCTV footage of the examination centre, the applicant was identified and his suspicious conduct was also noted; and

Whereas, before proceeding further in the matter, observing the principles of natural justice, JKSSB issued a show cause to the applicant vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/101/2023-03 dated 23.12.2025 and in compliance to the same, the applicant appeared before the Controller of Examinations and submitted his explanation; and

Whereas, the matter was thereafter referred to the Unfair Means Committee constituted under the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (Conduct of Examinations) Regulations, 2022. The Committee, after examining the available evidences, records and the reply submitted by the applicant, concluded that the movements of the applicant during the examination were suspicious, as also, was found resorting to the unfair means; and

Whereas, the committee accordingly recommended cancellation of the candidature of the applicant for the said examination. Besides he has been recommended to be debarred from all examinations and selections conducted by the Board for a period of two years; and

Whereas, the recommendations of the Unfair Means Committee were placed before the Board in its **346th Board Meeting held on 10.04.2026** for discussion and deliberation; and

Whereas, the Board, after due deliberation and consideration of the material available on record, accepted the recommendations of the Committee and unanimously decided to declare the applicant to have failed in the written examination conducted on 02.11.2025, as also it was decided to debar the applicant for a period of two years from all examinations to be conducted by the Board with



effect from 02.11.2025. Accordingly, Order dated **10.04.2026** was issued in this regard; and

Whereas, Board being the guardian of merit and custodian of conducting fair selections in a transparent manner cannot deprive a rightful candidate of his chance to stand in the selection over a candidate who has played foul on the entire system by adopting deceitful means; and

Whereas, upon consideration of the representation of the applicant and the entire record of the case it is observed that the applicant's exclusion from the Final Selection List is an outcome of the decision taken by the Board on the recommendations of the duly constituted Unfair Means Committee; and

Now, therefore, in view of foregoing and with due deference to the order dated 05.05.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench, the representation of the applicant upon being examined is found factually incorrect, legally untenable and devoid of any merit, and is accordingly disposed of, as rejected.

By Order


(Khursheed Ahmad Sanai) JKAS,
17/07/2026 **Secretary,**
J&K Services Selection Board.

No: JKSSB-LEG/96/2026-05 (E-7902581)

 Dated: 17.07.2026

Copy to the:

1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Public Works Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.
2. Mr. Syed Musaib, Ld. Deputy Advocate General, JKSSB, for information.
3. PA to the Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board.
4. Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Rather S/o Gh. Nabi Rather R/o Tullbagh Pampore PIN 192121.
5. In-charge website, JKSSB.
6. Order file.