

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. 1223/2025 titled Mehar Ali Qureshi vs Union Territory of J&K & Ors.—Consideration Order thereof.

Order No: 41 - SSB of 2026
Dated: 10 .02.2026

Whereas, the applicant filed an Original Application bearing OA No. 1223/2025 before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench; and whereas, upon consideration of the matter on 27.10.2025, the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to dispose of the OA by passing an order the operative portion whereof is set out as under:

"05/ Heard learned counsel for the parties. At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, this matter is disposed of by providing that the respondents shall mandatorily dispose of the representations filed by the petitioner within a period of ten days positively by passing a speaking and reasoned order and, while doing so, the respondents shall be at liberty to afford an opportunity of being heard to the petitioner after informing him in advance as regards the date of hearing, which shall be in consonance with the principles of natural justice and the doctrine of fairness. Mr. Rais-ud-Din Ganai, DAG, to inform the concerned as regards the order of the Court and its compliance.

06/ In the aforementioned backdrop, this O.A. No. 1223/2025 is disposed of along with connected M.As."

Whereas, in compliance to the aforementioned order passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, the case of the applicant was examined in the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (J&K SSB), and the factual position which has emerged is noted as under

(i) That the J&K SSB received an indent from the Home Department, J&K, vide communication No. Home/PNG/268/2022 (CC-7040944) dated 27.06.2024, for direct recruitment to 4002 posts of Constable. Accordingly, the Board, vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2024, advertised 4002 posts of Constable in various cadres of the Home Department.

(ii) That the applicant appeared in the OMR-based written examination held on 01.12.2024, under Roll No. 910240129, Application ID 2401000249019, and secured 28.75



marks. The applicant had applied under the ST-1 category and had not applied under the SPO category.

(iii) That the applicant qualified the Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Endurance Test (PET); however, on account of securing 28.75 marks, he could not be shortlisted for Document Verification under the ST-1 category, the last cut-off under the said category being 31.75 marks.

Whereas, the applicant submitted a representation before the Board seeking consideration of his candidature under the SPO category instead of the ST-1 category. The said representation was duly examined and placed before the Board in its 315th Meeting, wherein all such representations were rejected as being devoid of merit; and

Whereas, in the Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2024 dated 16.07.2024 Clause 17(1), it was explicitly stipulated as under:

"Request for change/correction in any particulars in the application form, once submitted, will not be entertained under any circumstances. Therefore, the applicants are advised to fill all the fields of the online application form with due diligence and after carefully reading the terms and conditions given in the advertisement notification."

Whereas, in continuation thereof, the J&K SSB, vide Notice dated 26.07.2024, issued further instructions to the candidates regarding submission of application forms. Point No. 09 of the said notice categorically provided as under:

"The candidate shall ensure that all the required fields are filled up with correct information before final submission of the application form. Candidates shall be personally responsible for filling the details in the online application form, and the information/details furnished by the candidates shall be treated as final for the purpose of determining the eligibility/claims of the candidates. No claim on account of wrong/non-filling of information shall be entertained subsequently."

Whereas, in addition to the above and to the benefit of candidates, JKSSB also provided also provided an edit option to the candidates for modification of permitted fields/particulars during the period 27.09.2024 to 03.10.2024; however, the applicant did not avail of the said opportunity; and

Whereas, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal, the applicant was served a notice to appear before the Controller of Examinations between 19.01.2026 and 22.01.2026; and



Whereas, the applicant appeared before the competent authority on 20.01.2026 and submitted that although he had applied under the ST-1 category, he has been serving as a Special Police Officer (SPO) for the last seven years and that he had inadvertently not filled the column "Are you working as SPO?", instead has marked the column "Are you in-service Police Personnel?"; and

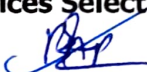
Whereas, it is evident that the applicant had initially sought consideration for selection under the ST-1 category and has failed to secure selection due to lower merit, and now is seeking consideration under the SPO Category, which is impermissible and not legally tenable; and

Whereas, permitting any post-submission change of category, contrary to the explicit terms and conditions of the advertisement and subsequent notices, would amount to violation of the recruitment rules and may open a floodgate of similar claims, thereby rendering the selection process inconclusive and arbitrary; and

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board is a statutory body functioning under the administrative control of the General Administration Department and is obligated to conduct all selections in a fair, transparent, and rule-bound manner.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the order dated 27.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench, the representation of the applicant has been duly examined by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board and the same is found to be devoid of any merit, hence rejected.

By Order


Secretary
J&K Services Selection Board


No: JKSSB-LEG/243/2025-05

Dated: 10.02.2026.

Copy to the:

1. Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, J&K
2. Mr. Syed Musaib, Ld. Deputy Advocate General, JKSSB, for information.
3. Mr. Mehar Ali Qureshi S/o Mohammad Younis Qureshi R/o Chattibandi, District Bandipora, Pin Code: 193502.
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