Government of Jammu and Kashmir
School Education Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K

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Subject: Suspension of Officer(s)/ officials of School Education Department-appointment of Inquiry Officer thereof.

Government Order No: 257- JK(Edu) of 2026
Dated: 04 -07-2026

Whereas, Samagra Shiksha got the Library Grant for procurement of Age Appropriate Books for 18328 Government Schools and 394 PM SHRI School and accordingly EOI was floated; and

Whereas, for selection of Age Appropriate Books, 4 Sub Committees of Experts/ Academicians from both Jammu and Kashmir Divisions were constituted for selection of Library Books. These sub committees are for Primary Classes Series (1), Upper Primary Classes Series (2),Secondary Classes Series (3) and Higher Secondary Classes Series (4); and

Whereas, these four Sub Committees selected, 463 books submitted by 364 publishers. Out of these books, two books have been noticed on 03.07.2026 to have inappropriate content. Accordingly, these books were withdrawn vide Order No. Edu/SPD/SMS/Quality/1338-43/2026-27 dated 03.07.2026 and Edu/SPD/Quality/1331-36-2026-27 dated 03.07.2026 respectively. These two books are namely

i. **Personalities and Legends of J&K**, authored by **Mr. Hilal Ahmad** and **Mr Santosh Meena**, published by **Oberoi Book Service, Jammu.**
ii. **Great Personalities of Jammu and Kashmir** authored by **Dr Sushant Giri,** published by **Anurag Prakashan, Delhi**, and

Whereas, it has been observed that 123 number of books at serial (i) mentioned above were supplied to Jammu, Ramban and Udhampur Districts and 128 number of books mentioned at serial (ii) above were supplied to Jammu and Baramula Districts; and

Whereas, it has come to the notice of the department that these books have highly inappropriate content, it is quite evident that there was serious negligence, dereliction of duty and lack of proper due diligence was carried out by the members of the Sub Committee Series 4 and Supervisory Officers while recommending such books which contained content related to separatism which has potential for creating law and order situations; and

Whereas, keeping in view the above facts and circumstances of the matter, the members of the Sub Committee Series 4 appear to be responsible for such serious lapses and negligence unbecoming of government servants.

Now therefore, the following official(s) and supervisory staff of School Education Department in terms of Rule -31(1)(a) Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification. Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, are hereby placed under suspension, with immediate effect:-

S. No	Name	Designation	Place of posting
01	Mr Fazil Imran Saddiqui	Coordinator Library	Samagra Shiksha
02	Mr Gurjeet Singh.	Assistant Coordinator	Samagra Shiksha
03	Mr Sanjeev Sharma	Principal	GHSS, Kore Pannu, Kathua.
04	Ms Shazia Kouser	Academic Officer	SCERT, Jammu
05	Mr Imtiyaz Ahmad Mir	Lecturer	BHSS, Wathoora, Budgam
06	Mr Niranjan Sharma	Lecturer	GHSS, Badhat, Kishtwar
07	Ms Renu Mengi	Lecturer	DIET, Jammu
08	Ms Rajmohini	Lecturer	GGHSS, Poonch

During the period of suspension, they shall remain attached with the Administrative Department (School Education Department).

It is further ordered that Mr. Sheikh Suheel Ahmad, Computer Assistant (Contractual) assisting the Coordinator Library, Samagra Shiksha is hereby dis-engaged with immediate effect from his contractual engagement.

Moreover, keeping in view the seriousness of the matter and misconduct of the aforementioned officials, it is ordered that:

- **Mr. Ashwani Kumar, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Power Development Department** is appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct an enquiry into the matter.
- **Mr. Rohit Sharma, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department** is appointed as the Presenting Officer in the case.

The Inquiry Officer shall submit his report to the Competent Authority within 30 days.

Further, it is ordered that the aforementioned **Authors and Publishers** are hereby **banned and blacklisted**, henceforth, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Furthermore, any printed material authored and/or published by them shall also be withdrawn from the Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

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(Ram Niwas Sharma) IAS
Commissioner/ Secretary to the Government
School Education Department

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