



Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject:- Institution of mechanism in terms of Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012 regarding degrees obtained through distance mode.

**Government Order No: 66-Edu of 2017**  
**Dated: 16.02.2017**

Whereas, a High-Powered Committee was constituted, vide Government Order No 442-GAD of 2011 dated 13.04.2011, read with Government Order No 558-GAD of 2011 dated 13.05.2011, to examine the issue of validity of degrees obtained through distance mode. The recommendations of the Committee, after its approval by the State Cabinet, were notified by the Higher Education Department vide Government Order No 252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012. Elaborate guidelines were notified in the said Government Order on the issue of recognition of degrees obtained through distance mode. Further, Administrative Departments were also directed to effect necessary amendments in the Recruitment Rules; and

Whereas, as a sequel to the direction regarding amendment in rules providing for a mandatory written test for direct recruitment posts, the School Education Department placed a proposal before the Standing Committee of ARI & Trainings Department for amendment in rules pertaining to direct recruitment of Lecturers. Subsequently, SRO-438 of 2015 was issued, making written test mandatory for all Gazetted posts and reckoning of marks obtained in the written test in the selection process; and

Whereas, Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012 further notified that Administrative Departments shall institute a mechanism for assessing standard of degree obtained through in-service mode, relevant clause whereof is reproduced as under:

*"(xi) For the purpose of granting promotions to the in-service candidates on the basis of the additional qualifications acquired through distance mode of education after satisfying the procedural requirement and subject to the fulfillment of the principles/conditions laid down hereinabove, the concerned administrative departments or the authorities competent to place/promote them in the next higher grades, shall put in place a mechanism, as they deem fit, to assess the standards of the degrees so obtained in order to treat them equivalent to the degrees awarded by the Universities through regular mode of education. The said mechanism can be akin to the written test that has been decided to be conducted by the recruiting agencies in respect of eligible aspirants to the advertised posts; and"*

Whereas, in the School Education Department, acquisition of additional qualification enables promotion of Teachers as Masters and Masters as Lecturer respectively; and

Whereas, it has been observed that a large number of officials acquire additional qualification through distance mode after their appointment as teacher; and

Whereas, the department is facing acute shortage of Masters and Lecturers as the promotion posts for such eligible candidates who have acquired degrees through distance

mode could not be filled as no mechanism has been established in the Department in consonance with clause a (xi) of Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012 dated 30.5.2012.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Clause a (xi) of Government Order No.252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012, sanction is hereby accorded to the introduction of written test to assess the quality of degrees acquired through distance mode by in-service candidates prior to their promotion as Master/Lecturer. The relevant test for PG degrees shall be conducted by J&K Public Service Commission. Similarly, the J&K Board of School Education shall conduct the written test for Graduate/B.Ed degrees.


**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

Sd/-  
(Shaleen Kabra)  
Principal/Secretary to Government  
School Education Department

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1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Administration Department.
3. Director School Education, Kashmir/Jammu.
4. Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission, J&K, Jammu. This is in the reference to the concurrence conveyed by the J&K Public Service Commission *vide* No.PSC/Secy/PS/2017 dated 15.02.2017.
5. Secretary, J&K State Board of School Education, J&K, Jammu.
6. Special Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister for Education for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
7. Special Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
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