

### **Clarification with regard to operation of Wait List**

A committee was constituted at Police Headquarters J&K, Jammu to operate Wait List and recommend selection of suitable candidates as Constables in 02 Border Battalions for which recruitment was finalized and select list published vide PHQ Order No. 668 of 2023 dated 27.02.2023.

Notably, 961 candidates were selected as Constables in these Battalions vide ibid PHQ order. Over a period of time, 55 vacancies accrued in different categories as 49 candidates did not join the J&K Police Department and 06 did not fulfill the mandatory requirements. Out of the above mentioned 55 vacancies, 36 vacancies accrued in open merit category while 19 vacancies accrued in other reserved categories. However, while operating the waiting list for open merit category, 20 reserved category candidates (already selected) had to be shifted from their respective categories to open merit category as these candidates were more meritorious than candidates in the Wait List under Open Merit category.

Following this principle and after shifting 20 already selected candidates from reserved categories to Open Merit category, equal number of vacancies accrued in the corresponding reserved categories, thus making respective reserved category candidates in the Wait List eligible for selection as Constables. As such, 20 vacancies that originally accrued in Open Merit (OM) were filled up by reserved category candidates. The list of the candidates shifted from reserved categories to OM, during operation of Wait List, is available on the website as Annexure-"A" of Order No. 466 of 2024 dated 26.02.2024 notifying selection of 53 Constables in 02 Border Battalions.

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