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Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**School Education Department**  
(HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION)  
Civil Secretariat, J&K  
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**Subject:- Grant of one-time exemption in favour of teaching / other staff of School Education Department who have acquired higher qualification during service through distance / online mode without obtaining prior permission from the Administrative Department - Extension in timeline thereof.**

Government Order No. **106** JK(Edu) of 2026

Dated. **20**.03.2026

**WHEREAS**, vide Government Order No. 188-JK (Edu) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024, the Department has extended one time exemption in favour of teaching / other staff of School Education Department who have acquired higher qualification during service through distance / online mode without obtaining prior permission from the Administrative Department;

**AND WHEREAS**, Committees under the respective Director's of School Education have been constituted vide the aforesaid Government Order to verify the genuineness / equivalence of such PG degrees acquired through distance / online mode during the service;

**AND WHEREAS**, the committees were given two (02) months time to complete the exercise of recommending the cases of higher qualification of the employees as per the mandate defined in the aforesaid Government Order. The timeline was however, extended from later on;

**AND WHEREAS**, a meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, School Education Department on 09.12.2024 wherein both the Directors were instructed to ensure that all pending One Time Exemption (OTE) cases are finalized by or before 31.12.2025 and recommendations in light of Government Order No. 188-JK (Edu) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024 are furnished in respect of incumbents who have acquired / completed their PG degree / higher qualification during service as on **15.03.2024**;

**AND WHEREAS**, Director School Education, Kashmir vide communication dated 27.01.2026 has requested to extend the deadline for completion of pending cases regarding grant of one-time exemption up to 31st March, 2026;

**AND WHEREAS**, the matter has been examined in the Department and it has been decided in view of pendency of such cases at the level of both the Directorates of School Education, the time limit for settlement of such cases needs to be extended by some further period.

**Now, therefore,** it is hereby ordered that the Designated Committees shall furnish recommendations **up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026** in light of Government Order No. 188-JK (Edu) of 2024 dated 15.03.2024 in respect all the remaining incumbents who have completed their PG degrees / higher qualification **as on 15.03.2024.**

The other terms and conditions mentioned in Government Order No. 188-JK (Edu) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024 shall remain the same.

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

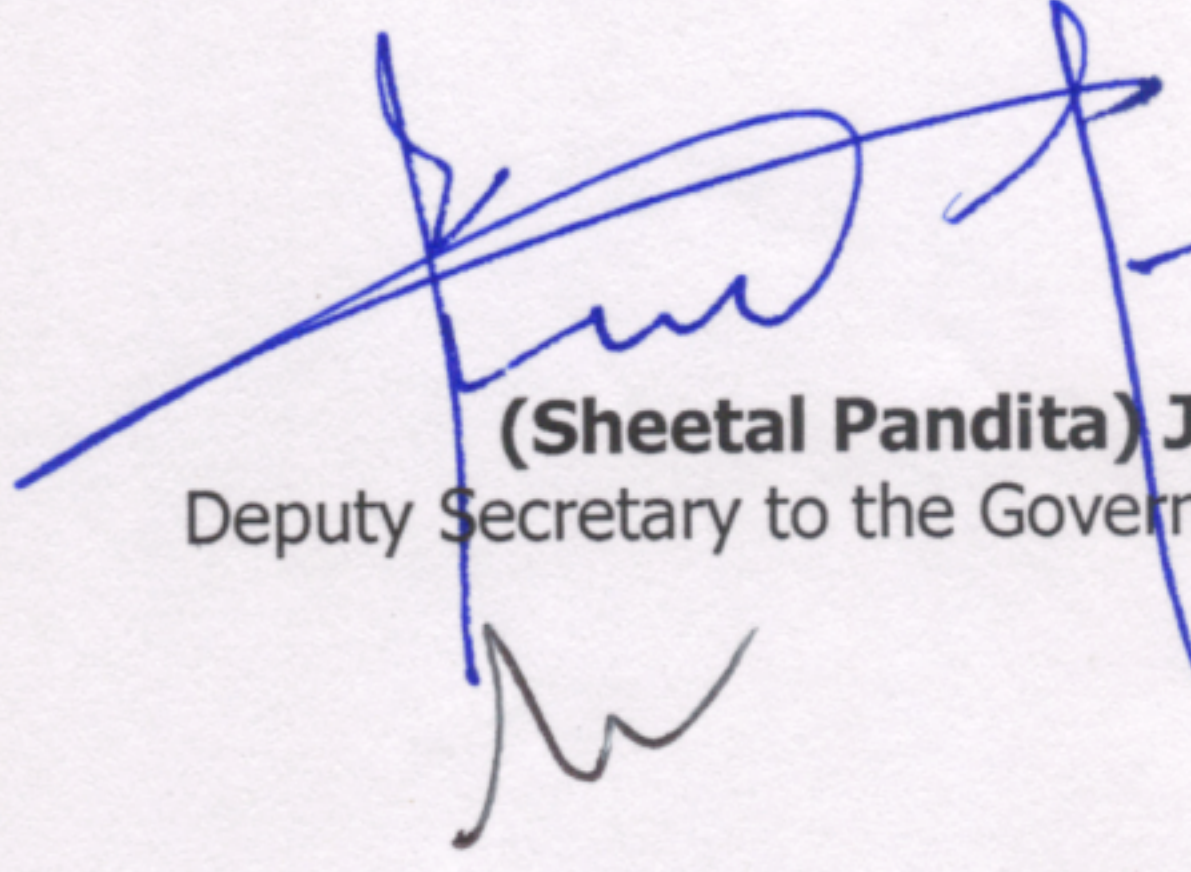
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**(Ram Niwas Sharma) IAS**  
Commissioner /Secretary to the Government  
School Education Department

No. Edu-HRM/162/2025-01 (7712084)

Dated: 20 .03.2026

Copy to the:-

1. Joint Secretary, (J&K &L), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Director School Education, Jammu/Kashmir for compliance.
3. OSD with Hon'ble Minister for School Education Department.
4. Chief Education Officers concerned for strict compliance.
5. Private Secretary to Commissioner / Secretary to the Government, School Education Department.
6. I/c Website.
7. Government Order file (w.2.s.c).

  
**(Sheetal Pandita) JKAS**  
Deputy Secretary to the Government

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