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FROM THE DESK OF CHAIRMAN

The NDTV in their Prime Time News telecast on 17th and 18th January 2018, covered the functioning of various Public Service Commissions/ Staff Selection Commissions in the Country. In this series, the channel had also covered the Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi, based on limited inputs related to two of its examinations viz. Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2015 and Combined Graduate Level Examination 2016, without a proper appreciation of the overall context. To put things in their correct perspective and for the benefit of the candidates so that they are not misled by this vilification campaign, the Commission had on 18.1.2018, uploaded on its website a transparent, comprehensive and updated report of its activities during the last two years including a correct profile of the two examinations reported upon by NDTV. A copy of the said report was also sent to NDTV.

2. The Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi, an attached office of the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, is one of the premier recruiting agencies in the country and is diligently discharging its functions, maintaining thereby high standards of efficiency, transparency and integrity in the conduct of its examinations, to achieve the prime objectives of ensuring merit based selection.

3. The Commission is extremely busy in conducting a series of examinations which are held back to back, and also declaring their results in quick succession, in a time bound manner, for the benefit of the candidates. The Commission may, therefore, not be in a position hereafter to devote any further time to react to the said motivated campaign launched by NDTV with the specific objectives of casting unwarranted and unfounded aspersions on the performance of the Commission. In the given circumstances, the Commission feels that it necessary to highlight some additional salient facts on the functioning of the Commission in the public domain.

4. With regard to the Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2015, (one of the two examinations highlighted by NDTV), it is reiterated that the result of this examination was declared on 28th August 2017, to fill up 9,194 vacancies reported to the Commission. Out of the selected candidates, dossiers of 8,900 candidates were sent to the User Departments in September-October 2017. For the remaining 294 candidates, further verification/scrutiny in consultation with the concerned candidates and Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSL) is already in progress and would be completed shortly. **It is made categorically clear that it is the onus of the Ministries/Departments concerned to**

issue the appointment letters to the bona fide nominated candidates after due verification at their end. There is no role for the Commission to play with regard to the issuance of appointment letters to the candidates. This position was apparently not known to the anchor of NDTV.

5. While referring to the Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2015, the updated position of which is given above, **it would be relevant for the candidates of Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2016, to note that the Commission is on the threshold of declaring the final result of the Combined Higher Secondary Level (10+2) Examination 2016 on 16.2.2018.** The Commission's decision to declare the result of Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2016, is despite the fact that a small constituency of candidates, who have violated the mandatory instructions of the said examination in Tier-II, have also approached and brought relief from various CATs, akin to the case of Combined Graduate Level Examination 2016, thereby trying to litigate and delay this matter at the cost of bona fide candidates. The Commission is left with no other option but to go in appeal against such orders issued by Central Administrative Tribunals in Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level Examination 2016, also.

6. For the **Combined Graduate Level Examination-2016**, the Commission declared the final result on 5th August 2017, declaring 10,661 candidates as successful. However, some of the candidates who had violated the mandatory instructions of the Commission during Tier-III examination and were awarded 'zero' marks, in strict conformity with the rule position by the Commission, brought relief from the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi for evaluation of their answer books. To protect the sanctity of the rule position of the Commission and in the interest of the bona fide successful candidates, the Commission had sought the approval of the Government in December 2017, for going in appeal against the aforesaid Order of the CAT, and such permission has been accorded by Government on 19.1.2018. **It may be pertinent to mention at this stage, especially for the benefit of the anchor, who was ostensibly not aware of the rule position, that it is mandatory for the Commission, being an attached Office of Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T) to seek the prior approval of DoP&T and Department of Legal Affairs (DoLA), before any appeal can be filed by the Commission in either, the Hon'ble High Court or in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.** Accordingly, as the Commission has received permission from DoLA, the Commission would now be filing an appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the last week of January 2018 against the said Order of CAT. The User Departments to which dossiers of about 9,500 successful candidates have already been sent, would be advised by the Commission to issue conditional appointment letters to the respective candidates stating that their appointments would be subject to the final outcome of the appeal. It is the responsibility of the Commission, to intimate the Ministries/ User Departments to issue the appointment letters to the nominated candidates preferably in the month of February 2018 itself. The actual issuance of the appointment letters to the nominated candidates would be contingent on the prescribed verification formalities of the concerned Ministries /User Departments.

7. It may be relevant to mention that over the last two years, i.e. 2016-17 and 2017-18, approx. 3.5 crore candidates have registered for various examinations conducted by the Commission. This number is a phenomenal increase over 9.94 lakh candidates who applied for various examinations of the Commission in 2008-09. **It is unlikely that any other**

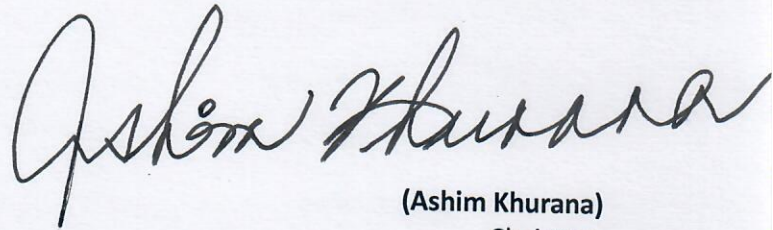
Institution/Commission in the country is handling candidature of this volume for the conduct of its examinations, on an annual basis.

8. To handle the volume of candidates of this magnitude efficiently, the Commission took a fresh initiative in June 2016, for its Objective Type Multiple Choice Examinations, to shift from the conventional Optical Marks Reader Based examination to Computer Based Mode of examination. This transition to the Computer Based Mode of examination, has been swift and comprehensive, and has contributed significantly in improving the efficiency in the conduct of various examinations and the timely delivery of their results, which has been acknowledged positively by the candidates across the country.
9. In the last two years, i.e. from January 2016 to January 2018, the Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi has conducted as many as 27 examinations (comprising 43 stages of examinations) for 3,37,65,415 registered candidates. While this campaign launched by NDTV is still on, 10 lakh candidates across the country are appearing for the Junior Engineer Examination (Paper-I) 2017, which commenced from 22nd January and would last upto 29th January 2018. This is the 28th examination being conducted by the Commission since January 2016. On the 28th January 2018, the Commission would be conducting yet another examination i.e. the Multi-Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff Examination (Paper-II) 2016. Furthermore, before the closure of the current financial year, the Commission would be conducting an additional four examinations. This information is eloquent of the fact that the Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi is efficiently conducting its examinations, back to back throughout the year, for the benefit of the candidates. **This position also amplifies the fact that the Commission is absolutely updated in the conduct of its examinations and that there is no major backlog of any examination pending to be conducted by the Commission. Needless to mention that the Commission makes a concerted effort to ensure transparency, a high standard of integrity and efficiency in the conduct of each of its examinations to ensure merit based selection of candidates.**
10. Of the 27 examinations already conducted by the Commission since January 2016, the results of 15 examinations have already been declared. The results of the remaining 12 examinations would be declared in quick succession in the ensuing six months i.e. the results of four examinations would be declared in February 2018; five results in March 2018; and one result each in May, June and July 2018. It would be significant to mention that over the last two years, there has also been a progressive reduction in the time span from the date of the commencement of an examination to the declaration of its final result. In fact, in the last three examinations conducted between September to December 2017 viz [(i) Multi Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff Examination 2016, (ii) Constable (Executive) in Delhi Police Examination 2016 and (iii) Recruitment of Scientific Assistants in India Meteorological Department Examination 2017], the results would be declared in February-March 2018 i.e. within a period of four to five months from the date of commencement of each of the said examination.
11. As a unique initiative for the benefit of its candidates, the Commission has created a separate Notice Board on its website for announcing, well in advance, the probable dates of declaration of the results for various examinations conducted by it. In fact, immediately after the completion of an examination, the Commission announces the tentative date for the declaration of its result on this Notice Board. Thereafter, the Commission ensures strict

adherence to the dates indicated for the declaration of the result for each examination. This initiative has been widely lauded by the candidates across the country.

12. In terms of recommendations for recruitment against various vacancies reported to the Commission, during the last two years i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17, a total of **94,018** candidates have been recommended for recruitment against various posts in the Government of India. During the current year 2017-18, the Commission is making a concerted effort to provide recruitment to an additional **56,661** candidates out of which nominations for **28,699** have already been made by the Commission.

13. The above facts have been brought in the public domain with a view to make it clear that the Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi is a robust organization which is committed to the merit based selection of the candidates and maintains a high level of integrity and efficiency in the conduct of its various examinations across the country. In the given context, the anchor of NDTV may also like to take cognizance of the information recorded above while commenting on the performance of the Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi. The Commission would continue to work steadfast to further fortify its position for achieving higher milestones for the benefit of the candidates.



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