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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Public Works (R&B) Department**  
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**Subject: Acceptance of Degree acquired by Diploma holders Junior Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) and inclusion of their name in the seniority list of Degree holders Junior Engineers (Civil/Mechanical)**

**Government Order No: 60 -PW(R&B) of 2022**  
**Dated: 14 -02-2022**

**WHEREAS**, as per provisions of J&K Engineering (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1997, a Junior Engineer Diploma Holders after acquiring Degree in relevant branch of Engineering is to be treated as 'Degree holder' for the purpose of seniority from the date of completion/passing of Degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has received following cases for acceptance of their Degrees and subsequent inclusion of their names in the seniority list of Junior Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) Degree holders

S.N o.	Name	Date of appointment/Regualrization	Date of passing Degree	Name of University	Permission obtained (Yes/No)
1	Showkat Ahmad Tantray I/c J.E (Mech)	29.04.1991	15.09.2011	Institution of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai	yes
2	Tarik Ahmad Wani, J.E (Mech)	26.05.2008	Dec-2014	Institution of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai	Yes
3	Arif Hameed Bhat, J.E (Civil)	14.07.2008	20.08.2014	The Institution of Civil Engineers (India) Ludhiana	Yes

**WHEREAS**, with regard to issue of equivalence of Degrees obtained from the Institutions/Universities other than AMIE Kolkatta, the department has taken up the matter with the AICTE for clarifications. In response the AICTE vide their communication No. NWRO/AICTE/Verification/2020-21 dated 17.03.2021, among others ha clarified as under:-

Information sought	Reply/clarification of AICTE
The Institute Civil Engineering (India) Ludhiana	The Institute of Civil Engineering (India) Ludhiana are professional Bodies conducting technical courses and awarding associate membership to the candidates who qualify the examination conducted by them. In this regard, AICTE has issued a Circular F.No. 13-56/PC/LDL-Mode/AICTE/2020 recognition of certification awarded by Professional Bodies/Institution dated 24.11.2020, which is self explanatory. The Professional societies recognized by MHRD upto 31.05.2013 were permitted to conduct section A&B exams and treated equivalent to degree upto 31.05.2013 only.

The operative part of Circular No. F.No 13-56/PC/ODL-Mode/AICTE/2020 dated 23.11.2020 issued by the AICTE is reproduced as under:-

".....Thus all those students who were enrolled with these institutions as per the above MHRD OM with permanent recognition upto 31.05.2013 stand recognized and public notice was issued on 31.10.2017 accordingly. However, AICTE recognition is not course specific and this is only the endorsement of the decision of MHRD in this regard. Hon'ble supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 17922 of 2017; Institution of Mechanical Engineers v/s State of Punjab & Ors has endorsed the decision of MHRD and AICTE Public Notice issued on 2017.

Relevant extract of Public Notice issued by the AICTE on 31.10.2017 reads as under:-

"..... Accordingly, the council in its 52th emergent Meeting held on August, 3, 2017 decided to recognize equivalence for all purposes including Higher Education & Employment to Technical Courses conducted by various permanent recognition upto 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013. Thus all those students who were enrolled with these institutions with permanent recognition upto 31.05.2013, stand recognized

**Whereas**, the case was examined in light of above clarifications of AICTE and Degree/marks certificates of the above named Junior Engineers were forward to the concerned Universities on 20.10.2021 for verification/authentication of genuineness of their degrees. In response, the Member of Council Institution of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai vide letter No. JK-19162/31/21 dated 01.11.2021 has verified/confirmed the Degree acquired by Showkat Ahmad & Tarik Ahmad as genuine and Controller of Exam, Institution of Civil Engineers (India) vide letter No. ICE (I) E-21/38200 dated 01.11.2021 has also verified the genuineness of Degree acquired by Mr. Arif Hamid Bhat.

**WHEREAS**, the above incumbent has also produced undertakings in the shape of Affidavits dully attested by the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Judicial Magistrate, affirming therein that in case any information about their degrees of found fraudulent/bogus at any time during service, the same shall be deemed to be cancelled ab-initio and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him in terms of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956.

**WHEREAS**, on re-examining of the case it has been observed that there is a case to accept their Degrees from the date of passing Degree and include their names at appropriate place/s in the relevant seniority list of Junior Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) Degree Holders as and when the same are notified afresh and also exclusion of their names from the seniority list of Junior Engineers (Civil/Mechanical) Diploma holders.

**Whereas**, Finance Department has issued circular instructions vide endorsement No.A/HCM (2012)-PMO-49 dated 01.02.2019 and clarified that the advance increments to degree holders on their appointment as Junior Engineers are available on initial appointment and not at the time of acquiring degree after entry into Government service as Diploma holder.



**NOW, THEREFORE,** Er. Showkat Ahmad Tantray I/c Junior Engineer (Mech), Er. Tarik Ahmad Wani, Junior Engineer (Mech) and Er. Arif Hameed Bhat, Junior Engineer (Civil) shall henceforth be treated as Degree holders Junior Engineers (Civil/Mechanical) and their name(s) shall be included at an appropriate placed in the seniority list of Degree Holders Junior Engineers (Civil/Mechanical) as and when the same is notified afresh, besides, their names shall be deemed to have been excluded from the seniority list of Diploma holders Junior Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) However, the pay of the Engineers shall be regulated as per Circular Instructions issued by Finance Department under endorsement No. A/HCM/2012-PMO-49 dated 01-02-2019.

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

**Sd/-  
(Shailendra Kumar) IAS  
Principal Secretary to the Government**

No. PWD-HRM1/73/2021-05-Deptt. of PWD R&B

Dated: 14-02-2022

Copy to the:-

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