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## **Press Release**

**JKEEGA urges Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to fill the vacant positions in the Power Development Department, amidst the crisis of the additional charge system.**

Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) led by Er.Sachin Tickoo, General Secretary and flanked by Er.Vishal Singh Chib, Er. Ankush Gupta (Provincial Secretaries), Er. Vipul Sharma, Er.Vijay Sharma,Er.Rohit Gupta, Er.Ilyas Haroon, Er.Sumit Sharma (Organizing Secretaries) among others held a Press Conference here in Jammu on the issue of large number of vacant positions from Junior Engineers to Chief Engineers in the Power Development Department besides non issuance of minutes of the Establishment cum selection Committee meeting on Regularization held on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 despite lapse of over 5 months.

While addressing a Jam packed media gathering, Sachin Tickoo General Secretary JKEEGA gave a detailed account of the vacancy position across length and breadth of Power Development department, and expressed serious concern over the vacant positions. There are presently Managing Director- 02, Executive Director-04, CE-09, SE-19, XEN-72, AEE-148, JE-436 vacancies against the overall sanctioned strength of the department. The situation is alarming given the fact that nearly 60 percent positions of Executive Engineers are vacant, leaving important Divisions on additional charge basis, even sub divisions are being manned on additional charge basis. JKEEGA has been strongly pursuing that the vacant positions right at the top of the hierarchy including Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers ,Executive Engineers are being manned on additional charge basis, clearly affecting the delivery of quality services to the public at large.

The medium of press had to be adopted given the present situation, wherein, each and every asset of Power Development Department in the Field has to be ensured it is properly manned and non availability of Divisional/Sub Divisional Heads leads to affecting the overall organizational efficiency. Whereas in other lesser essential departments, we find that each and every vacancy is utilized and even prospective retirements are being accounted for while promoting people at various levels. Even Relaxation of Recruitment Rules has been granted in sister engineering departments to ensure proper utilization of vacancies.

Further it is astonishing that , the minutes of Establishment cum selection committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan , to clear the Regularization of 250 Engineers in pursuance to the State Administrative Council Decision Dated 22/10/2019,have not been issued till date, causing unnecessary mental agony to the concerned engineers who have even superannuated more than 15 years ago.

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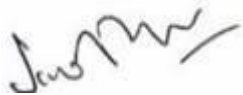
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The fact remains that such is the situation wherein there are some divisions like TLMD-III Udhampur JKPTCL effectively one of the largest divisions by virtue of its jurisdiction in the Transmission sector being manned on additional charge basis by a Superintending Engineer posted in Kashmir Province. Similarly, the important Division of TLMD-II Gladni which effectively supplies nearly 60 percent of the Power to the Jammu Province is being managed by Executive Engineer - TLMD-V on an additional charge basis. Similarly critical Sub Transmission Divisions-I/II of Jammu Province/Kashmir Province are being manned on additional charge basis. The Maintenance Divisions of various districts in both Jammu and Kashmir Province are being manned on additional charge basis, as nearly more than 60 percent posts of Executive Engineers are vacant amid the pressure of reducing AT&C losses as per the Power Ministry Guidelines,

In this hour of operational preparedness and high alert, the Power Engineers and staff worked 24x7 despite constraints of manpower and guarded the Power infrastructure in length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir ,amidst of heavy shelling across LOC in Poonch, Rajouri, RS pura , Kupwara and maintained uninterrupted power supply in coordination with Divisional Administration.

JKEEGA therefore vehemently appeals to the Hon'ble Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister J&K , who happens to be the In charge Minister of the Power Development Department, Principal Secretary PDD to take a holistic review of the Vacancy position in the organizational hierarchy of the Power Development Department so that the vacancies are filled and menace of additional charge system is ended and Public service delivery is improved considerably in the most essential Power Sector of J&K.



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