



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE RAJOURI

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Sub: - Magisterial Inquiry into incident of fake news regarding death of 40 students in road accident, creating threat to security of state.

Ref: - District Magistrate, Rajouri Order No: PA/DCR/2017/55-65 Dated: 26-05-2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, on 25-05-2017, a news was received that a school bus with 40 students and 5 teaching staff on-board plunged into a gorge near Chattapani in Poonch on its way back from Peer Ki Gali to Manjakote.

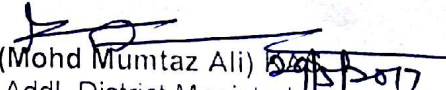
Whereas, it was reported that students of Greeb Nawaz School, Manjakote has gone for an excursion and all the students died during an accident. Pictures of dead, injured and bus were also posted on Whatsapp group/ Facebook.

Whereas, responding to the news of emergent situation conveyed by prominent and responsible citizens even confirmed by various agencies based on their information lead the district administration to press into action the entire machinery for rescue and relief as school was reportedly located in Manjakote Tehsil of District Rajouri. Ambulances and vehicles were rushed to Bafliaz and ahead to help rescue and helicopters of IAF were kept in a state of readiness for evacuation. However, the news was subsequently proved false.

Whereas, the undersigned has been appointed as Enquiry Officer vide Order No: PA/DCR/2017/55-65 Dated: 26-05-2017 to conduct ~~the~~ Magisterial Enquiry and identify the person(s), association, organization responsible for spreading the fake news about the accident which could have serious repercussions in terms of precious lives and public properties.

Now, through the medium of this public notice the general public is informed that if any person(s) is /are having any information or know the person(s) spreading rumours as mentioned above are requested to depose before the undersigned on oath w.e.f. 02-06-2017 to 03-06-2017 and 05-06-2017 during office hours disclosing the information regarding the point(s), person(s), association & organization from where the news was originated.

No: DMR/ES/917-22
Dated: 29-05-2017.


(Mohd Mumtaz Ali) Sd/-
Addl. District Magistrate,
(Enquiry Officer)
Rajouri

Copy to the:

1. District Magistrate, Rajouri for information.
2. District Magistrate, Poonch for information & necessary action.
3. Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri/Poonch for information & necessary action.
4. Joint Director Information, Jammu for information & with the request to get it published in the leading News Papers (English/Urdu) having wide circulation in Rajouri/ Poonch Districts.
5. District Information Officer, Rajouri and information and necessary action.