

TELANGANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION :: HYDERABAD

PRESS NOTE DT:27/7/2026

With reference to the news reports in various newspapers with regard to the incident happened on 25.7.2026 relating to destruction of old OMR sheets, this is to inform that the OMR answer sheets pertain to the Hostel Welfare Officers Recruitment, 2018, which recruitment exam was held in 2018 and final results declared by 2020. As such these records had been identified for disposal and destruction in accordance with the prescribed record retention and disposal procedure.

The OMR answer sheets were handed over to an authorized contractor for destruction. During the process, it appears that a few OMR answer sheets were found on the roadside and the circumstances leading to the incident are being verified.

Commission has taken serious note of the lapse and Show Cause Notices have been issued to the four concerned Officers. Further two Section Officers were placed under suspension with immediate effect.

Further Commission noted that the Contractor acted irresponsibly while handling and transporting material given for destruction. Commission cancelled the work order and an FIR lodged against the contractor for gross negligence in handling the entrusted material.

It is reiterated that the OMR answer sheets relate to a recruitment process that was concluded several years ago and had already been identified for destruction. Therefore, the incident has no impact whatsoever on any ongoing or future recruitment process.

The Commission has initiated all necessary measures to ensure strict adherence to the prescribed procedures for disposal of records and to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

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