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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (SC)

DECLARATION OF THE MUSLIM CONFERENCE JAMMU AND KASHMIR (BHAT FACTION) (MCJK-B) AS AN "UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION" UNDER THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT, 1967

> [G.O.No.SS.I/122-1/2024, Public (SC), 4th April 2024, பங்குனி 22, சோபகிருது, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2055.]

No. II(1)/PUSC/10(d)/2024.

The following Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, No. S.O. 934(E) dated the 28th February, 2024 is republished:-

S.O. 934(E).—Whereas, the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (hereinafter referred to as the MCJK-B), chaired by Abdul Ghani Bhat have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the country;

And, whereas, MCJK-B has linkages with banned terrorist organizations and has supported terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

And, whereas, the members of the MCJK-B have been indulging in generating feelings of hatred and disaffection against India to separate Jammu and Kashmir from Union of India;

And, whereas, the leaders and members of the MCJK-B have been involved in raising funds through various sources including Pakistan and its proxy organizations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone-pelting on Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir;

And, whereas, the MCJK-B and its members by their activities show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country;

And whereas, MCJK-B by giving clarion call to boycott elections on multiple occasions, has also attempted to subvert the will of people and democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir;

And whereas, MCJK-B is involved in promoting, aiding and abetting the secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India by involving itself in anti-national and subversive activities; sowing seeds of dis-affection amongst people; exhorting people to destabilise law and order; encouraging the use of armed struggle to separate Jammu and Kashmir; and promoting hatred against established Government;

And, whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction), it will use this opportunity to –

(i) continue with the anti-national activities which are detrimental to the territorial integrity, security and sovereignty of the country;

(ii) continue advocating the secession of Jammu and Kashmir form the Union of India while disputing its accession to the Union of India; and

(iii) continue propagating false narrative and anti-national sentiments among the people of Jammu and Kashmir with the intention to cause disaffection against India and disrupt public order;

And, whereas, the Central Government for the above-mentioned reasons is firmly of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction), it is necessary to declare the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of the section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an unlawful association;

The Central Government, having regard to the above circumstances, is of firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect, and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect for a period of five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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PRAVEEN VASHISTA, Additional Secretary.

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K. NANTHAKUMAR, Secretary to Government.