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Press Release

The APSC had announced the results to the CCE(P), 2018 on 13th March, 2019. A total of 3361 candidates were declared to have qualified for the CCE(M) considering the extant reservation rules and selection criteria. The Commission, this time, consciously decided to not publish the answer keys before the results were announced and ask for responses from candidates, mainly because, the practice consumes a fair amount of time to examine each and every response of appeared candidates in each subject causing inordinate delay in announcing the results and that earlier the Preliminary Examination had to be deferred once and that due to ensuing General Elections, the availability of expert/advisers might be scarce. Therefore, the Commission had taken utmost caution that the answer keys are correct to the extent possible.

But, despite its efforts, the discrepancy in the answer keys had come to light after the announcement of the results was made which were genuine and inadvertent. The Commission had deliberated on the matter and arrived at a decision that the errors needed to be corrected so that no deserving candidate is deprived of the opportunity to appear in the examination. The only consideration of the Commission was not to make a candidate suffer for no mistake of his/her. The Commission, thereafter, had suo moto taken up re-verification of the answer keys with the help of available domain experts on the basis of which the wrong answer keys of as many subjects were revised. Based on the re-set answer keys the results were processed and announced for an additional list where 406 candidates found place. This was done without any prejudice to the results announced earlier.

The Commission, by doing so, has demonstrated its desire to correct mistakes and not allow the genuine candidates to suffer. It may be known to all that the Commission depends entirely on the domain experts for matters related to question setting, moderation and answer keys of any examination. The internal mechanism allows no scope for the Commission to interfere in the process of setting up of question papers and preparation of answer keys as these are set and moderated by designated domain experts drawn from the academia. But, the Commission is in no mood to absolve itself of the responsibility towards the stakeholders which is exemplified in the latest action. The Commission further seeks to clarify that there has been no external influence for this action of the Commission. The decision was suo moto and unanimous. We request all to cooperate with the efforts of the Commission and bear with the inadvertences.

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