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### **NPP protests exclusion of Jammu from SPOs recruitment**

JAMMU: Flaying the neglect of the Jammu youth in the sphere of employment besides outright exclusion of the region from the recruitment of SPOs, Panthers Party activists led by Harshdev Singh, chairman and former minister and Yash Paul Kundal State president Young Panthers staged a protest demonstration seeking equal share for Jammu region in the recruitment drive, at Exhibition Ground here today.

Accusing BJP led Union Government for administering another doze of discrimination to Jammu region, Harshdev divulged that the BJP had once again perpetrated injustice to the Dogra youth by taking a decision to recruit 10,000 SPOs in the Police department all from Kashmir. He lamented that it happened for the first time in history that all posts sanctioned for the State were assigned to the Valley to the exclusion of Jammu and Ladakh region.

Singh said that while the Saffron Party had adopted the policy of appeasement towards the youth of Kashmir who were involved in civil unrest and other subversive acts including stone pelting, arson and violent shut downs in the ongoing turmoil, the youth of Jammu and Ladakh carrying National flag in their hands to confront the secessionist agenda would be out rightly debarred from the recruitment drive. He demanded that the aforesaid recruitment should be carried out in equal proportion in all the three regions of the State. He announced to launch a full throttle campaign against BJP's acts of surrender and subterfuge if the recruitment decision of the SPOs was not revoked and devolved equally upon all the regions.

He said that as many as 24870 SPOs across the State have been drawing a meager salary of Rs 3000 per month till date despite the tall pronouncements made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding the enhancement of their salaries under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE). He disclosed that out of these SPOs, 14845 are working in Kashmir division, 8338 in Jammu region and 1687 SPOs are working in different departments.