PART III
Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF KASHMIR AFFAIRS AND GILGIT-BALTISTAN

NOTIFICATION
Islamabad, the 3rd February, 2021

F.No. 13(1)/2018-ADMN(GBC).— WHEREAS The Elections Act, 2017, all rules, regulations and Bye-laws framed there under (as are in force in Pakistan) have been adapted in the territory of Gilgit-Baltistan, mutatis mutandis vide Gilgit-Baltistan (Elections and Caretaker Government) Amendment Order, 2020 and the same was conveyed to the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan vide Ministry of Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan Office Memorandum No. F. No. 13(1)/2018-ADMN(GBC), dated 15th May, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan vide its letter No. ELC-1(22)/2019, dated 1st November, 2020 sought for clarifications, necessary modifications/interpretations and explanation of the term “mutatis mutandis” as mentioned in Section 2 of the above referred order and also submitted proposed explanations in the Elections Act, 2017 to this effect to remove the ambiguities and legal lacunas;

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[153(2021)/Ex. Gaz.]
AND WHEREAS, the proposed amendments as requested by the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan vide their letter quoted above was referred to the Government of Pakistan Law and Justice Division, Islamabad for clarification;


(a) reference to Pakistan in any of the aforesaid law/rule/regulation/by law shall be construed to refer to Gilgit-Baltistan;

(b) reference to the Commission and Chief Election Commissioner shall be construed as reference to the Chief Election Commissioner, Gilgit-Baltistan appointed under Article 97(1) of the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan Order, 2018;

(c) reference to Parliament shall be construed as reference to the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly;

(d) references to the Supreme Court or a High Court shall be construed to be references the Supreme Appellate Court and Chief Court of Gilgit-Baltistan respectively;

(e) all references to citizens of Pakistan shall be construed to be a reference to a citizen of Gilgit-Baltistan; and

(f) all references to Pakistan law shall be construed to the references to the corresponding law in force in Gilgit-Baltistan.

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