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PART III

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 25th September, 2023

No. F.3(5)/2022-LGE-S.—Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 140(A) and 219 (d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section 219(4) of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 12 of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the schedule for Bye-Election of Local Government Elections in Sindh Province on various vacant Direct seats of district **Jacobabad, Kashmore, Shikarpur, Larkana, Sukkur, Ghotki, Khairpur, Shaheed Benazirabad, Naushero Feroz, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Tharparkar, Tando Allahyar, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Thatta, Malir, Karachi South, Karachi Central and Keamari Karachi**, which have been notified by this Commission vide notification No. F.3(5)/2023-LGE(S) dated 25th September 2023, and calls upon the electors of respective local councils and wards of the above mentioned district to elect their representatives and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

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Sr. No.	Events	No of Days	Date
1	Public Notice		02.10.2023
2	Date for filing of Nomination Papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	3-Days	05.10.2023 to 07.10.2023
3	Publication of names of the nominated candidates	1-Day	09.10.2023
4	Last date for Scrutiny of the nomination papers by the Returning Officers	2-Days	11.10.2023
5	Publication of List of validly nominated candidates	1-Day	12.10.2023
6	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officers (Rejecting /Accepting the nomination papers)	3-Days excluding Sunday on 15.10.2023	16.10.2023
7	Late date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Tribunals	3-Days	19.10.2023
8	Publication of revised list of candidates	1-Day	20.10.2023
9	Last date for Withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1-Day	21.10.2023
10	Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of candidates	1-Day	22.10.2023
11	Polling Day	After 14 Days	05.11.2023
12	Consolidation of result	3-Days	08.11.2023

2. To ensure that elections to the Local Governments are conducted honestly, justly, fairly in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

- (i) *All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall **neither announce any development project nor use State Resources** in Local Government Elections calculated to influence the elections in favour of a particular candidate;*
- (ii) *If any person in Government Service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of the elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under the law;*
- (v) *For Divisions in respect of which election schedule of local government elections has been issued, **no transfer / postings of the government officers and officials** including those of Autonomous Bodies/Authorities shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;*
- (vi) *The Election Officials appointed as District Returning Officers, Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers for the Bye-Elections in the above district by the Commission vide Notification No. F.3(2)2022-LGE(S) dated 25th September 2023 shall no be transferred or posted till the culmination of election process/notification of returned candidates by the Commission*
- (vii) *For Division in respect of which election schedule has been issued, **no leave of the government officers and officials** including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without approval of the Hon'ble Commission.*

- Note: i. The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers shall remain open on all public holidays (including Sunday) if any activity provided in the schedule falls on that day.
- ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timings will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.
- iii. Polling Hourse will be observed from **08:00 A.M to 05:00 P.M**
- iv. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from **16-10-2023 to 19-10-2023**.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

NAVEED-UR-REHMAN,
Deputy Director (LGE-S).