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PART III

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATIONS

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 issues, **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**.

No. F. 3(5)/2022-LGE-S.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140(A) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sections 219 and 229 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 34 & sub-sections (2) and (5) of Section 18 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues schedule for filling up the vacant indirect seats in Union Committees and Union Councils of district **Jacobabad, Kashmore, Shikarpur, Larkana, Kamber Shahdadkot, Ghotki, Sukkur, Khairpur, Naushero Feroze, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Tharparker, Tando Allahyar, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Dadu, Badin, Sujawal, Thatta, Malir, Korangi Karachi, Karachi East, Karachi West, Karachi South, Karachi Central and Keamari Karachi**, which have been notified by the Commission *vide* notification No. F.3(5)/2023-LGE(S) dated 25th September 2023, and calls upon the members of the electoral college of concerned Councils and Committees to elect the members against reserved seats

of Women, Youth, Non-Muslims, and Labourers/Peasants, and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

S.No.	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officers on	02.10.2023
2	Filing of Nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the Candidates	04.10.2023 to 06.10.2023
3	Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officers	07.10.2023 to 09.10.2023
4	Dates for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officers (<i>accepting / rejecting the nomination papers</i>)	10.10.2023 to 12.10.2023
5	Last date for deciding appeals by Appellate Authorities.	14.10.2023
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	15.10.2023
7	Publication of revised list of candidates along party affiliation	16.10.2023
8	Poll day (through show of hands) including compilation and declaration of result by the Returning Officer	19.10.2023
9	Communication of result to the ECP	23.10.2023

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- (i) *All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces including the Governor, caretaker Chief Minister, Ministers, advisors, Special assistance and other caretaker setup 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;*
- (iii) *The Election Officials appointed for the conduct of elections as DRO and RO shall not be **transferred / posted** till the publication of election results;*

- (iv) *No leave of the Election Officials will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections 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:-

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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.

Polling Hours will be observed from **08:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.**

Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 10-10-2023.

No. F. 3(5)/2022-LGE-S.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140(A) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sections 219 and 229 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 34 & sub-sections (3), (4), (6), (7), (7-A), (8) and (9) of Section 18 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues schedule for filling up the vacant indirect seats in various councils, Committees and Corporation of District Jacobabad, Kashmore, Shikarpur, Larkana, Kamber Shahdadkot, Ghotki, Sukkur, Khairpur, Naushero Feroze, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Tharparker, Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Dadu, Badin, Sujawal, Thatta, Malir, Korangi Karachi, Karachi East, Karachi South, Karachi West, Karachi Central and Keamari Karachi, which have been notified as vacant by the Commission *vide* Notification No. F.3(5)/2023-LGE(S) dated 25th September 2023, against reserved seats of Women, Youth, Non-Muslims, Labourers / Peasants, Persons With Disabilities and Transgender Person Members in manner as provided in Section 18-A of the Act *ibid* and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

Sr.No.	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officer on	02.10.2023
2	submission of Priority Lists of candidates with the Returning Officers by the Political Parties (if exhausted) & Filing of Nomination papers by the candidates	04.10.2023 to 07.10.2023
3	Scrutiny of Nomination papers by the Returning Officers	09.10.2023 to 11.10.2023
4	Dates for filing of appeals against the decisions of the Returning Officers (<i>accepting / rejecting the nomination papers</i>)	12.10.2023 to 14.10.2023
5	Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authority	17.10.2023
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates with party affiliation	18.10.2023
7	Announcement of Result by the Returning Officers	20-10-2023
8	Communication of Result to ECP by the Returning Officers	23-10-2023

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- (v) The Election Officials appointed for the conduct of elections as DRO and RO shall not be **transferred / posted** till the publication of election results;
- (vi) **No leave of the Election Officials** will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections 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.

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Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 12-10-2023.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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