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PART II

Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 12th December, 2023

S. R. O. 1793(I)/2023.—Law: In exercise of its powers conferred through Section 239 of the Elections Act, 2017 (Act No. XXXIII of 2017), the Election Commission is pleased to make following amendments in the Election Rules, 2017, namely:—

In the Election Rules, 2017—

(a) After Rule 51, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

“Provided that a candidate shall open an exclusive bank account or dedicate an existing bank account already opened with a scheduled bank to maintain transactions of election expenses and shall attach a statement of the said bank account with the nomination papers for election to an Assembly or the Senate on Form-A. The dedicated existing account shall start with entries of seven days prior to the election schedule. The bank account so opened or dedicated shall not be a joint signatory account.”

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- (b) **In first proviso to sub-rule (4) of rule 84, after the expressions “day immediately following the polling day” the following expressions shall be inserted:**

“and if, for any reason, the results are incomplete by 02:00 a.m. on the day immediately following the polling day, the Returning Officer shall communicate to the Commission provisional results as consolidated till that time along with reasons for the delay, in writing, while listing the polling stations from which results are awaited and thereafter shall send the complete provisional results as soon as compiled but not later than 10:00 a.m.

Thereafter, the second proviso to the said sub-rule (4) of Rule 84 shall stand omitted.

And third proviso shall be inserted as:

Provided that where the Returning Officer forward a case against the defaulting presiding officer(s) that delivery of result has been inordinately delayed, the Commission shall initiate disciplinary proceedings under Section 54 and 55 of the Act and remunerations due to presiding officer(s) shall be withheld and in case it is already paid shall be recoverable from his salary.”

- (c) **After Rule 134, following new Rule 134A shall be inserted namely:**

“Rule-134A. Bank account for election expenses and record thereof—

(1) For the purpose of election expenses, a candidate shall open an exclusive bank account or dedicate his existing bank account with any branch of a scheduled bank before the date fixed for scrutiny of nomination papers for election to an Assembly or Senate:

Provided that in case of existing bank account it shall be an active account and in case of its dormancy, it shall be restored before the filing of

nomination paper. The statement of active account shall be attached with the nomination paper, starting from 7 days prior to the election schedule.

(2) A candidate shall maintain the said bank account in accordance with Section 133 of the Act and shall also maintain separate record relating to transactions made through said bank account pertaining to counterfoils of cheque book(s), bank statement, bills, invoices challans and receipts.”

- (d) **In sub-rule (1) of rule 161**, after the words “**taking part in a general election**” the words “bye-election or Senate” shall be inserted.
- (e) **In proviso to rule 161**, the words “**one hundred thousand**” shall be substituted with the words “**one million**”.
- (f) **In sub-rule (2) of Rule 161**, after the words “**submitted by the political party**” the words “**in Form-68**” shall be inserted. **Copy of Form-68 is also enclosed.**

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

[F.No.1(6)/2022-Law.]

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Deputy Director (Law).

Form 68

[See Rule 161]

Submission of Details of Campaign Finance by the Political Party

Name of political party: _____

Election: General Elections/By-Elections/ Senate Election (Tick the relevant)

Date of Election Held: _____

A. Detail of Receipts relating to election campaign*(Amount in Rupees)*

Sr. No.	Name of Donor/ Contributor (one million or more)	CNIC No./ Address	Date of Donation/ Contribution	Mean of Transaction		* Amount Donated
				Bank	Cash	
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
Total:-						

B. Details of Expenses relating to election campaign*(Amount in Rupees)*

Sr. No.	Constituency No.	Campaign Period	Election Date	Detail of Expenditure**	Amount
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
Total:-					

*All details of the receipt and expenditure along with bank statements shall be attached with this form.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of the Head of
the party/ Authorized
Office Bearer