No. F. 5(2)/2020-LGE-ICT(Vol-I).— In exercise of powers under Section 193 of the Elections Act, 2017 (Act No. XXXIII of 2017), the Election Commission hereby authorizes the District Returning Officer, and Returning Officer appointed for the conduct of Local Government Bye-Elections to the vacant seat of the Mayor, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) scheduled to be held on 28-12-2020, to exercise the powers of the Magistrate First Class under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act No. V of 1898) with immediate effect till the announcement of official result.

2. The aforesaid officers shall exercise the powers of Magistrate First Class in respect of all offences defined in Section 169 & 171 punishable under Section 174 of Elections Act, 2017 (Act No. XXXII of 2017) and may take cognizance of any such offence under Section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and shall try it summarily under Chapter XX of the Code.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

GHULAM ABBAS,
Deputy Director (LGE-B/ICT).