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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 17th January, 2024

F. No. 2(1)/2024-Coord.—WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan is charged with the constitutional duty to organize and conduct elections in terms of Article 218 (3) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with the law and that corrupt practices are guarded against:

AND WHEREAS, it has become imperative that the Election Commission shall take all necessary steps under the prevalent laws to prevent any action on the part of the All Local Government institutions of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Cantonment Boards in the whole country that amounts to influence the results of upcoming General Elections-2024 to the National as well as Provincial Assemblies and to provide level playing field to the political parties and contesting candidates;

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NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 218(3) of the Constitution read with Section 4 and Section 8(c) of the Elections Act, 2017 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to direct that;

- (a) All Local Government functionaries in the Provinces including Cantonments shall preform their functions and attend day to day matters of sanitation and cleanliness which are necessary to run the affairs of Local Governments.
- (b) Not to announce / execute any kind of Development Schemes except those which are ongoing and approved before the issuance of Election Programme vide notification dated 15th December, 2023. Moreover, the Local Governments and Cantonment Boards shall not issue tenders of such schemes till culmination of General Elections-2024 and except with the prior approval of the Commission.
- (c) All development funds relating to Local Government institutions shall stand frozen with immediate effect till the announcement of results of the General Elections-2024.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan

SYED NADEEM HAIDER,
Additional Director General (Elections-II).