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PART III

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

DIRECTIVE

Islamabad, the 25th April, 2022

No. F. 2(7)/2022-LGE-B.—WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of Article 140A (2) & 219(d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Section-16 of the Balochistan Local Government (Elections) Act, 2010 is charged with the duty to hold Local Government Elections in the province.

AND WHEREAS, Article 218(3) of the Constitution provides that, it shall be the duty of the Election Commission to organize and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law, and that corrupt practices are guarded against. Article 220 envisaged that it shall be the duty of all executive authorities in the federation and in the provinces to assist the commissioner and the Election Commission in discharge of his or their functions.

AND WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan has issued schedule for conduct of Local Government Elections in 32 districts of Balochistan (excluding District Quetta & Lasbela) for which District Returning

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Officers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers have been notified and Nominations of prospective candidates shall be received by the Returning Officers from 15-04-2022, and election symbols will be allotted by the Returning Officers to the contesting candidates on 10-05-2022 accordingly, poll shall be held on 29-05-2022.

AND WHEREAS, during conduct of elections, provision of security, office, equipment, polling staff, vehicle and other logistic support to the concerned Returning Officer is the responsibility of district administration.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to conduct Local Government Elections in 32 Districts of Balochistan (excluding district Quetta & Lasbela) peacefully, successfully and in accordance with law and to ensure that corrupt practices are guarded against, Deputy Commissioners, of all 32 districts of Balochistan are directed to implement the following directives in letter and spirit and ensure provision of:-

- i. *Necessary office manpower, office equipment and transport to all the District Returning Officers and Returning Officers.*
- ii. *List of Government officers/officials to the Returning Officers from all line departments for their appointment as polling staff.*
- iii. *Logistic support and all buildings notified as polling stations.*
- iv. *Necessary assistance to DMO and DRO for the implementation of Code of Conduct issued by the Commission for political parties and contesting candidates.*
- v. *Complete Security to the offices of District Returning Officers/ Returning Officers during pre-poll, poll day and post poll activities.*
- vi. *Any other assistance as required by the DRO and RO for the performance of his function under the Elections Act, 2017 and Balochistan Local Government (Elections) Act, 2010.*

They shall also make sure that:-

- i. *Comprehensive transportation plan is in place for transportation of election material and polling staff to and from the office of Returning Officer.*
- ii. *Sufficient efficient and honest staff is made available to the Returning Officer for the purpose of bulk breaking and dispatch of election material.*

Any lapse in the implementation of above directives will be dealt with in accordance with law necessary proceedings under Section 55 of the Elections Act, 2017 will be initiated against the delinquent by the Commission.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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