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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 termiof 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 assistant 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 (excluding District Quetta & Lasbela) of Balochistan for which District Returning

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Officers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers have been notified and Nomination Forms from the 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 to the polling staff, polling stations and election material is the sole responsibility of the provincial government of Balochistan.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to conduct the Local Government Elections in 32-districts of Balochistan (excluding District Quetta & lasbela), peacefully, without any fear, and in a smooth manner, District Police Officers of all district 32 districts are directed to implement the following directives in letter and spirit and ensure provision of:

- i. *Complete Security to District Returning Officers/ Returning Officers and their offices during pre-poll, poll day and post poll activities.*
- ii. *Security during receiving of ballot papers, bulk breaking and to the polling staff/ election material to and from the office of Returning Officer.*
- iii. *Necessary support to DMO and DRO for the implementation of Code of Conduct issued by the Commission.*

They shall also ensure that:-

- i. *Sufficient strength of police force deployed at the polling stations for smooth conduct of polling process and to avoid any untoward incidents including foreseeable violence on the poll day.*
- ii. *Preparation and submission of comprehensive contingent plan for deployment of law enforcement agencies at the polling stations.*
- iii. *Prompt action taken by the police in case of violation, against the violators, of any provision of Elections Act, 2017 and Balochistan Local government Act, 2010.*
- iv. *Any individual destroying polling material or threatening polling staff during polling hours shall be dealt with iron hands.*
- v. *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.*

Any lapse in the implementation of above directive will be dealt with in accordance-with law and 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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