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PART III

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 20th April, 2024

No. F. 2(11)/2024-Coord.M/F(2).—In pursuance of Article 220 of the Constitution read with Section 5 and Section 233 of the Elections Act, 2017, the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to publish and issue Code of Conduct for Security Personnel deployed for election duty and provision of fool proof Security during (21) Bye-Elections in the National / Provincial Assemblies of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan / Re-Poll to be held on 21st April. 2024:

**CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR BYE-ELECTIONS-2024**

The Security Personnel¹ belonging to Law Enforcement Agencies excluding Armed Forces and Civil Armed Forces (for whom separate Code of Conduct is being issued) deputed on election duty for following (21) Bye-Elections in the National / Provincial Assemblies of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan / Re-Poll shall:-

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¹Include personnel of Police, Frontier Constabulary, Punjab Constabulary, Balochistan Constabulary and levies only employed for provision of security and maintenance of law and order situation in support of election duties-2024

National Assembly of Pakistan		Provincial Assembly of Punjab	
1	NA-8 Bajaur	1	PP-22 Chakwal-Cum-Talagang
2	NA-44 Dera Ismail Khan-I	2	PP-32 Gujrat-VI
3	NA-119 Lahore-III	3	PP-36 Wazirabad-II
4	NA-132 Kasur-II	4	PP-54 Narowal-I
5	NA-196 Kamber-Shahdadkot-I	5	PP-93 Bhakkar-V
Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		6	PP-139 Sheikhpura-IV
1	PK-22 Bajaur-IV	7	PP-147 Lahore-III
2	PK-91 Kohat-II	8	PP-149 Lahore-V
Provincial Assembly of Balochistan		9	PP-158 Lahore-XIV
1	PB-20 Khuzdar-III	10	PP-164 Lahore-XX
2	PB-22 Lasbela	11	PP-266 R.Y. Khan-XII
3	PB-50 Killa Abdullah (Re-Poll)	12	PP-290 D.G. Khan-V

- i. Perform their duties in accordance with the law and within the confines of mandate assigned to Police or as the case may be the other Security Personnel to assist Election Commission of Pakistan in conduct of free, fair, transparent and peaceful Bye Elections-2024 by deploying/ providing:-
 - a. Deploying Security personnel outside all polling stations.
 - b. Secure environment for maintenance of law and order.
 - c. Security of printing presses during printing of Ballot Papers.
 - d. Security during transportation of Ballot Papers from Printing Presses to the office of Returning Officers
 - e. Security to the Presiding Officers during transportation of Polling Bags from the offices of Returning Officers to the Polling Stations.
 - f. Security during transportation of election material to the RO Offices after completion of Polling and counting at the Polling stations till receipt of record in the offices of Returning Officers. during tabulation, announcement of provisional results and consolidation of results by the Returning Officers.
- ii. Perform their functions under Article 220 and 245 (inclusive of all clauses / sub clauses) of the Constitution of Pakistan, Section 4 and 5 of Anti-Terrorist Act (ATA),1997 (as amended) and Section 5 read with Section 193 of the Election Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017).
- iii. Each officer and junior commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of Pakistan and Civil Armed Forces shall exercise powers delegated to them vide Notification No.F.21(1)/2023-Elec-I dated 20th April 2024 issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan.

- iv. All Armed Forces / Civil Armed Forces personnel to facilitate in provision of secure environment so as to enable District Returning Officers (DROs), Returning Officers (ROs), Presiding Officers (POs) and Polling Staff in accomplishment of their assigned tasks.
- v. Remain impartial and neutral throughout the election process in general and during the voting process in particular and shall not act in favour of or against any political party or candidate.
- vi. While dealing with voters and election staff, observe politeness, display immaculate behavior while remaining firm and just in dealing, in accordance with the law while addressing any situation.
- vii. Identify suspicious voters for frisking / Checking by police personnel before entering premises of the polling station to ensure that no person can bring with him/her any weapon / explosive or undesirable item inside the polling station.
- viii. While performing duty outside the selected most sensitive polling stations, exclusively concentrate on ensuring secure environment.
- ix. While performing their duties, are supposed to first report to the Presiding Officer along with informing in own Chain of Command of any irregularity / issue / malpractice having the potential to create Law and Order / security situation, they observe outside of selected most sensitive polling station (where deputed) and act according to the instructions issued in that regard. In case, the Presiding Officer does not act to prevent the commission of any reported irregularity / issue / malpractice, the security staff will immediately inform concerned Returning Officer.
- x. Abide by all the relevant laws and continuously work to gain general public's trust by ensuring safe environment and maintaining law and order during election process
- xi. Be aware that DRO/RO can visit polling station at any time.
- xii. Accredited observers and media persons are allowed to enter a polling station.
- xiii. Not disallow any eligible voter to enter the polling station, except the ones found in possession of weapon / explosive or undesirable items or ones who create disturbance and incitement to act of violence or an action which is prejudice to National safety / interests of Pakistan.

- xiv. Not in any case assume the duties of polling staff.
- xv. Not take into his/ her custody any election material including ballot papers, marking aid stamps, official code mark stamps, electoral rolls, ballot boxes, Form-45 and Form-46 etc.
- xvi. Not enter into arguments/ altercation with any candidate, election agent, polling agent, observer or media person in any manner
- xvii. Not interfere in any manner whatsoever in the functions of Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer.
- xviii. Not respond at his own to an apparent irregularity outside a Polling station and shall bring the matter to the knowledge of Presiding Officer and take necessary direction from him in the matter. In case irregularity or malpractice continues, shall inform his Officer In-Charge immediately, so that necessary legal action can be taken.
- xix. Not interfere in the counting process in any manner rather shall perform his duty outside Polling station diligently so that counting process can be completed in a peaceful manner.

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