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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 28th September, 2018

S.R.O. 1166(I)/2018.—In exercise of its powers conferred under section 239 of the Elections Act 2017 (Act No. XXXIII of 2017), the Election Commission is pleased to direct that following amendments shall be made in the Election Rules, 2017 namely—

In the Election Rules 2017—After rule 84, following new rules shall be inserted:

“84A. Registration procedure for voting by Overseas Pakistanis.—(1) Where the Commission decides in terms of sub-section (1) of section 94 to make arrangements for voting by Overseas Pakistanis living abroad, it shall hold such voting through internet (I-voting).

(2) Only those Overseas Pakistani voters shall be eligible for voting who possess:

(a) valid National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP);

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- (b) valid Machine Readable passport (MRP); and
- (c) valid E-mail address.

(3) The Overseas Pakistani voter, desirous to cast his vote through I-voting from abroad, during registration time-period as may be fixed by the Commission, shall access the Overseas Voting System through the internet and shall create an account using following credentials:

- (a) Name;
- (b) Email Address;
- (c) Generating password of his choice;
- (d) Mobile Phone Number (optional); and
- (e) Country of Stay.

(4) A confirmation email of account so created shall be forwarded by the system to the applicant at his given email address and by clicking on the link therein the voter shall be prompted to provide the number of his Machine Readable Passport with its tracking Identity and NICOP number along with date of issuance thereof.

(5) Upon completion of proceedings under sub-rule (4), a verification process will be initiated wherein random questions regarding voter's identity information shall be asked by the System and upon correct reply, a message of "Successfully verified" shall be displayed by the system:

Provided that a confirmation email of account verification shall also be forwarded by the system to the applicant.

(6) In case the voter could not correctly reply first set of questions mentioned in sub-rule (5), the system will allow multiple attempts to correctly reply failing which that NICOP number shall be restricted for further attempts:

Provided that upon successful verification, a unique passcode shall be forwarded to the applicant by the system through email before the polling day:

Provided further that on receipt of list, from the Commission, in respect of Overseas Pakistani voters registered as such, the Returning Officer shall take necessary steps to make sure that no overseas voter so registered for overseas voting is allowed to cast his vote at the polling station in person.

- 84B. Voting procedure for Overseas Pakistanis.**—On polling day, the voter shall log in to the overseas voting system using his username and password and shall avail the voting option from the system for casting his vote in respect of his National Assembly, or, as the case may be, Provincial Assembly Constituency by entering unique passcode:

Provided that by going through designated list of candidates of selected constituency, the voter shall cast his vote by selecting his desired candidate:

Provided further that upon successful submission of vote, a “confirmation” message shall be displayed on the screen.

- 84C. Preparation of results in respect of Overseas voting.**—(1) After the polling hours are over, the Commission shall generate the Form-45 (Result of the Count) in respect of the constituency by using Reporting Portal of the Overseas Voting System and send the same to the Returning Officer concerned immediately through quickest means as are available for the purpose.

(2) On receipt of Form-45 (Result of the Count) from the Commission under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall include the results contained therein in the consolidated results of the count as furnished by the presiding officers to be prepared by him under section 95 in such manner as the Commission may determine:

Provided that the Commission may direct for non-inclusion of the result in respect of the Overseas voting during consolidation of results under section 95, if in its opinion, the technical efficacy, secrecy and security of the voting has not been maintained during the said voting.”

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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