

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Press Release

Islamabad, the 17th January, 2017

Subject:- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTION IN TEHSIL COUNCIL WARI DISTRICT UPPER DIR.**

Pursuant to the judgment dated 7.11.2016 passed by Hon'ble Peshawar High Court, Mingora Bench (Dar-ul-Qaza) Swat and decision dated 5.1.2017 for dissolution of Tehsil Council Wari district Upper Dir by the Hon'ble Election Commission due to non-securing of majority in all three rounds/ sittings by the respective candidates, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the following schedule for Election to fill seats of nine (9) general members, three (3) women members, one(1) youth member, one(1) peasant/ worker member and one(1) non-Muslim member in Tehsil Council Wari District Upper Dir, declared vacant vide ECP's notification dated 13.1.2017 and calls upon the electors of council concerned to elect their representatives:

S.No.	Activity	Date
1	Notice inviting nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officer on	20.01.2017
2	Nomination papers shall be received on	24.01.2017 to 25.01.2017
3	Submission of priority list of candidates with the Returning Officer by the political parties by	26.1.2017
4	Publication of notice of all the nomination papers received on	26.01.2017
5	Objection to the nomination papers	27.01.2017
6	Scrutiny of nomination papers and publication of names of validly nominated candidates on	30.01.2017 to 31.01.2017
7	Appeals against acceptance / rejection of nomination papers to be filed on	01.02.2017 to 02.02.2017
8	Disposal of appeals on	03.02.2017 to 04.02.2017
9	Withdrawal of candidature and allotment of symbols on	06.02.2017
10	Publication of list of contesting candidates with symbols allotted to them on	07.02.2017
11	Polling day on	18.02.2017 <i>(From 0800 hours to 1600 hours without break)</i>
12	Consolidation and declaration of result by the Returning Officer by	20.02.2017
13	Issuance of Notification of Returned Candidates by ECP by	24.02.2017
14	Oath by the elected members for general seats	27.02.2017
15	Calculation of share of each political party by Returning Officer & Communication of Result to ECP by	28.02.2017
16	Issuance of notification of Returned candidates (Reserved Seats) by ECP by	03.03.2017
17	Oath by the elected members	04.03.2017

Contd.....P/2

2. **The remaining activities shall apply to the seats reserved for Women, Peasants/ Workers, Youth and Non-Muslim members in the Tehsil Council.**

3. With a view to ensure that bye-election to the Local Government are conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:-

- a. All executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in Local Government bye-elections calculated to influence the elections in favour of a particular candidate or a political party.
- b. If any person in government service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under Section 100 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013.
- c. No Transfers / postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Schedule of Local Government Bye-Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results.
- d. After the issuance of Election Schedule, the Prime Minister, Governor, Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal and Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister or Chief Minister, District or Tehsil Nazim & Naib Nazim or any other holder of public office will not visit the area of any local council to announce any development scheme or to canvass or campaign for any candidate or any political party.
- e. No Deputy Commissioner/ District Co-ordination Officer shall perform protocol duty with the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers State Ministers, Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Ministers and Chief Minister or any person on their behalf till conclusion of the electoral process.
- f. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of Election Laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission shall be proceeded against as mandated in law.

Note: i. The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period.

ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours **(08:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.)** and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

iii. The Heads of Political Parties shall nominate authorized person/ representative for issuance of party ticket and submission of party list of candidates in order of priority for seats reserved for women, peasant/ worker, youth and non-Muslim in Tehsil Council Wari district Upper Dir on or before **25.1.2017.**

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan