

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROPOSED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPS) FOR DEALING WITH THE MATTERS OF RE-COUNTING, PETITIONS UNDER SECTION 8, 9 & 15 AND ALSO PETITIONS OF SECTION 95 & 9 OF THE ELECTIONS ACT, 2017 RELATING TO GENERAL ELECTIONS-2024 AND AFTER THAT.

- Nominated officials of diary & attestation branch of Law-Wing will be deputed in R&I section separately along with separate diary register who shall receive the petitions from the R&I and give them file numbers which will directly be sent to Law Wing for fixation before the Hon'ble Commission. The nominated officials shall sit within the main R&I branch.
- It is the duty of the nominated officials of the Law Wing to receive the material i.e. applications/petitions/complaints/appeals, etc. from the litigant party, Advocate which must be in sets of 1 + 8 (one original and 8 copies), having date of filing, with complete annexure of petitions. The litigants may also provide the petition in soft form in PDF and also provide the {video evidence (if necessary)} in portable (USB) the applicant must append their CNIC with the applications/petitions/appeals etc and must provide their accurate residential and official addresses and contact numbers alongside the complete addresses of the respondents. If the application/petition is filed through an Advocate, the power of attorney (vakalatnama) must be available in the file having the complete address and contact number of such Advocate along with their official Bar-Card, landline number and official contact number.

All received applications/petitions etc., should be properly indexed, page numbered and with properly flagged annexures.

- The nominated officials who shall receive the applications/petitions of Section 9 of the Elections Act, 2017 may ensure that the applications/petitions shall be in the manner procedure provided in Rules 6(A) and 6(B) of the Election Rules, 2017.
- The upcoming Saturday and Sunday i.e. <u>10.02.2024 & 11.02.2024</u> (of Law-Wing, Election Wing, Monitoring Wing and Admin Wing) after the conduct of General Elections 2024 is declared as working days.
- The petitions of re-counting of votes under the relevant Law (which has time implications) received by the nominated officials of Law Wing shall be placed before the Hon'ble Commission immediately without any delay.

 The Admin Branch will make arrangements/ SOPs for proper handling of visitors, petitioners, applicants who visits the Hon'ble Commission for filing and hearing of the petitions.

The above mentioned SOPs shall be followed with the true spirit.

This SOPs issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner.

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