

# REPORT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2024

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PRAISTEN

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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

### PREFACE

The continuation of the electoral process provides the foundation stone for the strengthening of democracy in the country. After the completion of the process of General and Senate Election(s), the Presidential Election took place on March 9, 2024. As per the Constitution of Pakistan, President serves as the head of state and is also symbol of the country's unity under the federal system of parliamentary democracy.

2. Without active support and dedicated commitment by the Honorable Chief Justices of the High Courts of Islamabad, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Honorable Member ECP, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Durrani, who acted as Presiding Officers at the polling stations established at the Parliament House and four Provincial Assemblies, the Presidential Election may not have been conducted as smoothly as it did. I sincerely thank those honorable entities for their valuable support and contribution to this national cause. I also want to express my gratitude to the officers and employees of the Commission and other relevant stakeholders for the assistance rendered by them during the conduct of poll at the polling stations.

3. I firmly believe that we are bound to proceed more confidently down the democratic path if we instill tolerance and an attitude of tolerance as well as accommodation for fellow citizens. In this manner, we will undoubtedly be able to uphold the high moral standards and improve our repute in the international community. May Allah guide us to the right path and assist us in creating and fortifying democratic traditions and institutions for protecting our citizens' rights.

> **Sikandar Sultan Raja** Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan

Islamabad, the 28th February, 2025

### CHAPTER-1

# INTRODUCTION

Under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 14th Presidential Election in the country was held on March, 9, 2024. The year 2024 can be termed as one of the most momentous years in the political history of Pakistan for the reason that three very important elections were held viz General Elections to the National and Provincial Assemblies, Senate Elections and Presidential Election. It is an obvious proof of the fact that the people of Pakistan do believe in the continuity of democratic process in the country.

2. In 1956, the first Constitution was promulgated after independence, resultantly the position of the head of state was changed from Governor General to President of Pakistan. The Constitution of 1956 laid down the foundation of Presidential form of government and Maj. General Iskander Mirza was the only candidate for the slot of President who was elected unopposed and became the first President of Pakistan. The Constitution of 1962 envisaged direct election of the President through Basic Democracies and the 1973 Constitution again took the country to parliamentary democracy.

**3.** The Presidents and Acting Presidents of Pakistan, irrespective of their mode of election to this august office are given in chronicle order as follows:

Sr.	Tenure ir		in Office
No.	Name of Presidents	From	То
1	Maj. Gen. Iskander Mirza	23-03-1956	27-10-1958
2	Field Marshal M. Ayub Khan	27-10-1958	25-03-1969
3	Gen. Agha M. Yahya Khan	25-03-1969	20-12-1971
4	Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto	20-12-1971	13-08-1973
5	Ch. Fazal Ellahi	14-08-1973	16-09-1978
6	Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq	16-09-1978	17-08-1988
7	Ghulam Ishaq Khan	13-12-1988	18-07-1993
8	Sardar Farooq Ahmed Khan Leghari	14-11-1993	02-12-1997
9	Muhammad Rafiq Tarar	01-01-1998	20-06-2001
10	General Parvez Musharraf	20-06-2001	18-08-2008
11	Asif Ali Zardari	09-09-2008	09-09-2013
12	Mamnoon Hussain	09-09-2013	09-09-2018
13	Dr. Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi	09-09-2018	10-03-2024
14	Asif Ali Zardari	10-03-2024	To date

# Presidents

Sr.	Name of Presidents	Tenure i	n Office
No.	Name of Presidents	From	То
1	Ghulam Ishaq Khan	17-08-1988	13-12-1988
2	Wasim Sajjad	19-07-1993	13-11-1993
3	Wasim Sajjad	02-12-1997	01-01-1998
4	Mohammed Mian Soomro	18-08-2008	09-09-2008

# **Acting Presidents**

**4.** The President is elected through votes of Members of the Senate, National Assembly and four Provincial Assemblies. The Provincial Assemblies (excluding Balochistan Assembly having 65 members) do not enjoy one-man one-vote facility and the votes are calculated under a formula mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Constitution in order to maintain parity among the four federating units.

The formula entails that "the number of votes cast in a Provincial Assembly in favour of each candidate shall be multiplied by the total number of seats in the Provincial Assembly for the time being having the smallest number of seats and divided by the total number of seats in the Provincial Assembly in which the votes have been cast."

In such a way the three Provincial Assemblies viz. Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa despite having 371, 168 and 145 members have only 65 votes equal to the strength of the Balochistan Assembly. Total voters strength of the electoral college is as under:

1.	National Assemb	ly	336
2.	Senate		100
3.	<b>Balochistan Asse</b>	mbly	65
4.	Punjab Assembly	(Members 371)	65 Calculated Votes
5.	Sindh Assembly	(Members 168)	65 Calculated Votes
6.	KPK Assembly	(Members 145)	65 Calculated Votes

Total 696

# CHAPTER-2

The term of the office of the President is five years from the day the President enters upon the Office. Article 41 of the Constitution stipulates timelines for conduct of election to office of President. The election cannot be held earlier than 60 days before the expiry of term as well as not later than 30 days before expiration of term of President provided that if the election cannot be held within the specified period if National Assembly is dissolved, it shall be held within 30 days of the General Elections to the Assemblies.

2. The term of incumbent President was going to expire on 8th September, 2023, as such election was to be held between 11th July, 2023 and 9th August, 2023. However, the election to the office of the President could not be held due to dissolution of Provincial Assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in January, 2023 before their expiry of terms and non-completion of electoral college i.e. Members of Senate, National Assembly and Members of all four Provincial Assemblies. Consequently, the incumbent President continued to hold the office of the President in terms of Article 44 of the Constitution. The General Elections-2024 were held on 8th February, 2024 and after the completion of electoral college, the Election Program for the conduct of Presidential Election was issued by the Commission.

# CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

3. In terms of clause (3) of Article 41, election to the office of the President is to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Second Schedule of the Constitution (Annexure-I). This Schedule provides that the Chief Election Commissioner shall hold and conduct election to the office of the President and shall be the Returning Officer for such election. He has to appoint the Presiding Officers to conduct election in the Parliament and in the Provincial Assemblies. The Chief Election Commissioner is also required to notify the Election Program, receive nomination papers, hold scrutiny of such papers and publish list of validly nominated candidates after the period of withdrawal of nomination or retirement from the contest is over. The procedure or withdrawal of candidature, conduct of poll, counting of votes and declaration of result has also been given in the Second Schedule. Para 22 of the said Schedule provides that the Chief Election Commissioner may by public notification with the approval of the President make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Schedule.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RULES, 1988**

4. In pursuance of provisions of Second Schedule, the Presidential Election Rules were notified in the official gazette on December 3, 1988 (Annexure-II). These Rules contain detailed procedure for conduct of election to the office of the President. Various types of forms such as nomination paper (Form-I), list of candidates whose nominations have been accepted (Form-II), notice of withdrawal (Form-III), list of validly nominated candidates (Form-IV), result of count by Presiding Officers (Form-V), ballot papers account (Form-VI) and return of election to the office of the President (Form-VII), have been prescribed under these Rules. These Rules also lay down detailed procedure for filing of nomination papers, scrutiny of nomination papers, withdrawal of candidature, retirement from contest, procedure before commencement, conduct and close of the poll.

# **ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

5. The electoral college for election to the office of the President consists of:

- Members of the Senate and National Assembly; and (a)
- Members of all the four Provincial Assemblies. **(b)**

According to the provisions of Second Schedule to the Constitution, the Members of the Senate, National Assembly and the Provincial Assembly having the smallest number of seats i.e. Provincial Assembly Balochistan, have one man one vote, whereas the votes cast by the Members of Provincial Assemblies of the Punjab. Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are multiplied by the total number of seats in the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan and divided by the total number of seats in the Provincial Assembly in which votes have been cast so as to bring them at par with Balochistan Province. Thus, the votes of aforementioned three Provincial Assemblies are reduced to 65-equal to the number of seats in the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

# **QUALIFICATIONS**

6. Clause (2) of Article 41 provides that a person shall be qualified for election as President if:

- He is a Muslim:
- He is not less than 45 years of age; and He is qualified to be elected as Member of the National Assembly (iii)

The qualifications and disqualifications for membership of the National Assembly have been enunciated in Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

#### CHAPTER- 3

# CONDUCT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2024 RETURNING OFFICER

**1**. The Chief Election Commissioner officiates as Returning Officer as per Paragraph 1 of Second Schedule of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

# **ELECTION PROGRAMME**

2. In pursuance of the provisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Second Schedule of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 read with clauses (3) and (4) of Article 41 of the Constitution, Public Notification for election to the office of the President was issued by Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan on 1st March, 2024 and in relation thereto the following Election Programme was set for receipt of nomination papers, scrutiny of nomination papers, withdrawal of candidature, publication of list of validly nominated candidates, date of retirement and poll day:

SR NO.	EVENTS		DATES
1	2		3
1	Dates for Filling of Nomination Papers with the Presiding Officers at Islamabad and with each of the Presiding Officers at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta.		2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 Before 12 p.m. (noon)
2	Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Re Islamabad.	turning Officer at	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at (10:00 a.m.)
3	Withdrawal of candidature before the Re Islamabad.	Withdrawal of candidature before the Returning Officer at Islamabad.	
4	Publication of list of validly nominated candidates.		5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at (01:00 p.m.)
5	Date of Retirement		6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024
6	Polling day and Polling time		9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
7	Places of Poll	<ul><li>(2) The Provinc</li><li>(3) The Provinc</li><li>(4) The Provinc</li></ul>	ent House, Islamabad. ial Assembly Building, Lahore. ial Assembly Building, Karachi. ial Assembly Building, Peshawar. ial Assembly Building, Quetta

# APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

**3.** The Chief Election Commissioner appoints the Presiding Officers for conduct of Presidential Election. The Chief Justices of respective High Courts are traditionally appointed as Presiding Officers. For the conduct of Presidential Election 2024, the Chief Justices of all High Courts except Lahore High Court were appointed to perform the role of Presiding Officers. As the Chief Justice of Lahore High Court was going to retire in the first week of March, 2024, couple of days before the poll date therefore, the Member Election Commission-I performed the duty of Presiding Officer for conduct of poll in the Provincial Assembly of Punjab. The detail of appointments is as under:

Sr. No.	House/Assembly	Presiding Officer
1	i. Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad ii. National Assembly, Islamabad	Hon'ble Chief Justice, Islamabad High Court, Islamabad
2	Provincial Assembly of Punjab, Lahore	Hon'ble Member Election Commission-I
3	Provincial Assembly of Sindh, Karachi	Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sindh, Karachi
4	Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar	Hon'ble Chief Justice, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar
5	Provincial Assembly of Balochistan	Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Balochistan, Quetta

## **BOOKLET FOR CANDIDATES**

**4.** On the direction of Returning Officer, a booklet was compiled containing relevant provisions of the Constitution and the Presidential Election Rules, 1988 along with details of Election Programme for the guidance and assistance of prospective candidates and was made available free of cost in offices of the Returning Officer as well as the Presiding Officers.

# TRAINING OF PRESIDING OFFICERS AND POLLING OFFICERS

**5.** One-day orientation session was arranged for Presiding Officers and Polling Officers in order to apprise them about their roles and responsibilities and the process of election.

## FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

**6.** As per Election Programme, a candidate was required to file nomination papers on 2nd March, 2024 (before 12:00 p.m. noon). Twelve candidates filed their nomination papers within the period fixed for filing of nomination papers. The detail of filing of nomination papers is as under:

Sr. No.	Names of Candidates	Number of Nomination Papers filed	Place of filing of Nomination papers
1	Asif Ali Zardari	3	2 at Islamabad 1 at Karachi
2	Mahmood Khan Achakzai	2	Islamabad
3	Abdul Qudoos	1	Islamabad
4	Asghar Ali Mubarak	1	Islamabad
5	Waheed Ahmed Kamal	1	Islamabad
6	Imran Ahmad	1	Lahore
7	Sarfraz	1	Lahore
8	Muhammad Ayaz Farooqi	1	Lahore
9	Syed M. Iqtidar Haider	1	Lahore
10	Muhammad Hanif	1	Lahore
11	Tausif Muhammad Khan Lodhi	1	Lahore
12	Shamim Ahmed	1	Karachi
	Total		15

## SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION PAPERS

7. As per the Election Programme, 4th March, 2024 was fixed for scrutiny of nomination papers in the office of Returning Officer at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad. The Returning Officer examined all nomination papers filed by 12 candidates for Presidential Elections in presence of candidates or their nominated agents along with proposers and seconders. During the scrutiny process the nomination papers of ten candidates were rejected through detailed speaking orders while the nominations of only following two candidates were accepted. Accordingly, notification of following two validly nominated candidates was issued on 5th March, 2024:

- 1. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari
- 2. Mr. Mehmood Khan Achakzai

## **GUIDANCE FOR VOTERS**

**8.** For guidance of voters (members of the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies), the Commission issued pamphlets namely "Guidance for Voters" that contained procedure for marking of ballot paper. Voters were guided to put a cross (X) in front of the name of desired candidate provided on the ballot paper only using a special copying pencil provided by the Commission. Sufficient number of pamphlets were provided to the Secretary of each House of the Parliament and respective Provincial Assemblies for further distribution to voters and these pamphlets were also affixed on conspicuous place outside the polling stations.

## SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT POLLING STATIONS

**9.** Inspector Generals of Police of Islamabad and all the four Provinces were directed to ensure fool proof security arrangements around the premises of the polling stations i.e. the Parliament and Provincial Assembly buildings on the polling day for the smooth completion of process of Presidential Election.

## **DECLARING POLLING STATIONS**

**10.** The Secretary National Assembly and Secretaries Provincial Assemblies of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan were directed to declare the respective Assembly Halls as Polling Stations for the conduct of Presidential Election-2024.

## POLLING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**11.** The polling for election to the office of President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was held simultaneously on 9th March, 2024 at Parliament House Islamabad and Provincial Assemblies of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

## COUNTING BY PRESIDING OFFICER

**12.** Immediately after the polling hours, counting process commenced simultaneously by the Presiding Officers in presence of candidates or their agents and the media also witnessed the proceedings. After completion of counting, the result at the respective polling stations was announced and candidates or their agents were provided copies of Form-V (Result of the Count) prepared by Presiding Officers. On completion of counting process at polling stations, the result including

ballot papers was sent to Chief Election Commissioner/Returning Officer. Summary of Result of Count prepared by Presiding Officer in respect of five polling stations is given below:

Sr. No.	House/Assembly	Total Votes Polled	Invalid Votes	Valid Votes
1	Parliament House, Islamabad	375	1	374
2	Provincial Assembly of Punjab	352	6	346
3	Provincial Assembly of Sindh	161	1	160
4	Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	109	1	108
5	Provincial Assembly of Balochistan	47	0	47

# COUNTING BY RETURNING OFFICER

**13.** As required under Rule 28 of the Presidential Election Rules 1988, the Returning Officer recounts the ballot papers by opening the packets received by him in presence of such contesting candidates or their representatives as may be present. For this purpose, all contesting candidates were informed through notices that the count will be held on 10th March, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the ECP Secretariat, Islamabad. Each valid vote was recounted and each invalid vote was examined. During examination of ballot papers no ballot paper was found invalid which was declared valid by the Presiding Officers. Similarly, out of nine invalid ballot papers declared by the Presiding Officers no ballot paper was found valid as such the determination of result on the basis of Form-V prepared by the Presiding Officers took place.

# **DECLARATION OF RESULT**

**14.** After completion of process, final result was prepared as per procedure laid down in Para 18 of Second Schedule and the formula given therein. As per formula the value of each valid vote cast in the Parliament and the Balochistan Assembly is one. Whereas the value of votes cast to each contesting candidate in respect of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh Assemblies is determined by multiplying total valid votes obtained by a contesting candidate in that assembly with 65 which is total strength of Balochistan Assembly being the smallest assembly. The number as result of multiplication is then divided with the total strength of that

Assembly where the candidates secured the votes. The outcome was the total votes obtained by the candidate in that Assembly which were mentioned in final result prepared on Form-VII. It is also highlighted here that under the Rules the fraction is rounded off to the nearest whole. For example, if a candidate obtains 14.51 votes he is allocated 15 votes in the result sheet.

At the final stage two candidates were left in the run for the slot of the President of Pakistan. Total 1044 votes were recorded, out of which 9 votes were declared invalid leaving the total valid votes as 1035. Under the formula of calculating the votes Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, secured the highest number of votes i.e. 411 and was declared elected. Mr. Mehmood Khan Achakzai, was runner up with 181 votes. After preparation of result, the same was sent to Federal Government for declaration thereof by Notification in terms of Para 21 of Second Schedule of the Constitution. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari was sworn to the office of the President for the second time on the 10th of March 2024.

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Annexure-I

# SECOND SCHEDULE [Article 41 (3)] Election of President

- 1 The Election Commission of Pakistan shall hold and conduct election to the office of President, and Chief Election Commissioner] shall be the Returning Officer for such election.
- 2 The Election Commission of Pakistan shall appoint Presiding Officers to preside at the meeting of the members of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and at the meetings of the members of the Provincial Assemblies.
- **3** The Chief Election Commissioner shall by public notification fix the time and place for depositing nomination papers, holding a scrutiny, making withdrawals, if any, and holding the poll, if necessary.
- 4 At any time before noon on the day fixed for nomination any member of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) or of a Provincial Assembly may nominate for election as President a person qualified for election as President by delivering to the Presiding Officer a nomination paper, signed by himself as proposer and by another member of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) or, as the case may be Assembly as seconder, together with a statement signed by the person nominated that he concents to the nomination:

Provided that no person shall subscribe, whether as proposer or as seconder, more than one nomination paper at any one election.

- 5 The scrutiny shall be held by the Chief Election Commissioner at the time and place fixed by him, and if after scrutiny only one person remains validly nominated, the Chief Election Commissioner shall declare that person to be elected, or if more than one person remains validly nominated, he shall announce, by public notification, the names of the persons validly nominated, to be hereinafter called the candidates.
- 6 A candidate may withdraw his candidature at any time before noon on the day fixed for this purpose by delivering a notice in writing under his hand to the Presiding Officer with whom his nomination paper has been deposited, and a candidate who has given a notice of withdrawal

of his candidature under this paragraph shall not be allowed to cancel that notice.

- **7** If all but one of the candidates have withdrawn, that one shall be declared by the Chief Election Commissioner to be elected.
- **8** If there is no withdrawal, or if, after withdrawals have taken place, two or more candidates are left, the Chief Election Commissioner shall announce by Public notification the names of the candidates, and their proposers and seconders, and shall proceed to hold a poll by secret ballot in accordance with the provisions of the succeeding paragraphs.
- **9** If a candidate whose nomination has been found to be in order dies after the time fixed for nomination, and a report of his death is received by the Presiding Officer before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall, upon being satisfied of the fact of the death of the candidate, countermand the poll and report the fact to the Chief Election Commissioner, and all proceedings with reference to the election shall be commenced a new in all respects as if for a new election:

Provided that no further nomination shall be necessary in the case of a candidate whose nomination was valid at the time of the countermanding of the poll:

Provided further that no person who has under paragraph 6 of this Schedule given notice of withdrawal of his candidature before the countermanding of the poll shall be ineligible for being nominated as a candidate for the election after such countermanding.

- **10** The poll shall be taken at the meetings of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and of each Provincial Assembly, and the respective Presiding Officers shall conduct the poll with the assistance of such officers as they may, with the approval of the Chief Election Commissioner, respectively appoint.
- **11** A ballot paper shall be issued to every member of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), and of each Provincial Assembly, who presents himself for voting at the meeting of the members of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) or, as the case may be of the Provincial Assembly of which he is a member (hereinafter referred to as a person voting), and he shall exercise his vote personally by marking the paper in accordance with the provisions of the succeeding paragraphs.

- **12** The poll shall be by secret ballot by means of ballot papers containing the names of all the candidates in alphabetical order who have not withdrawn, and a person voting shall vote by placing a mark against the name of the person for whom he wishes to vote.
- **13** Ballot papers shall be issued from a book of ballot papers with counterfoils, each counterfoil being numbered; and when a ballot paper is issued to a person voting his name shall be entered on the counterfoil, and the ballot paper shall be authenticated by the initials of the Presiding Officer.
- **14** A ballot paper having been marked by the person voting shall be deposited by that person in a ballot box to be placed in front of the Presiding Officer.
- **15** If a ballot paper is spoiled by a person voting he may return it to the Presiding Officer, who shall issue a second ballot paper, cancelling the first ballot paper and marking the cancellation on the appropriate counterfoil.
- 16 A ballot paper shall be invalid if—
  - (i) there is upon it any name, word or mark, by which the person voting may be identified; or
  - (ii) it does not contain the initials of the Presiding Officer; or
  - (iii) it does not contain mark; or
  - (iv) a mark is placed against the names of two or more candidates; or
  - (v) there is any uncertainty as to the identity of the candidate against whose name the mark is placed.
- **17** After the close of the poll each Presiding Officer shall, in the presence of such of the candidates or their authorized representatives as may desire to be present, open and empty the ballot boxes and examine the ballot papers therein, rejecting any which are invalid, count the number of votes recorded for each candidate on the valid ballot papers, and communicate the number of the votes so recorded to the Chief Election Commissioner.
- **18 (1)** The Chief Election Commissioner shall determine the result of the election in the following manner, namely:—
  - (a) the number of votes cast in the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) in favour of each candidate shall be counted;
  - (**b**) the number of votes cast in a Provincial Assembly in favour of each candidate shall be multiplied by the total number of seats in the Provincial Assembly for the time being having the smallest number of seats and divided by the total

number of seats in the Provincial Assembly in which the votes have been cast; and

- (c) the number of votes calculated in the manner referred to in clause shall be added to the number of votes counted under clause (a).
- **Explanation.**–In this paragraph, "total number of seats" includes seats reserved for non-Muslims and women.
- (2) A fraction shall be rounded off to the nearest whole.
- **19** The candidate who has obtained the largest number of votes compiled in the manner specified in paragraph 18 shall be declared by the Chief Election Commissioner to be elected.
- **20** Where at any poll any two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the selection of the candidate to be elected shall be by drawing of lots.
- **21** When, after any poll, the counting of the votes has been completed, and the result of the voting determined, the Chief Election Commissioner shall forthwith announce the result to those present, and shall report the result to the Federal Government, who shall forthwith cause the result to be declared by a public notification.
- **22** The Election Commission of Pakistan may, by public notification, with the approval of the President, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Schedule.

#### ANNEXURE-II

## THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RULES, 1988

- Short title and commencement. -(1) These rules may be called the Presidential Election Rules, 1988.
  (2) The second s
  - (2) They shall come into force at once.
- **2 Definitions.**—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,
  - a) "Article" means Article of the Constitution;
  - **b)** "Commissioner" means the Chief Election Commissioner appointed under the Constitution and includes a person acting as Chief Election Commissioner under Article 217;
  - c) "Form" means a form appended to these rules.
  - **d)** "Presiding Officer" means an officer appointed to conduct the poll under paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to the Constitution;
  - **e)** "Published" with its grammatical variations, includes exhibition at a place accessible to the public;
  - f) "Returning Officer" means the Commissioner;
  - g) "Schedule" means the Second Schedule to the Constitution;
  - h) "validly nominated candidate" means a candidate whose nomination has been accepted and who has not withdrawn his candidature;
  - i) "voter" means a person who is a member of a House of Parliament or of a Provincial Assembly.
- **3** Nomination Paper.—(1) The nomination paper by which a proposal can be made under paragraph 4 of the Schedule shall be in Form 1.

(2) Every nomination paper shall be accompanied by an attested copy of the extract from the electoral roll in which the person nominated is enrolled as a voter and attested copies of the identity cards of the proposer and the seconder issued by the Senate Secretariat, National Assembly Secretariat or, as the case may be, Provincial Assemblies Secretariats.

**4 Procedure on receipt of nomination**.—(1) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate, his proposer or seconder or an agent authorized in this behalf in writing by the candidate, to the Presiding Officer, who shall assign each nomination paper a serial number and acknowledge the receipt of the nomination paper in writing specifying the date and time of its receipt.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall endorse on the nomination paper the name of the person presenting it and the date and time of its receipt.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall inform the person presenting the nomination paper of the date, time and place fixed for the scrutiny of nomination papers and endorse the same in the acknowledgement receipt referred to in sub-rule (1).

(4) The Presiding Officer shall cause to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office a notice of every nomination paper received by him containing the particulars of the candidate and the names of the proposer and seconder as shown in the nomination paper.

(5) The Presiding Officer shall forward all the nomination papers received by him to the Returning Officer so as to reach him before the time fixed for the scrutiny of nomination papers.

**5** Scrutiny.—(1) The Returning Officer shall give reasonable opportunity to each candidate, his proposer or seconder or his authorised agent for examining the nomination papers forwarded to him under paragraph 4 of the Schedule.

(2) The Returning Officer shall, in the presence of persons attending the scrutiny under paragraph 5 of the Schedule, examine the nomination papers and decide any objection raised by any such person to any nomination.

(3) The Returning Officer may, either of his own motion or upon any objection, conduct such summary inquiry as he may think fit and reject any nomination paper if he is satisfied that—

- (a) the candidate is not qualified under the Constitution to be elected as President;
- (b) the proposer or the seconder is not a voter;
- (c) the signature of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine;
- (d) the nomination was not filed before noon on the date fixed for the nomination of candidates;
- (e) any provision of rule 3 or sub-rule(1) of rule 4 has not been complied with; or
- (f) the same proposer or the seconder has subscribed to more than one nomination paper; Provided that—
  - (i) the rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a candidate by any other valid nomination paper;
  - (ii) the Returning Officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial

nature, and may allow such defect to be remedied forthwith; and

(iii) the Returning Officer shall not enquire into the correctness or validity of any entry in the electoral roll, certified copy of which accompanies the nomination, or in the list of voters.

(4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on every nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting it and shall, in the case of rejection, record a brief statement of reasons therefor.

(5) The decision of the Returning Officer accepting or rejecting a nomination paper shall be final.

(6) The Returning Officer shall draw up a list of candidates whose nominations have been accepted and publish it in Form II.

**6** Withdrawal and retirement.—(1) A candidate who has been validly nominated may withdraw his candidature by a notice in writing in Form III duly signed by him and delivered to the Returning Officer or, in his absence, to the Officer of the Election Commission designated by him at any time before noon on the last day fixed for the purpose by the Returning Officer.

(2) After the Returning Officer has satisfied himself that the signature on the notice of withdrawal is that of the candidate concerned, he shall cause a copy of the notice to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office.

(3) A candidate may retire from contesting election by a notice in writing signed by him and delivered to the Returning Officer on any day not later than three days before the polling day either by himself in person or by an authorized agent appointed by the candidate in writing in this behalf.

(4) The Returning Officer shall, upon receiving of notice of retirement under sub-rule (3), cause a copy thereof to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office (2)and also to be published in such manner as he may think fit.

(5) A person who gives notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (1) or for retirement from contesting election under sub-rule (3), shall not be allowed to cancel or withdraw such notice.

7 List of validly nominated candidates.—(1) Immediately after the expiry of the period fixed for withdrawals, the Returning Officer shall, by notification in the official Gazette, publish in Form IV the names of validly nominated candidates who have not withdrawn their candidature. (2) The names in the list of validly nominated candidates shall be written in Urdu and shall be drawn up in alphabetical order in accordance with that language.

8 Uncontested election.—(1) When, as a result of scrutiny under rule 5 or as a result of withdrawal under rule 6, only one validly nominated candidate is left, the Returning Officer shall declare by public notice such candidate to be elected to the office of the President.

(2) The Returning Officer shall submit to the Federal Government a return of election for notification in the official Gazette.

- **9** Fixing place and time of polling.—If there are two or more validly nominated candidates who have not withdrawn, the Returning Officer shall—
  - (a) inform the Speaker of the National Assembly and of each Provincial Assembly of the place, date, time and hours fixed for the poll; and
  - (b) the Speaker shall summon Parliament to meet in a joint sitting, and the Speaker of a Provincial Assembly shall summon the Provincial Assembly to meet, at the place and time and on the date fixed for the purpose of taking the poll.
- **10 Appointment of Presiding and Polling Officers.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall appoint a Presiding Officer to conduct the poll with the assistance of such officers as he may, with the approval of the Returning Officer appoint.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall conduct the poll in accordance with these rules and be responsible for maintaining order during the poll.

(3) The Returning Officer may, at any time during the poll, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend the Presiding Officer or any other officer and appoint another person to be the Presiding Officer or, as the case may be, other officer.

**11 Ballot Paper.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall supply sufficient number of ballot papers to the Presiding Officers.

(2) The names of the validly nominated candidates shall be printed on the ballot papers in Urdu in the alphabetical order in accordance with that language.

**12 Ballot Boxes**.—The Returning Officer shall provide the Presiding Officers with such number of ballot boxes approved by him as may be necessary.

**13** List of voters.—(1) The Returning Officer shall provide the Presiding Officers with a list of voters entitled to vote at the poll.

(2) The list of voters shall be arranged in the alphabetical order showing separately the names of the members of the National Assembly and the Senate or, in the case of a Provincial Assembly, of that Assembly.

**14 Identity cards.—(1)** Every voter shall carry with him his identity card issued by the National Assembly Secretariat or, as the case may be, the Senate Secretariat or the Secretariat of the Provincial Assembly.

(2) Before receiving a ballot paper to cast his vote, a voter shall, if required for the purpose of proving his identity, produce his identity card before the Presiding Officer.

**15 Appointment of an agent.**—(l) A validly nominated candidate may, before the commencement of the poll, appoint not more than one agent for observing the poll and the count, and given notice thereof in writing to the Presiding Officer.

(2) The appointment of an agent under sub-rule (1) may at any time be revoked by the validly nominated candidate, and when it is so revoked, or the agent dies, such candidate may appoint another person to be an agent and given notice thereof in terms of sub-rule (1).

- **16** Absence of candidate, etc., not to invalidate acts, etc.—Where any act or thing is required or authorized to be done in the presence of a candidate or an agent, the failure of such person to attend at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not invalidate any act or thing otherwise validly done.
- **17 Adjourned poll.**—(**1**) If, at any time, the poll is interrupted or obstructed for reasons beyond the control of the Presiding Officer, he shall stop the poll and inform the Returning Officer that he has done so.

(2) Where a poll is stopped under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall—

- (a) as soon as may be, appoint a day for a fresh poll; and
- **(b)** fix the place at which and the hours during which such fresh poll shall be taken.

(3) All voters shall be allowed to vote at the fresh poll under sub-rule (2) and no vote cast at the poll stopped under sub-rule (1) shall be counted.

- **18** Admission to the place of poll.—The Presiding Officer shall, subject to such instructions as the Returning Officer may give in this behalf, regulate the number of persons other than voters to be admitted to the place of poll and exclude therefrom all other persons except—
  - (a) the polling officers or any other person on duty in connection with the poll;
  - (b) the contesting candidates and one representative authorized in writing by each such candidate; and
  - (c) such other persons as may generally or specifically be permitted by the Returning Officer.
- **19 Maintenance of order.**—(**1**) Any person who fails to obey any lawful orders of the Presiding Officer may immediately, by order of the Presiding Officer, be removed from the place of the poll and the person so removed shall not, without the permission of the Presiding Officer, re-enter such place.

(2) The powers under sub-rule (1) shall not be so exercised as to deprive a voter otherwise entitled to vote of an opportunity to vote.

- **20 Procedure before commencement of the poll.**—(1) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall—
  - (a) ensure that the ballot box to be used is empty;
  - (**b**) show the empty ballot box to such contesting candidates or their agents as may be present;
  - (c) after the ballot box has been shown to be empty, close and seal it so that its slit is open; and
  - (d) place the ballot box within his sight for the purpose of poll.

(2) If one ballot box is full or cannot further be used for receiving ballot papers, the Presiding Officer shall seal the ballot box and use another ballot box in the manner laid down in sub-rule (1).

(3) The Presiding Officer shall make arrangements so that every voter may be able to mark his ballot paper in secret before the same is folded and inserted in the ballot box.

**21 Voting procedure**.—(1) As soon as the poll commences, the Presiding Officer shall regulate the entry of voters in the alphabetical order of their names as entered in the lists of voters so that, at a time, only one voter enters the place reserved for marking ballot papers.

(2) When a voter presents himself to vote, the Presiding Officer shall, after satisfying himself as to the identity of the voter, give him a ballot paper.

- (3) Before a ballot paper is issued to a voter-
  - (a) a mark shall be placed on the list of voters against the name of the voter to indicate that the ballot paper has been issued to him;
  - (b) the ballot paper shall, on its back, be stamped with the official mark and initialed by the Presiding Officer;
  - (c) the voter shall put his signature or thumb impression on the counterfoil of the ballot paper; and
  - (d) the voter shall, if so requested by any contesting candidate or his agent, show to him the official mark on the back of the ballot paper.
- (4) The voter on receiving the ballot paper shall—
  - (a) Forthwith proceed to the place reserved for marking ballot papers;
  - (b) secretly put on the ballot paper against the name of the contesting candidate of his choice one cross-mark and no other mark, with a copying pencil to be provided by the Presiding Officer and not with any other marking aid ; and
  - (c) after he has put the mark, fold the ballot paper and insert it in the ballot box without undue delay.

**22 Voting by incapacitated voters.**—(**l**) Where a voter is blind or is otherwise so incapacitated that he cannot vote without the assistance of a companion, the Presiding Officer shall allow him such assistance and, in case the disability is such that the voter cannot mark the ballot paper himself, the person accompanying the voter may mark the ballot paper as indicated by the latter:

Provided that the person allowed accompanying the voter shall not himself be a candidate or an agent of a candidate.

(2) If the ballot paper is to be marked by the companion, the Presiding Officer shall make it clear to him that he must mark the ballot paper for the candidate of the voter's choice and that he must maintain the secrecy of voting by not divulging to anyone the voter's choice of candidate.

(3) The Presiding Officer or a polling officer shall in no case mark the ballot paper on behalf of a blind or otherwise incapacitated voter.

**23 Spoilt ballot paper.**—(1) A voter who has inadvertently so spoilt his ballot paper that it cannot be used as a valid ballot paper may, upon proving the fact of inadvertence to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and returning the ballot paper to him, obtain another ballot paper and cast his vote by such other ballot paper.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall forthwith cancel the ballot paper returned to him under sub-rule (1), make a note to that effect on the counterfoil over his own signature and sign the cancelled ballot paper, and place it in a separate packet labeled Spoilt Ballot Papers.

- **24** Voting after close of poll.—No voter shall be given any ballot paper or be permitted to vote after the hours fixed for the close of poll, except the voters who at that hour are present within the building or room where the poll takes place and have not voted but are waiting to vote, including those who were called upon earlier to vote according to their turn by the Presiding Officer but were not present.
- **25 Procedure on the close of the poll.**—(1) Immediately after the close of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates or their authorized representatives as may be present,—
  - (i) open the used ballot box or ballot boxes and count the ballot papers taken out therefrom;
  - (ii) after counting the total number of ballot papers, proceed to separate the ballot papers, which are invalid under paragraph 16 of the Schedule from the other ballot papers;
  - (iii) after excluding the invalid ballot papers under clause (ii), separate the ballot papers cast in favor of each contesting candidate and count such ballot papers in favor of each candidate, separately;
  - (iv) put the invalid ballot papers in a separate packet and so also the valid ballot papers cast in favor of each contesting candidate;
  - (v) record on each such packet a certificate of the number of ballot papers put in it and indicate the nature of the contents thereof, specifying except in case of the packet containing invalid ballot papers, the name of the contesting candidate concerned; and
  - (vi) put the packets mentioned in clause (iv) in a principal packet and seal it.

# 26 Completion of statements of the count and other packets.-

- (1) The Presiding Officer shall prepare in Form V a statement of the result of the count and send it forthwith to the Returning Officer.
- (2) The Presiding Officer shall seal into separate packets
  - (i) the un-issued ballot papers with the counterfoils;
  - (ii) the spoilt ballot papers;

(iii) the marked copies of the lists of voters;

- (iv) the counterfoils of the issued ballot papers; and
- (v) such other papers as the Presiding Officer may direct.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall immediately after the count under rule 25 prepare in Form VI a ballot paper account showing:—

- (a) the number of ballot papers entrusted to him;
- (b) the number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box and counted;
- (c) the number of issued ballot papers and spoilt ballot papers; and
- (d) the number of invalid ballot papers.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall, if so requested by any contesting candidate or his agent, give him a certified copy of the statement of the count or the ballot paper account.

(5) The Presiding Officer shall obtain on each statement and packet prepared under this rule the signatures of such of the contesting candidates or their agents as are present and desire to sign it.

(6) The Presiding Officer shall, immediately after the close of the proceedings under this rule, cause the statements, packets, ballot paper account and all the other connected documents to be sent to the Returning Officer.

**27 Stray ballot paper.**—Any ballot paper which has been issued to a voter and has not been inserted by him into the ballot box and is found outside the ballot box or elsewhere shall be cancelled and accounted for as a spoilt ballot paper.

**28 Count by the Returning Officer.**—(**l**) Immediately after the receipt of documents relating to the poll sent to him under sub-rule (6) of rule 26, the Returning Officer shall open the packets received by him in the presence of such of the contesting candidates or their representatives as may be present.

(2) The Returning Officer shall count the votes recorded for each candidate, excluding from the count the ballot papers which are invalid under paragraph 16 of the Schedule.

(**3**)The Returning Officer shall determine the result of the election in the manner laid down in paragraph 18 of the Schedule.

- **29 Return of election.**—After the result has been determined under subrule (3) of rule 28, the Returning Officer shall declare the candidate who has obtained the largest number of votes to be elected to the office of President and shall submit a return of election in Form VII to the Federal Government
- **30 Drawing of lots.**—Where there is equality of votes amongst two or more candidates, the selection of the candidate to be elected shall be by drawing of lots.
- **31 Powers to issue instruction**, **etc**.—Save as otherwise provided, the Commissioner may issue such instructions and exercise such powers as may, in his opinion, be necessary for ensuring that the election is conducted honestly, justly and fairly and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and these rules.
- **32** Direction by the Commissioner in certain matters.—Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, anything required to be done under these rules for which no provision or no sufficient provision exists shall be done by such authority and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

#### FORM I

#### (See rule 3)

#### NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

(To be filled in by the proposer)

I hereby nominate	as a candidate for election
to the office of President of the Islamic Republic of Pa	kistan.

(a) Full name and address of the proposer.....

\*(b) Returned to the National Assembly/Provincial Assembly from.....

...... Constituency.

Returned to the Senate from..... Province/Federally Administered Tribal Areas/Federal Capital.

(c) Name of candidate's father/husband.....

(d) Full postal address of the candidate.....

(2) I certify that the candidate is duly qualified to be elected to the office of President of Pakistan and that he has consented to this nomination.

Date				Signature of proj	poser
		(To be filled in by the seconder)			4
Ihe	reby second the nomin	ation of the above-mentioned cand	idate.		
(a)	Full name and addre	ss of the seconder			
*(b)	Returned to the Natio	onal Assembly/Provincial Assembl	ly		
	from	Constituenc	у.		
	Returned to the Sena	ate from	Province/ Tribal Ar	Federally Adminis eas/Federal Capital	tered I.
Date				Signature of sec	conder
	(Statement by the p	erson nominated as required by pa Schedule to the Constitution)	ragraph 4 of	the Second	
		son/daughter/wife of			
registered	as a voter at Serial No	in the electoral ro		electoral	

Signature of the person nominated

Date.....

(To be filled in by the Presiding Officer)	
Serial number of nomination paper	
This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at	(hours)
n (date) by roposer/seconder/agent authorised in writing in this behalf by the candidate.	being the *candidate/
lace	
Date	Presiding Officer
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I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with the provisio he Constitution and decide that the nomination paper be accepted/rejected. (In case of rejection, state brief reasons)	ns of the Second Schedule to
Date	Returning Officer
Date RECEIPT	
RECEIPT	
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#### ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN



# DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

I,\_\_\_\_\_(Name of candidate), do

hereby declare on oath that:---

- (i) I am Muslim and I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.
- (ii) I fulfill the qualifications specified in Article 62 of the Constitution and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in Article 63 of the Constitution or any other law for the time being in force for being elected as President of Pakistan.
- (iii) I am \_\_\_\_\_\_years of age and a copy of my National Identity Card issued by National Database and Registration Authority is attached in support thereof.

(Signature of the candidate for office of the President)

(Signature and stamp of the Presiding Officer)

Place:\_\_\_\_\_

Date :\_\_\_\_\_

# FORM II

[See rule 5(6)]

## LIST OF CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

#### (Election to the office the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan)

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of Father	Address
1	2	3	4

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Returning Officer)

# FORM III [See rule 6(1)]

# NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

То

The Returning Officer for Election to the Office of President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:	

(Signature of candidate)

# FORM IV

#### [See rule 7(1)]

#### LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN REQUIRED TO BE NOTIFIED VIDE PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION

SI. No.	Name of Candidates in Urdu duly arranged in alphabetical order in that language	Name of *Father/Husband	Name of Proposers and Seconders	Address	
1	2	3	4	5	

The	poll	will	be	taken	between	the		(hours)	on
	12	(date) at	~	~	(place).				

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Returning Officer)

\*Strike off inappropriate alternative.

## FORM V

[See rule 26(1)]

#### RESULT OF COUNT BY PRESIDING OFFICER AS REQUIRED TO BE PREPARED UNDER PARAGRAPH 17 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION

SI. No.	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes polled	Remarks
1	2	3	4

Total number of valid votes polled .....

Total number of invalid votes .....

Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Officer

# FORM VI

[See rule 26(3)]

# BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT

# Election to the office of President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

1	Ballot papers received from the	From SI. Not	0
1.	Returning Officer.		
2	Total number of ballot papers	Total:	
۷.	taken out of the ballot box or boxes and counted		
3.	Total number of ballot papers spoilt and cancelled		
4.	Total number of ballot papers under items 2 & 3		
5.	Number of un-issued ballot	From SI. No	to
	papers	Total	
6.	Total number of item Nos. 4 & 5.		
Place:			
Date:			

(Signature of the Presiding Officer)

Note.\_\_\_ Figures given against item No.6 should be equal to the figures given against item No.1.

# FORM VII

(See rule 29)

#### RETURN OF ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SI. No.	Name of the House/ Provincial Assembly	Total votes polled	Invalid votes	Total valid – votes polled	Nu	mber of votes of	Total votes calculated in accordance with paragraph 18 of the		
					Candidate 'A'			Candidate 'B'	
					Valid	Calculated	Valid	Calculated	Second Schedule (7+9)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	The National Assembly								
2	The Senate								
3	The Provincial Assembly, Punjab								
4	The Provincial Assembly, Sindh								
5	The Provincial Assembly, KPK								
6	6 The Provincial Assembly, Balochistan								
	Total								

I declare that Mr/Mrs./Miss......(address), has been duly elected.

Place:

Date:

**Returning Officer** 

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# FORM VII

(See rule 29)

#### RETURN OF ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SI. No.	Name of the House/ Provincial Assembly	Total votes polled	Invalid votes	Total valid - votes polled	Number of votes cast in favour of				Total votes calculated in	
					Asif Ali Zardari		Mehmood Khan Achakzai		accordance with paragraph 18 of the	
					Valid	Calculated	Valid	Calculated	Second Schedule (7+9)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	The National Assembly	375	1	374	255	255	119	119	374	
2	The Senate	515		574	200	200	113	113	574	
3	The Provincial Assembly, Punjab	352	6	346	246	43	100	18	61	
4	The Provincial Assembly, Sindh	161	1	160	151	58	9	3	61	
5	The Provincial Assembly, KPK	109	1	108	17	8	91	41	49	
6	The Provincial Assembly, Balochistan	47	0	47	47	47	0	0	47	
	Total	1044	9	1035	716	411	319	181	592	

I declare that Mr. Asif Ali Zardari son of Hakim Ali Zardari (Late) R/o House No.8, Street No.19, F-8/2, Islamabad, has been duly elected.

Place: Islamabad

Date: 10th March, 2024.

Sd/-Returning Officer

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