

Election Commission of Pakistan

Constitution of the Commission

Article 218 (1):

For the purpose of election to both the Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), Provincial Assemblies and for election to such other public offices as may specified by law, a permanent Election Commission shall be constituted in accordance with this article.

Article 218 (2):

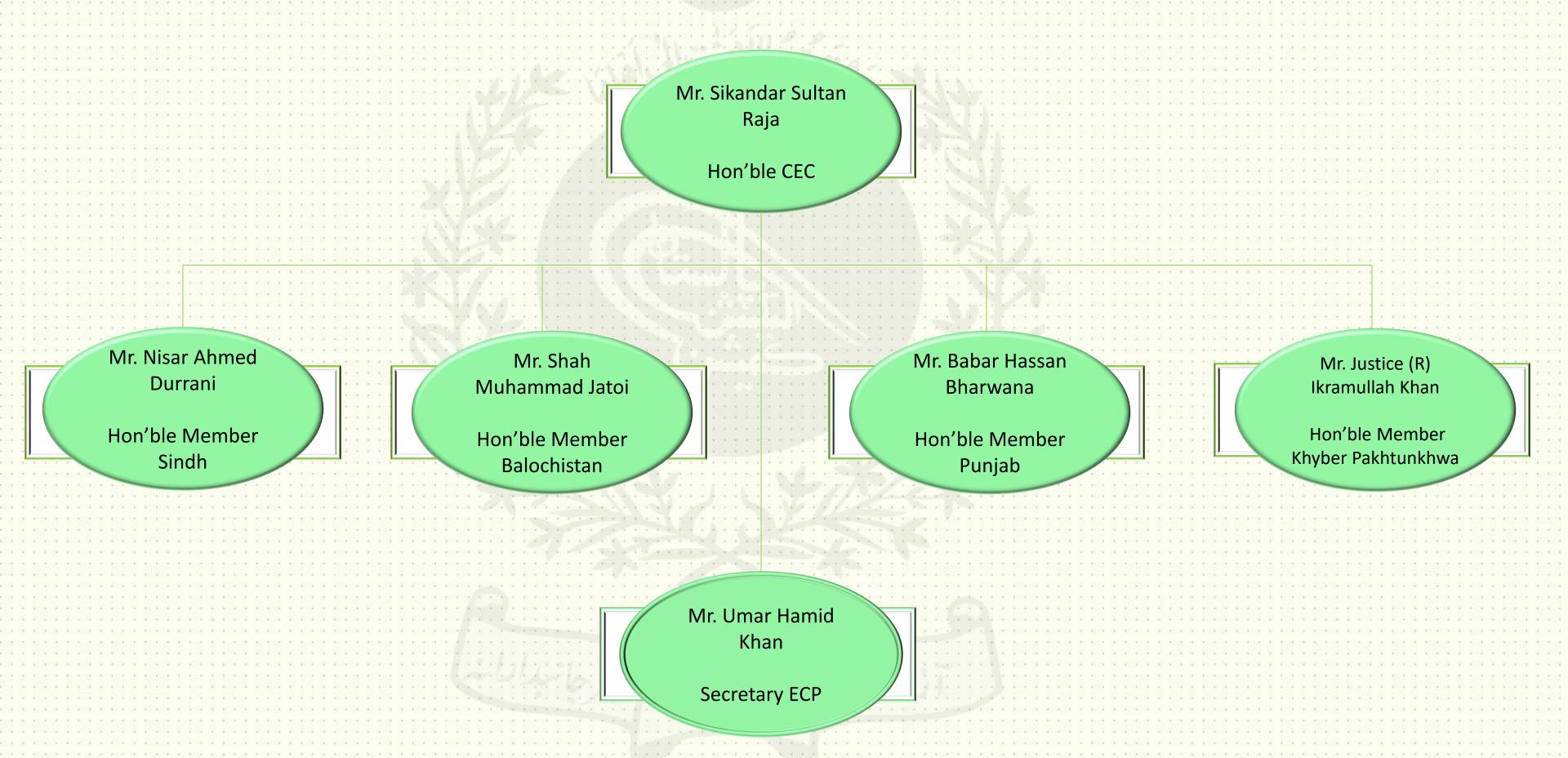
The Election Commission shall consist of,

- a) The Commissioner who shall be the chairman of the Commission
- b) Four Members, one from each province

Article 215 (1):

Commissioner and members hold office for a term of 05 years

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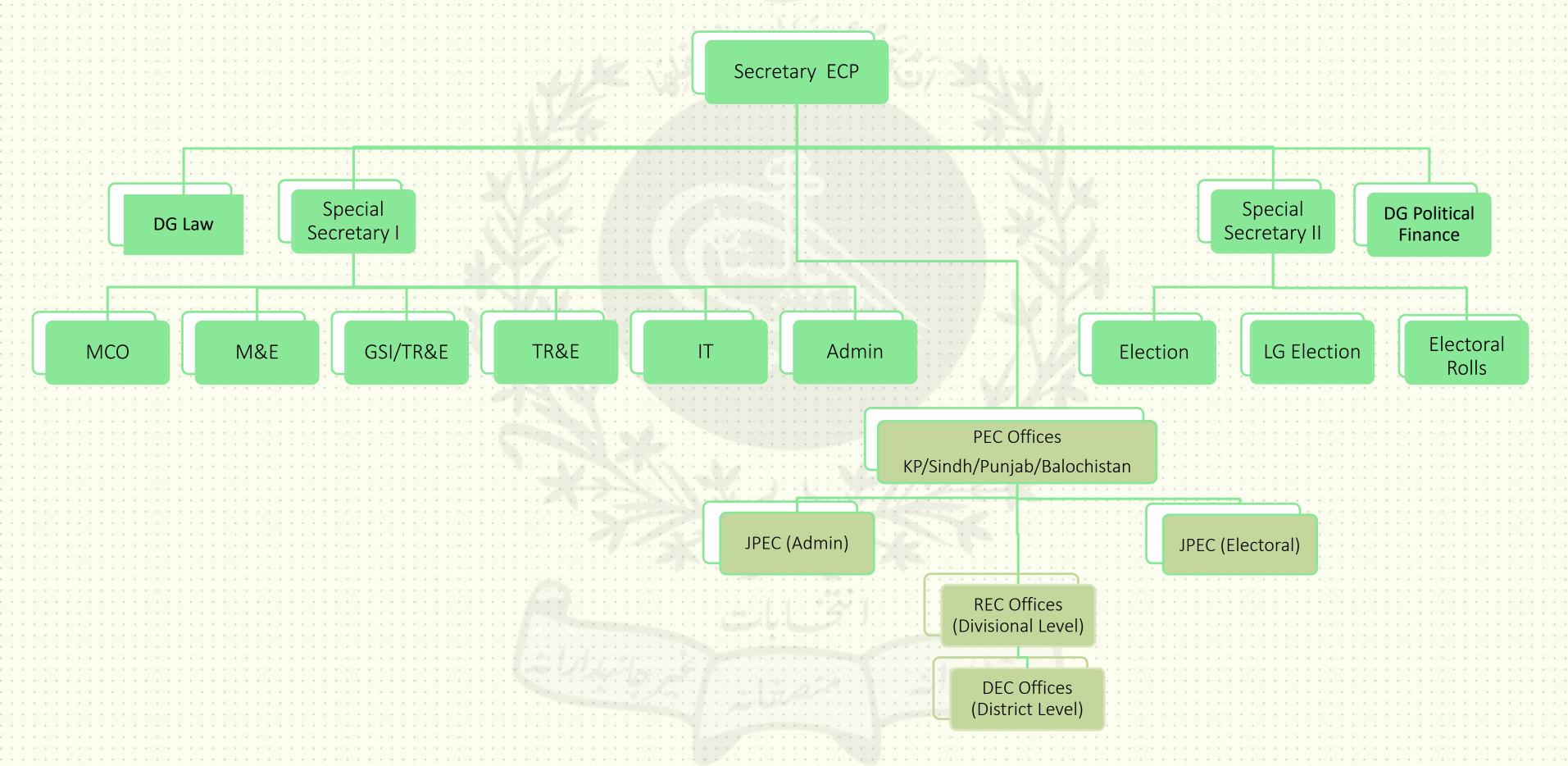
The Vision

Deliver inclusive and credible elections that people trust and participate in.

The Goal

Transform ECP from Conventional to a Progressive organization that is aligned to meet the Digital Age challenges

Organizational Chart



Constitutional Obligation

Article 218 (3):

"It shall be the duty of the Election Commission to organize and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law, and that corrupt practices are guarded against."

Duties

- Preparation of Electoral Rolls / Voter List for election to NA, PA and LG, and revising/updating such rolls periodically.
- Organizing and conducting elections to Senate, National Assembly, Provincial Assemblies and Local governments.
- Appointment of Appellate and Elections Tribunals
- Delimitation of Constituencies of the National Assembly, Provincial Assemblies, and the Local governments in the Provinces, the Federal Capital and Cantonments
- Election to the Office of the President

Assistance to ECP

Article 220:

"It shall be the duty of all executive authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces to assist the Commissioner and the Election Commission in the discharge of his or their functions."

Powers of the Commission

The Elections Act 2017 enacted on 2nd October, 2017 empowered the Commission on following aspects:

- Power to make rules
- Power to punish for contempt
- Power to declare a poll void
- Establishment of monitoring system
- Power to initiate disciplinary proceedings against election officials
- Taking measures for Training of election officials.

Electoral Rolls

- Under Article 219 (a) of the Constitution, Election Commission of Pakistan is charged with the duty of preparing electoral rolls for election to the National Assembly, Provincial Assemblies and local governments, and revising such rolls periodically to keep them up-todate
- Chapter IV of the Elections Act 2017 provides for:
 - Qualification of a person to get registered as voter
 - Preparation of electoral rolls
 - Periodical revision of electoral rolls and
 - Enrolment other than revision of electoral rolls
 - Computerization of electoral rolls etc.

Electoral Process

60 days prior to issuance of election program appointment of DRO & RO

Announcement of election program

- a. Nomination process
- o. Pre-Poll activates
- c. Post-Poll activates

Composition of Houses

Composition of	General	Women	Non Muslim	Technocrats/Ulema	Total
Senate	58	17	04	17	96
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National Assembly	266	60	10	NA	336
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Provincial Assemblies	593	132	24	NA	749
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Province Wise Voters Statistics

Province	Male	Female	Total
Balochistan	2,997,980	2,335,287	5,333,267
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	11,880,636	9,898,582	21,779,218
Punjab	38,835,364	33,732,940	72,568,304
Sindh	14,514,376	12,268,878	26,783,254
Islamabad	558,277	504,767	1,063,044
Grand Total	68,786,633	58,740,454	127,527,087

Statistics

- Enlisted Parties
- Parliamentarians
- Candidates
- Campaign Finance Accounts

- 174
- 1191
- 12,000
- 146

Elections

- 51 (18 NA and 33 PA) Bye-Elections conducted peacefully from 2021 to 2023.
- Transparent elections 40 out of 51 were won by opposition
- ECP appointed its own officer as DROs and ROs
- Senate Elections on forty-eight (48) vacant seats 2021
- Delimitation of Constituencies 2022 Completed
- Delimitation of Constituencies 2023 In process
- Total Trainings Conducted 26,122
- Total Participants 902,773

Local Government Elections

- Peaceful Local Government Election conducted in:
 - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
 - Sindh and
 - Baluchistan
 - Cantonment Areas
- LG Election in Punjab and Islamabad (ICT) was not held due to repeated amendments in Local Government Laws *.

^{*} ECP has proposed amendment in the Election Act not to amend the Local Government laws one year before the expiry of the tenure.

Electoral Rolls

Periodical Revision of ER 2021-22

- 121 Million voters were verified through door to door verification exercises through 86,000 Verifying Officials
- More than 3 Million deceased voters removed from the Electoral Rolls
- Display Centers established 20,458
- Vigorous media campaign on Electronic, print and social media was launched during the revision process
- 2080 Facilitation Centers established on permanent basis
- More than 11 million voters registered during last 3 years
- Regular uploading of Updated Voter stats with graphs and historical data on ECP Website
- Guidelines for vote registration procedure on ECP Website

Electoral Rolls

Computerized Electoral Rolls System (CERS):

- Synchronization of Voter List data with Civil Registry information:
- Data Integrity Electoral Rolls synchronized with NIC data

Regularly Update Electoral Rolls of Deceased voters on the basis of information from a

- NADRA (Section 25)
- Local Councils (Section 43)
- Detailed Voter History along with date and time stamp as approved by Registration Officer
- Timely updation of 8300 SMS

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Key Strategies (Aligned with the Vision and the Goal)

• Establishment of a Digital Eco System

Enhancement of Organizational Agility and Efficiency

Political Finance Reforms

• Election Legal Reforms

• Institutional Reforms

Social Inclusion

Initiatives undertaken to achieve the Goal

Digital Eco-System Establishment

- Election Management System (EMS):

 A cutting edge technology based, Desktop and mobile Software application for end-end management of Elections process and speedy and error-free Result compilation.
- Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC):
 Established Election Monitoring and Control Room (EMCC) with Digital Video Wall for efficient real time monitoring and complaint management
- Integrated Office Record Management System (IORMS) for Digitization of Records
- Upgradation of Server Room
- Procurement of 2000 Laptops and associated IT equipment
- Online Candidate Scrutiny System (8,595 candidates)
- Mail Tracking system
- Law Case Management System

Digital Eco-System Establishment

- Geo-tagging of Polling Stations (859 constituencies)
- Digitization of Delimitation Maps (1,700 scan/print)
- SMS 8300 Service for voters (250M+ hits)
- Online Complaint Management System (15,389)
- ECP's Tele Helpline (IVR) 051-8848888 (170,000 calls)
- Video Conferencing (150 plus meetings)
- Online Recruitment System (300,000+ applicants)
- Optical Mark Recognition System (76,000+ papers checked and marked)
- Human Resource Management System (3,000) Employees Data)
- Nationwide Up-gradation of Data-Network (REC +DEC 180 Offices)
- Designed and Launched New Website of ECP

Reforms in Political Finance

- Indigenously designed and developed software encompassing PF spectrum
- PF Data base Management System
- System based scrutiny of data filed by Political Parties, Parliamentarians, Candidates and Contributors
- Lateral Data Cross-Check mechanism with State Agencies via APIs
- Multi-layer data security mechanism
- BPR-triggered HR change management
- Data analytics, PF Portal AI-based scrutiny goals

Election Management System (EMS)

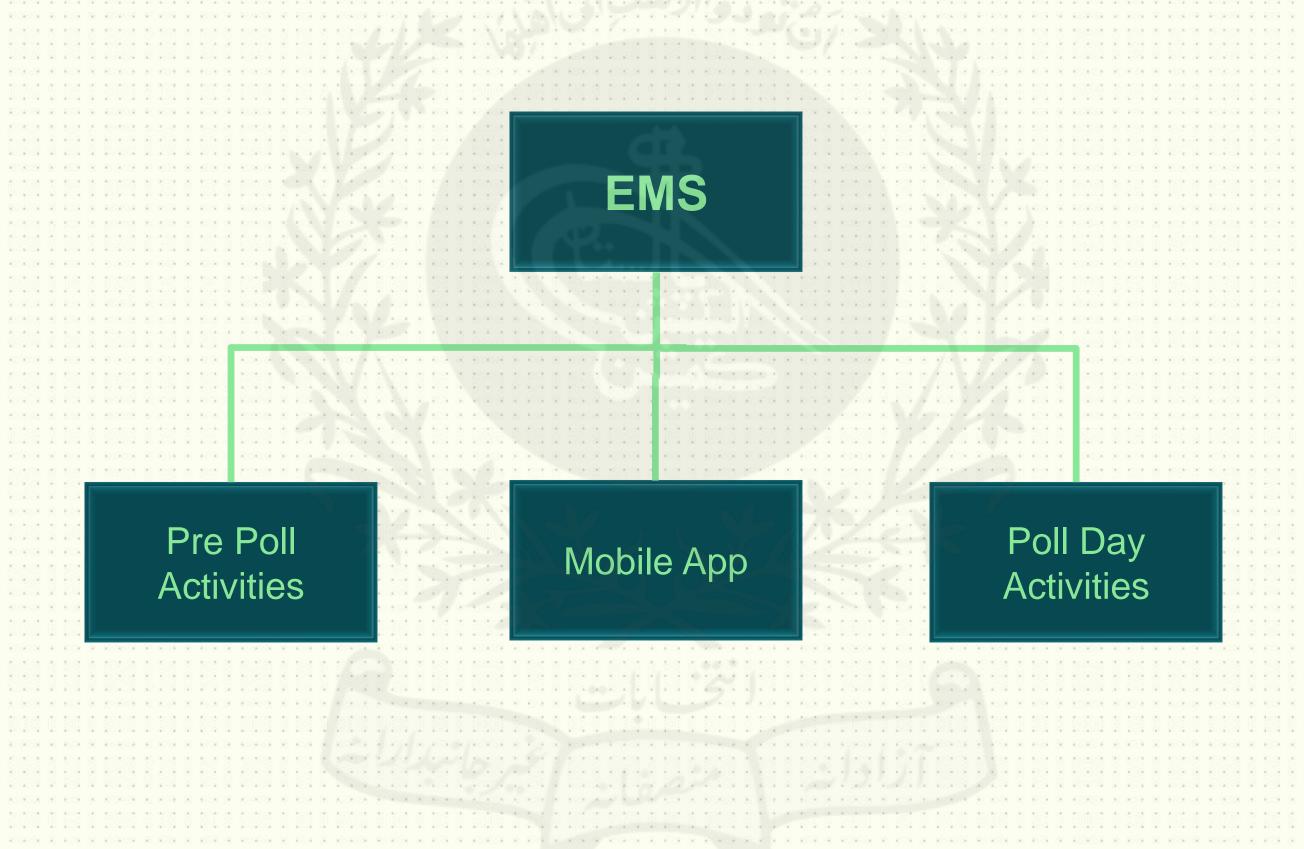
System Architecture

System Components

Election Management System (EMS)

- System Architecture
 - Online Web Based
 - Offline Desktop Application

System Components



Pre Poll Activities

- User Management
- Metadata Entry
- Election Setup Module
 - Define Symbols and Political Parties
 - Define Constituencies
- Building Management
- Polling Station Management
- Poling Staff Appointment
- Candidate Management
- Help Desk Ticket System

Poll Day Activities

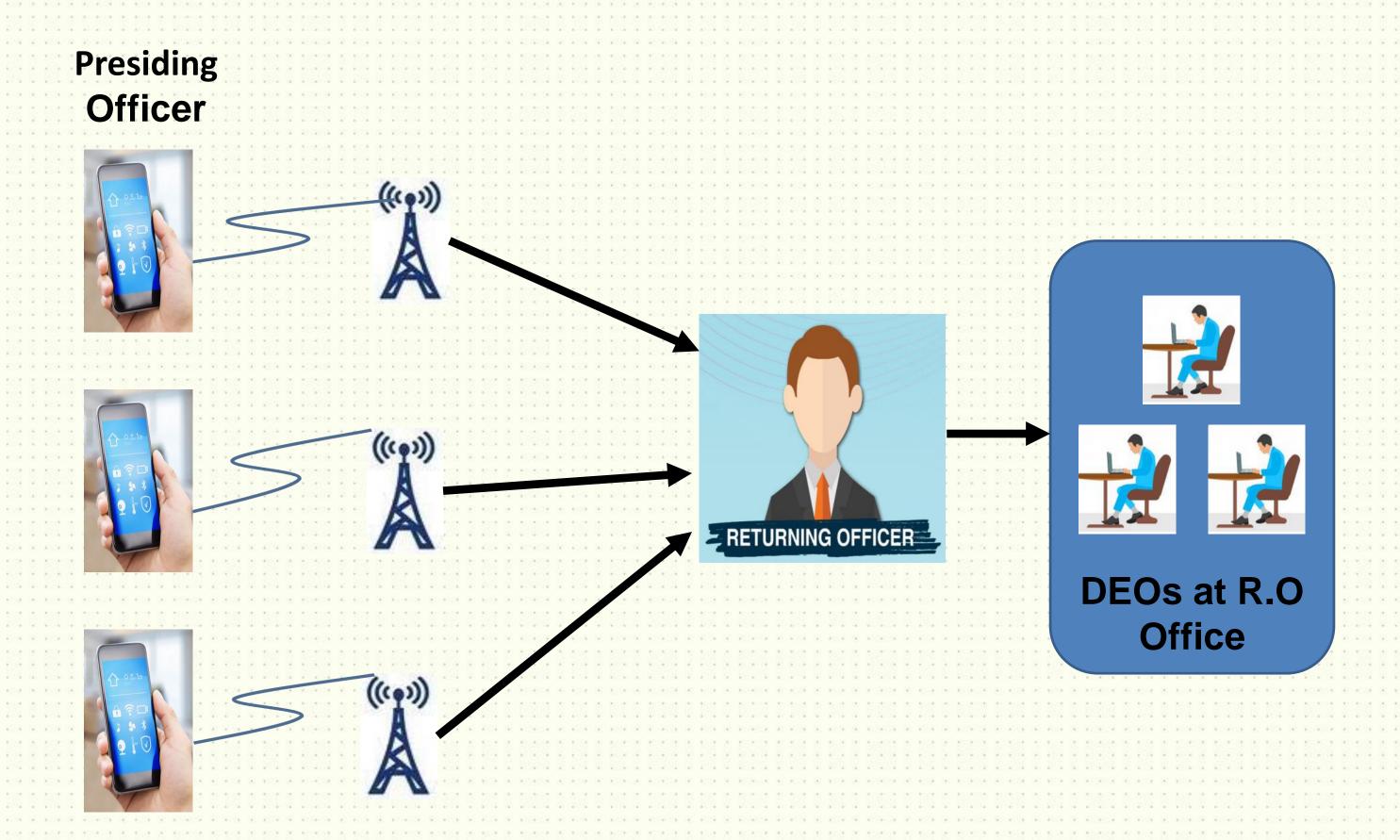
Pr. Officer Actions:

- Pr.O will open Mobile App
- Pr.O will login into App
- Pr.O will choose NA Constituency.
- Pr.O will take snapshot of the Form-45 and send.
- Pr.O will repeat Steps 3 & 4 for PA Form-45.

RO Actions:

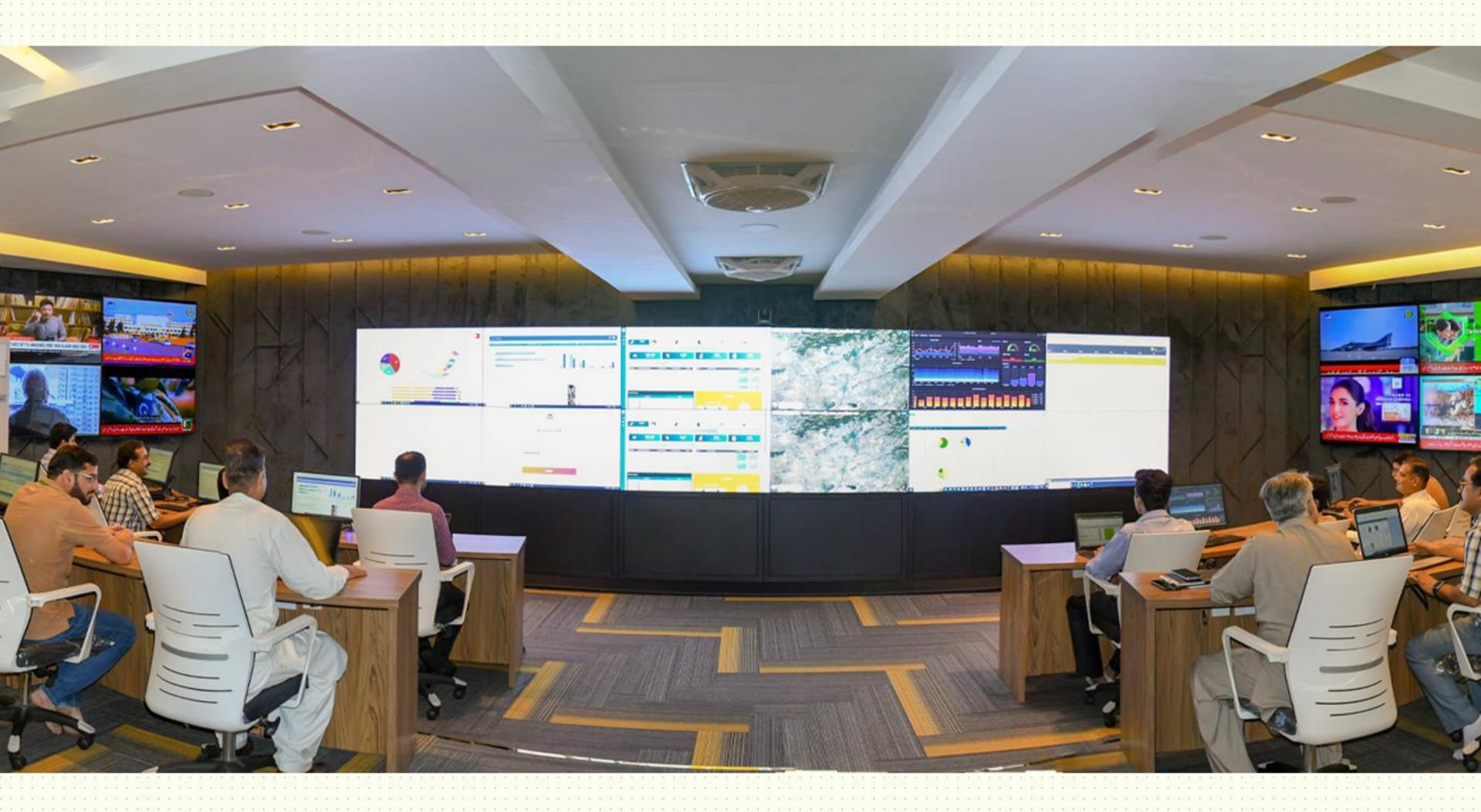
- RO will receive Form-45 snap of Polling Station in his constituency.
- RO will check / verify and assign Form-45 to DEO for data entry.
- DEO will perform data entry in system.
- RO will generate Form-47 after all result tabulation of his constituency.

Mobile Application for Pr. Officer



Election Monitoring & Control Center (EMCC)

- Established <u>Election Monitoring and Control Room (EMCC)</u> with Digital Video Wall for efficient real time monitoring and complaint management
- Field Teams empowered with Digital Gadgets for real time monitoring and reporting
- Integrated Complaint redressal system: Complaint registration and resolution integrated with Monitoring Teams, Media, General Public Complaints (UAN Call Center, Fax, Email, Whatsapp)
- Law Enforcement agencies integration for swift response actions.
- Dedicated team of operators for 24x7 operations





Monitoring & Evaluation

- Established Decision Support System (EM2 Software) for speedy and informed decision making with unified video, audio, and real-time monitoring in the EMCC Control room.
- Provincial and Divisional Level Monitoring Coordinators appointed

- Notices Issued 1410
- Warnings Issued 211
- Fines imposed 358
- Unauthorized Publicly 137,835 displayed material removed

Media & Outreach

 Re-branded Public Relations Wing with New nomenclature "Media coordination & Outreach wing" with strengthened HR.

Campaigns:

- Short videos on initiatives and activities for social media
- Student Voter education sessions 1650
- Media Workshops and Dialogues conducted 75
- First ever National Youth Painting Competition
- Public awareness campaigns on E/Rolls on Digital & Electronic Channels
- · Publication of quarterly Newsletter and first ever "Pictorial magazine on ECP initiatives.
- Formulated Code of Conduct for national /international media and observers
- Activation of social media accounts

Disciplinary Actions

- Disqualified contesting candidates and Provincial Minister on account of Electoral violence
- Suspended a Returning Officer on dubious conduct in Elections.
- Commission disqualified a contesting candidate, for five year on account of involvement in corrupt practices and also barred from contesting any election

Legal Reforms

Amendment in Elections Act and Rules to remove the deficiencies and enable the Commission to conduct free, fair and transparent elections.

Amendments proposed in Elections Act, 2017 were **67** while Parliament approved **23** Amendments incorporated in Elections Rules, 2017 - **90**

- Amendment proposed in section 122 regarding secrecy of vote in senate election
- Amendment in section 57 and 58 regarding poll date
- Amendment proposed in section 167 and 171 regarding corrupt and illegal practices
- Amendment proposed in section 219 and Article 140A regarding ban on amendment in local government laws one year before expiry of term of LG
- Amendment proposed in Article 223 ban to contest election on more than one seat

Case disposed off

- Cases Decided by the Hon'ble Commission during last 3.5 years 1990
- **High Profile Cases:** Foreign funding case, Defection, Disqualification, Tosha Khana, Local Governments, Code of Conduct, Contempt, Corrupt practices, Daska Case etc

• Last three years cases decided by High Courts: 2695

• Cases decided by Supreme Court of Pakistan: 219

• Cases decided by Pakistan Information Commission: 15

Institutional Reforms

- HR restructuring and Optimization:
 - Posts Created 1136
 - Posts abolished 181
 - Recruitment 819
 - Promotions 253
 - Grant of Time Scale/Up-Gradation 1882
- Automation of HR processes
- Biometric Attendance System
- Establishment of State of the Art Record Room
- SOPs for Record Room formulated and circulated.
- Computerization of Record (for one-click retrieval).
- Digitization of Record (Integrated Office Record Management System-IORMS) Over 1.6 Million record Digitized





Social Inclusion

- Launch of Female NIC/Voter Registration Campaign Phase-IV on 7th July 2021 which has reduced gender gap from 12% to 7.88%
- Launch of Pilot project for NIC/Voter Registration Campaign to identify the reasons for low voter turnout
- Celebration of International/National Days
- Youth engagement program and mock poll exercise in all four provinces Consultative workshop on political inclusion of transgender community
- Registration, Constitution of Harassment Committee
- Civil society engagement for female voter registration and awareness raising

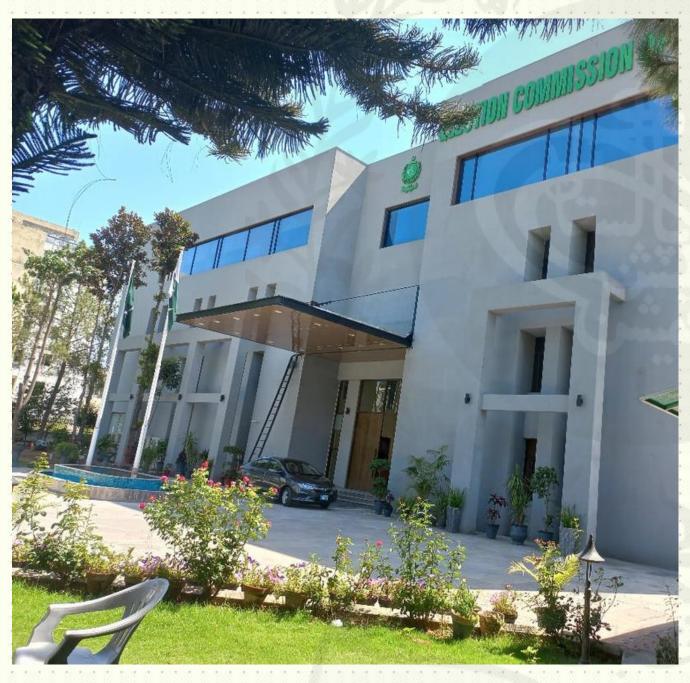
Physical Infrastructure Development

- Expansion of ECP Secretariat (Acquisition of space in Kohsar Block and NIE building)
- Uplifting and renovation of façade
- Construction of two additional stories at New Block of ECP Secretariat
- No. of Plots (State Land) purchased for Field offices
- No. of Boundary Walls constructed to secure the plots
- No. of Boundary Walls to be constructed in Year 2023-24
- No. of offices under construction to be completed in Year 2023-24

ECP after Renovation



New facade of the ECP





Under construction office buildings in Punjab

Proposed standard 3d view of REC/DEC offices

REC/DEC Sargodha





Under construction office buildings in Punjab

DEC office, Jhelum

DEC office, Layyah



Construction of boundary walls in Punjab













Construction of boundary walls in Baluchistan









Thank you