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# Before The Chief Election Commissioner Through Secretary Election Commission Pakistan

## Objection petition regarding delimitation of constituencies NA-157 and NA-158 District Multan, Punjab

### Respectfully Sheweth,

- 1. That the petitioner is voter and resident of Makhdoom Rasheed, voter certificate is annexed as <u>Annex "A".</u>
- 2. That the unmarked map (proposed) is annexed as Annex "B".
- 3. That the certified map issued by the Tehsil Saddar Multan Office is annexed as <u>Annex "C"</u>.
- **4.** That the certified Aks Shajra issued by the Halqa Patwari (HP) Mouza Makhdoom Rasheed is annexed as <u>Annex "D".</u>
- 5. That the certified Aks Shajra issued by the Halqa Patwari (HP) Mouza Gharyala is annexed as <u>Annex "E".</u>
- 6. That the population statistics issued by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) of NA-157 are annexed as <u>Annex "F".</u>
- 7. That the population statistics issued by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) of NA-158 are annexed as <u>Annex "G".</u>
- 8. That the details of Mouzajat and chakok of Qanongoi Halqa (QH) Makhdoom Rahseed-I (MR-I) are annexed as *Annex "H"*.
- 9. That the details of Mouzajat and chakok of Qanongoi Halqa (QH) Makhdoom Rahseed-II (MR-II) are annexed as <u>Annex "I".</u>
- 10. That the petitioner wants to raise the following objections regarding the notification vide dated 05.03.2018 and the maps issued by the ECP (available on official website of ECP).



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#### Objections.

- i. That the notification vide dated issued by the ECP and map available on the official website of ECP are contrary to each other. There are clear contradictions when the official marked map of NA-157 and NA-158 is read with the notification vide dated 05.03.2018.
- ii. That according to the delimitation the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is made part of NA-157 which is sheer violation of the ground fact and the provisions of Election Act 2017.
- iii. That the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed was based on some of the areas of Mouza Makhdoom Rasheed and Mouza Gharyala.
- iv. That the old town committees have been dissolved and the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is now part of District Council Multan and resultantly the areas of Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed are reverted back to their respective mouzajat.
- v. That the Mouza Gharyala and Mouza Makhdoom Rasheed are part of QH Makhdoom Rasheed-I (details attached QH is annexed as annex H)
- vi. That according to the laws and rules of ECP no administrative units could be divided into two or more different constituencies.

However in the present case the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed which is entirely part of Mouza Gharyala and Mouza Makhdoom Rasheed consequently completely part QH Makhdoom Rasheed-I is made part of NA-157, on the other hand according to the notification vide dated 05.03.2018 QH MR-1 is part of NA-158. Making Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed part of NA-157 is sheer violation of the geographical facts and complete violation of Section 20 of the Election Act 2017.





- vii. That the old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is exclusively part of QH MR-I and has no geographical connection with NA-157 it is the same situation like the egg yolk is surrounded by the egg white. In other words Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is isolated like an island surrounded by the sea.
- viii. That according to the Section 20 of the Election Act 2017;
  - "(1) All constituencies for general seats shall, as far as practicable, be delimited having regard to the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the creation of constituencies."

However in the present case the basic requirement of *compactness* has been violated and fundamental rights of the residents of Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed shall be affected if the delimitation is finalized.

ix. That the new delimitation shall affect the rights of voters and the voters and residents of the area shall face difficulties and there would be huge inconvenience not only on the part of voters but also for the candidates and election staff which shall be deputed to conduct the election.

#### **Suggestions**

- i. That the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed should be made compact part of NA-158 instead of NA-157.
- ii. That the statistical data issued by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics the population of NA-157 is 774,683 and population of NA-158 is 756,003 and the population of Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is 14,833. If the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed is made compact part of NA-158 the new population of NA-158 shall be 770,836 and the new population of NA-157 shall be 759,850. In that case the





balance of population shall not be affected and no other area would be disturbed for the want of population imbalance.

- iii. That while protecting the Fundamental Rights safeguarded by the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan of the voters of Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed and implementing the Section 20 of the Election Act 201 in its true letter and spirit the Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed should be rightfully homogenised and made part of NA-158.
- iv. The petitioner has no objection regarding any other constituency of Multan District.

#### **Prayer**

In the light of the aforementioned submissions it is most respectfully prayed that this objection petition may be graced with acceptance and Old Town Committee Makhdoom Rasheed may graciously be made a compact and homogenised part of NA-158.

#### **Humble Petitioner**

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