The Secretary

Election Commission of Pakistan G-5/2, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad

Subject:

LEGAL OBJECTIONS AND PROPOSALS OVER THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES OF DISTRICT MUZAFFARGARH.

Respected Sir,

The undersigned applicant submits as under:

- With reference to notification No. F. 8 (3)/2018-Elec-1 dated 5th March, 2018 whereby, honourable Commission will hear and decide the objections/ representations under sub-section (4) of Section 21 of the Elections Act, 2017 in connection with preliminary list of National and Provincial Assembly constituencies of Pakistan.
- That the criteria for delimitation of National and Provincial Assembly constituencies is laid down in sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017 is as under
- " all constituencies for general seats shall, as far as practicable, 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"
- Although, while delimiting the constituencies of National and Provincial Assembly of district Muzaffargarh, to large extent, the principles of delimitation have been kept in view by the Election Commission of Pakistan. But the possibility of human error cannot be ruled out. In case of National Assembly Constituencies NA-185 and NA-186 of Muzaffargarh District, the criteria, meant for delimitation, has been overlooked.
 - 3. In view of above discussion, I hereby submit my LEGAL OBJECTIONS AND PROPOSALS, with regard to NA-185 and NA-186 of Muzaffargarh District.

LEGAL OBJECTIONS

- a) The applicant is voter of proposed constituency of National Assembly NA-186.
- b) Patwar Circles Widad and Basti Arif of Jhalarin Q.H. of Tehsil Jatoi have been made a part of National Assembly Constituency NA- 186. But the map of District Muzaffargarh shows that Patwar Circles, Shahbazpur and Jangal, included in proposed constituency NA- 185, are located in between and separates Patwar Circle Widad/Basti Arif from the rest of the area included in NA-186. It is against the principle of delimitation that the constituency shall consist of geographically compact area.
- c) Secondly, the map also shows that direct communication facilities are not available to the people of under discussion Patwar circles Widad and Basti Arif to remain in contact with the people, living in the major area of proposed constituency NA-186
- d) While creating preliminary list of constituencies NA-185 and NA-186, the geographically compact area and public convenience has not been considered.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ABOVE LEGAL OBJECTS. CONSTITUENCY WISE PROPOSALS ARE AS UNDER

- My proposals do not affect any other constituency of National Assembly/Provincial Assembly of District Muzaffargarh except NA-185 and NA-186, PP-277 and PP-278.
- ii. The applicant has no objection with regard to delimitations of other National and Provincial Assembly constituencies of District Muzaffargarh.

SUGGESTIONS

- In the light of above submission, minor amendment is suggested to reconsider the delimitation of NA-185 and NA-186. The suggestion is in accordance with the principles of delimitation, laid down by the Election Commission of Pakistan.
- ii. It is suggested that Patwar Circles Widad and Basti Arif of Jhalarin Q.H. of Jatoi Tehsil, having 24555 population is required to be excluded from National Assembly Constituency NA-186 and suggested to be included in NA-185.

PROPOSALS

- i. <u>Proposed National Assembly Constituency 185 of Muzaffargarh-v</u>
 - a. Mahra Q.H. of Tehsil Muzaffargarh excluding the following Patwar Circles.
 - i. Basti Jhangar
 - ii. Basti Raili
 - iii. Mahra Gharbi
 - iv. Ponta Mullana
 - v. Shujra
 - vi. Utra Sandela
 - b. The following Patwar Circles of Jhalarin Q.H. of Tehsil Jatoi.
 - i. Basti Arif
 - ii. Widad
 - c. The following Q.H. and MC of Tehsil Jatoi
 - i. Damarwala Shumali
 - ii. Belawala
 - iii. Shehr Sultan
 - iv. Jatoi
 - v. MC Shehr Sultan
 - vi. MC Jatoi

Total Population: 7,49,872

Proposed National Assembly Constituency 186 of Muzaffargarh-vi

- a. Tehsil Alipur and
- b. Jhalarin Q.H. of Jatoi Tehsil excluding the following Patwar Circle.
 - i. Widad
 - ii. Basti Arif

Total population 7,14, 516

Note -I: The only difference between the proposal of Election Commission and the suggestion submitted by the applicant is that Patwar Circle Widad and Basti Arif of Jhalarin Q.H. has been excluded from NA-186 and has been included in NA-185.

In the same manner, minor amendment is suggested for PP-277 and PP-278. Only two Patwar circles, Widad and Basti Arif of Jhalarin Q.H. of Tehsil Jatoi, having 24,555 population, are required to be excluded from PP-277 of Muzaffargarh-x and suggested to beincluded in PP-278 of Muzaffargarh-xi.

Proposed PP-277 of Muzaffargarh -x

- 1. The following Q.Hs. of Alipur Tehsil
 - a) Alipur-I
 - b) Yakewali
- 2. And the following Patwar Circles of Q.H. Alipur-II of Tehsil Alipur
 - Azmatpur
 - ii. Makhan Bella
- 3. M.C. Alipur of Tehsil Alipur
- 4. Jhalarin Q.H. of Jatoi Tehsil excluding the following Patwar Circles
 - a) Widad
 - b) Basti Arif

Total population 351,930

Proposed PP-278 Muzaffargarh-xi,

The following Q.Hs. of Jatoi Tehsil

- i. Jatoi
- ii. Bela wala

The following M.C of Jatoi Tehsil

M.C. Jatoi

The following PC of Damar Wala shumali Q.H. of Jatoi Tehsil

- Bet Dari Wala (bet Warianwa) a)
- b) Bet Hazari
- c) Bet Khan wala

The following Patwar Circle of Jhalarin Q.H. Jatoi Tehsil

- a) Widad
- b) Basti Arif

Total population 3,90,805

Note:

- The only difference between the proposal of Election Commission and the i. suggestion submitted by the applicant is that Patwar Circle Widad and Basti Arif of Jhalarin Q.H. has been excluded from PP-277and has been included in PP-278
- Variation in population of PP-277 and PP-278 is in accordance with the provision ii. of Section (20) Sub-Section (3) of the Election Act, 2017

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you goodness will take necessary steps in this matter for needful action.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

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