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MEMORANDUM/REPRESENTATION BY SANA ULLAH BALOCH

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To,

THE SECRETARY,

Election Commission of Pakistan
Election Commission Secretariat,
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Subject; **Presentation under Rule 12 of the Election Rules 2017 (“The Rules”) read with Section 20 of the Election Act 2017 (“The Act”) Challenging the preliminary proposal pertaining to the delimitation of National Assembly Balochistan Panjgur-Cum-Washuk-Cum-Kharran-Cum-Awaran NA-270.**

Respected Sir,

1. The instant representation is being filed by Sana Ullah Baloch (hereinafter referred as “Applicant”) , voter member of National Assembly Constituency No. NA-270 Panjgur-Washuk-Kharran-Awaran. The Applicant is duly competent to file the instant Representation under the law.
2. Through this representation, the Applicant seeks to challenge the preliminary delimitation proposal published by the Election Commission of Pakistan (hereinafter referred as “ECP”) pertaining to the delimitation of National Assembly constituency of NA-270. (hereinafter referred as “Preliminary Proposal”). The map of the Preliminary Proposal which was provided by the ECP, as per the mandate of law, is attached as **ANNEXTURE B.**

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3. It is pertinent to mention here that in the Preliminary Proposal, Notification No.F.8(3)/2018-ELC1, District Panjgoor coupled with District Washuk, District Kharran and District Awaran.
4. Preliminary Proposal (NA-270) forms the largest single National Assembly Seat (Constituency) in Pakistan with total area of 67,869 SqKm, equal to the size of Khyber-Pukhtoonkhawa Province.
5. While in Balochistan following National Assembly Constituencies with smaller area and less Population (voters), have been formed as a single compact National Assembly Seat (Constituency).

No	NA CONSTITUENCY	POPULATION	AREA (km ²)	SEAT SHARE	SEAT ALLOCATED
1	NasirAbabd	492,604	3,387	.64	1
2	JhalMagsi-Kachhi	386,255	11,114	.50	1
3	Panjgur	316,385	16,891		1
4	Awaran	122,011	12,510		
5	Washuk	176,206	38,468		
6	Kharran	156,151	8,958		

6. By merging four (4) over-sized Districts/ Administrative Units, with hard-to-exist communication facilities, politically impracticable for democratic representation, the ECP has violated its **Four (4) Key Principles** that the Constituency shall be
 - A. **Practicable,**
 - B. **Distribution of Population in Geographically Compact Area,**
 - C. **Existing Boundaries of Administrative Units,**
 - D. **Facilities of Communication and Public Convenience,**

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS IN THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL:

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7. The Preliminary Proposal is sheer violation of the Statuary Principles of rules enshrined in Section 20 of the Act ("The Principles") and national and international principles such as **Article 21(3) of Universal Declaration of Human Rights** which explicitly emphasis on "Equality of Vote" and requires that elections be conducted by equal suffrage, thus it is submitted to the ECP to amend/alter/change/ the Preliminary Proposal as follows:
8. Furthermore, District Awaran has no road and communication linkage between Panjgur, Washuk and Kharran district. To Access District Awaran a person has to travel to District Khuzdar and District Lasbela to connect to the existing road network.
9. Historically District Awaran has been part and parcel of District Khuzdar and Lasbela. District Awaran was created as a **separate district** in November 1992; but previously it was a sub-division of Khuzdar District.
Therefore, In view of the aforementioned grounds it is suggested that the Preliminary Proposal may kindly be amended and District Awaran shall be added to;
 - A. To District Lasbela , NA 272 proposed map attached at ANNEXURE - C
 - B. To District Khuzdar, NA-269The proposed and suggested amendments narrated above are in the best interest and welfare of the people of Balochistan and NA-270 Population.
10. Panjgur-Washuk-Kharran be declared as a single National Assembly Constituency. proposed map attached at ANNEXURE - D

GROUND SUPPORTING THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS;

11. As per the four principles laid down in Section 20 of the Act concerning formulating the delimitation proposal Applicant proposes that District Awaran be merged with District Lasbela or with District Khuzdar to form a single National Assembly Constituency.

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12. By doing so, the Principles of formulating the delimitation proposal will be fully adhered;

- a. Panjgur-Washuk-Kharran National Assembly Constituency NA-270 is very **Practicable**
- b. The suggested/proposed amendment falls within the Three Administrative Unit of District Panjgoor, Washuk and Kharran.
- c. Distribution of Population will be with in the Geographically Compact Area of above mentioned three Districts.
- d. Population shares same communication facilities (road network) and adjustment of NA-270 causes no inconvenience to the population.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTORS TO SUPPORT THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:

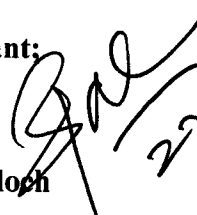
13. The population increase in District Awaran is recorded only 0.15% which clearly indicate that either population increase has not been reported or fair and transparent census couldn't be conducted due to the ongoing security challenges.

14. However, other districts including Quetta has shown **increase of 194% with annual growth rate of 5.83%** that is the highest growth rate recorded in any district of Pakistan.

15. The above mentioned grounds are suggested strictly keeping in mind the Principles and Welfare of the People of Balochistan and Particularly District Panjgoor, District Washuk, District Kharran and District Awaran.

In view of the aforementioned grounds it is suggested that the Preliminary Proposal may kindly be amended as per the suggested amendments narrated above in the best interest and welfare of the people of Balochistan.

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