## BEFORE THE DELIMITATION AUTHORITY, ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Through: The Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan, **Islamabad**.

REPRESENTATION UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE ELECTION ACT 2017, READ WITH RULE 12 OF THE ELECTION RULES 2017 IN RESPECT OF DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF DISTRICT GUJRANWALA, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING PROPOSED CONSTITUENCIES NA-81 AND NA-82.

I, Ali Ashraf S/o Muhammad Ashraf, R/o House No: 3, Super Asia Colony, Gulshan-e-Amina, GT Road, Gujranwala Cantt, Tehsil and District Gujranwala, voter of Gujranwala district (copy of CNIC and voter certificate attached), hereby submit my observations:-

## \* Respectfully Submitted:

- 1) That the instant representation is being filed by the petitioner being a voter member of Constituency No: 82 of Gujranwala District which was notified as NA-95 in General Election 2013.
- 2) That through this representation, the applicant seeks to challenge the preliminary proposal published by the Election Commission of Pakistan pertaining to the delimitation of the National Assembly constituencies of District Gujranwala. The map of preliminary proposal which was provided by the Election Commission of Pakistan is attached as **Annexure A.**
- That the preliminary delimitation issued by Election Commission of Pakistan is in cheer violation of statutory principles of delimitation as enshrined in section 20 The Election Act 2017 alongwith dictums laid down by the Superior Courts of the country, thus it is deemed necessary to amend/alter/modify the preliminary proposals issued by Election Commission of Pakistan.

- 4) That, according to the present schedule and maps of the newly proposed 3 constituencies, some of the charges of NA-82 are added in NA-81 and vice vresa. The petitioner being the voter member of the said constituency is constrained to file certain objections over the said allocation of charges in NA-82 and to propose an adequate proposal for the said constituency.
- 5) That, the total voter members of the said constituency as notified by the Election Commission of Pakistan are <u>867145</u> by making certain changes in the charges, the detail of which is given below.

## **NA-82**

a) The following Areas of Gujranwala Municipal	
Corporation	00000
1. Charge No.21	80080
2. Charge No.22 excluding Circle No.10,13 and 15	215803
(278701-62898=215803)	20473
3. Charge No.23	40400
4. Charge No.24	12428
5. Charge No.25	37939
6. Charge No.26	24897
7. Charge No.27	97015
8. Charge No.28	88045
9. Charge No.29	60812
10. Charge No.30	28745
11. Charge No.31	15652
12. Charge No.35	22866
13. Charge No.36	104689
14. Charge No.37	57701
of Gujranwala District	

TOTAL	867145

- 6) That, according to the present formation of constituency, the charges No:
  15/17/18/19/20/32 were added to NA-82 from Na-81 wrongfully and
  illegally, just to effectthe mind set of general voters.
  - 7) That, Similarly, the charges no: 29/30/31/35/36/37 were excluded from NA-82 and were included in NA-81 in order to balance the number of voters.
    - 8) That the proposed chart for the constituency as proposed by the petitioner is as follows;

The following Census Charges of Gujranwala Municipal

rporation:-	51143	
i) Charge No.15	35194	
ii) Charge No.17		
iii) Charge No.18	36354	
iv) Charge No.19	80871	
	68564	
v) Charge No.20	22000	
vi) Charge No.21	80080	
vii) Charge No.22 excluding Circle	215803	
up 10 13 and 15 (278701-62898=215803)	20473	
viii) Charge No.23		
ix) Charge No.24	12428	
	37939	
x) Charge No.25	24897	
xi) Charge No.26	07015	
	19/013	
xii) Charge No.27	97015	
vii) Charge No.27	88045	

	861589
TOTAL	801303

- 9) That, the proposal made by the petitioner does not change the boundary of constituency as the number of voters according to proposed addition and subtraction is almost same. (Copy of proposed map is annexed as Annexure B).
  - 10) That, a combine reading of section 20 of the election act 2017 and rule 10 of the election rules 2017, it is crystal clear that the following principles and procedure are to be adopted while delimiting the constituencies.
    - i. Distribution of population in geographically compact areas
    - ii. Physical feature
    - iii. Existing boundaries of administrative units
    - iv. Facilities of communication
    - v. Public convenience
    - vi. Other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity
    - vii. The delimitation of constituencies of an assembly shall start from northern end of the district and
    - viii. Then it will proceed clock wise in zigzag manner keeping in view that population among the constituencies of an assembly shall remain as close as may be practicable
      - ix. The variation in population between two or more constituencies shall not ordinarily exceed ten percent.
    - 11) That, while preparing the preliminary delimitation report 2018 comprising of proposals for fresh delimitation of constituencies for national assembly in Gujranwala District especially proposed NA-81 and NA-82, it is

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humbly submitted that the concerned delimitation committee has miserably failed to adopt the above mentioned mandatory principles and procedure in letter and spirit which fact is ultimately inviting a need revisit the said delimitation proposal by this commission.

- That, while preparing delimitation report for proposed constituency NA-82 (formerly NA-95), the delimitation committee excluded the charges Nos: 29/30/31/35/36/37 from NA-82 which factor is quite against the guiding principles as geographical compactness, facilities of communication and public convenience.
  - 13) That, similarly, chargeNos: 15/17/18/19/20/32 were excluded from NA-81 and have wrongly been included to proposed NA-82 as a result of non-application of mind by the relevant delimitation committee because such inclusion and exclusion is a blatant violation of principles of delimitation as mandated by section 20 of election act 2017.
    - 14) That these circles do not form a geographical compact part of proposed NA-82 and such inclusion/ exclusion has been made in violation of principle of distribution of population in geographically compact areas.
    - 15) That, the circles of proposed constituency do not form a geographically compact area of the proposed NA-82 and badly suffer from lack of facilities of communication and principle of public convenience.

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16) That, in this regard, the general public of District Gujranwala protested and print media also published the same in different newspapers, but no action ever taken by the Election Commission of Pakistan. (Copies of news paper clippings are annexed as Annexure C).

That, if the proposal for delimitation of NA-82 made by the delimitation committee in its preliminary delimitation report 2018 is finalized without allowing the suggested amendments and modifications, the entire population of the above said circle would suffer an irreparable loss and hardships and their miseries would increase manifold.

18) That the modifications suggested by the petitioner are for the sole purpose of providing facilities and ease to the inhabitants of the said area.

In these circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that the preliminary proposal may kindly be amended as per the suggested amendments and charge nos: 15/17/18/19/20/32 may kindly be included in NA-82 and charge Nos: 29/30/31/35/36/37 may kindly be excluded from NA-82, which is quite in interest of Justice.

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