

Memorandum/Representation by Sana Ullah Baloch

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To,

THE SECRETARY,

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

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 Provincial Assembly Balochistan Constituency Washuk-Kharran PB-42.**

Respected Sir,

1. The instant representation is being filed by Sana Ullah Baloch (hereinafter referred as "Applicant"), voter member of Provincial Assembly Constituency No. PB-42 Washuk-Kharran. 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 Provincial Assembly constituency of District Washuk and Kharran PB-42. (hereinafter referred as "Preliminary Proposal"). The map

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of the Preliminary Proposal which was provided by the ECP, as per the mandate of law, is attached as **ANNEXTURE B**.

3. It is pertinent to mention here that in the Preliminary Proposal, Notification No.F.8(3)/2018-ELC1, District Washuk with total area of 29510 sqkm and population of 176,206 tied together with District Kharran which has population of 156,152 with area of 8958 sqkm and proposed as a single Provincial Assembly Constituency, titled **PB-42 Washuk-Kharran**.
4. Preliminary Proposal forms the largest single Provincial Assembly Seat in Pakistan with **total area of 38,486 km²**. In terms of area Preliminary Proposal of PB-42 Washuk-Kharran is equal to half of the size of Khyber-Puktoonkhaw and one third of Sindh province.
5. 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 requires that elections be conducted by equal suffrage, thus it is submitted to the ECP to amend/alter/change/ the Preliminary Proposal as follows:
6. According to ECP Notification No.F.8(3)/2018-ELC1, **District Washuk** has population of 176,206 with area and has a **Seats Share of .73** and qualifies for a single and compact Provincial Assembly Seat.
7. According to ECP Notification No.F.8(3)/2018-ELC1, **District Kharran** has population of 156,152 with area of 8,958 and has a **Seat Share of .65** and qualifies for a single and compact Provincial Assembly Seat.

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8. While in Balochistan following districts with less Population (voters), less Seat Share and smaller in terms of administrative area have been allocated a single compact Provincial Assembly Seat.

NO	DISTRICT	POPULATION	AREA (km ²)	SEAT SHARE	SEAT ALLOCATED
1	Jhal Magsi	149,225	3,615	.62	1
2	Sherani	153,116	1,500	.63	1
3	Duki	153,000	1,700	.63	1
4	MusaKhail	167,017	5,728	.69	1
5	Barkhan	171,556	3,514	.71	1
6	Nushki	178,796	5,797	.74	1
7	Washuk	176,206	38468	.73	1
8	Kharran	156,151	8958	.65	1

9. By merging two over-size 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:

10. Applicant proposes that **PB-1 Sherani with population 153,116 and PB-4 Musakhail with population of 167,017 together with Seat share of 1.32 need to be merged to form a single Provincial Assembly Seat.** Both Districts are smaller in size, geographically well-connected, people speak same language and the PB Constituency will have reasonable area. Proposed map of merger is attached at **ANNEXURE- E**

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11. **District Washuk** which has population of 176,206 and in terms of area the largest district in Pakistan having **Seat Share of .73** be declared as a single and compact Balochistan Provincial Assembly Seat. Proposed Map attached at **ANNEXURE - C**
 12. **District Kharran** which has population of 156,152 and **Seat Share of .65** be declared as a single and compact Balochistan Provincial Assembly Seat. **ANNEXURE - D**
- GROUND SUPPORTING THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS;**

13. District Washuk and constitutes very large area in Balochistan with immense development and security challenges. Denying district Washuk and Kharran a separate representation in the Provincial Assembly will further increase their sense of deprivation and may cause further deterioration of law and order situation.
14. During last ten years on security challenges have created a massive development gap in District Washuk and District Kharran. While during delimitation process both districts deserve fair and equal consideration.

The above mentioned grounds are suggested strictly keeping in mind the Principles and Welfare of the People of Balochistan. 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 and Washuk and Kharran districts.

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