

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
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Purpose: A MEMORANDUM TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN FOR REVERSION OF PK57 CONSTITUENCY OF DISTRICT MANSEHRA; WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO BE DIVIDED AMONGST NEWLY PROPOSED PK 33 CONSTITUENCY AND PK 32 CONSTITUENCY OF DISTRICT MANSEHRA

Prayer:

Taking into consideration Legal Jurisprudence; the basis of any legal system lies in its fundamental roots, on which it was created. One of the main tasks taken up by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah upon creation of Pakistan was the inclusion of Independent Princely States into the dominion of Pakistan. **The Princely State of Amb (Upper Tanawal)** was one such State; who's Ruler at the time, Nawab Sir Muhammad Farid Khan opted to side with Pakistan and subsequently signed the 'Instrument of Accession' of the Princely State of Amb in favour of Pakistan. The area which now constitutes PK 57 Constituency of

Mansehra; covers 10 Union Councils of the area previously covered under the Princely State of Amb; or namely 2 Qanungo Circles of District Mansehra; Qanungo Circle Shergarh and Qanungoh Circle Phulra. The Union Councils are as follows:

1. **Shungli Bandi**
2. **Shergarh**
3. **Karori**
4. **Nikkah Panni**
5. **Darband**
6. **Shanaya**
7. **Lassan Nawab**
8. **Sawan Maira**
9. **Phulra**
10. **Parhena**

Our belief is that dismantling this Constituency is not in favour of the public of this area and also will not be easy for Elected Representatives to do Justice while formulating laws for this area because of its special status. In the reasons below we shall try to sum up the difficulties that will be faced by the people of this region if they are to be divided between 2 newly proposed constituencies of District Mansehra (PK 32 and PK 33 maps attached).

Reasons:

1. The territory of PK 57 of Mansehra District is within the boundaries of the Former Princely State of Amb; because of which it has a historical, cultural and social significance. The people of this area have had a significant contribution towards the creation of Pakistan. They had remained an Independent people during past 300 years. They were never subdued by the Durrani Empire of Afghanistan which Ruled till Kashmir or latter the Sikh Darbar of Maharaja

Ranjeet Singh. Keeping this significant status on record; the British Empire accepted Upper Tanawal as an Independent Princely State which had its Capital at Amb (now submerged under the Tarbela Reservoir) and thus the Princely State of Amb was created. Upon independence in 1947, the Nawab of Amb, Muhammad Farid Khan sided with Pakistan and chose to integrate his State with Pakistan by signing the Instrument of Accession in its favour. Keeping this history in mind; it would be Unfair and Unjust to divide these people without giving consideration to Sociological and Anthropological value of this region.

2. Another major reasoning being; that in none of these newly proposed constituencies will the people of the former Princely State of Amb be in a majority. In PK 32 where the Phulra Qanongoh Circle of this area has been attached; the population of Phulra Qanongoh Circle is 88,338 (all population record is in accordance with latest census report) and the area attached to it has a population of 211,823. Likewise in PK 33 the population of Shergarh Qanungo Circle is 127,050 and the area attached to it has population of 173,228. So in both these proposed constituencies it is highly likely that no candidate of our area will get a chance to represent us in the provincial assembly.
3. In almost every law in the country you will find this following text as part of the law where it explicitly mentions;

“It (the law) has also been extended to the Excluded Area of Upper Tanawal”

 This shows the significance of this region and its unique status. It will be difficult for an outside representative to understand the complex legal significance of this area and he/she might not be able to safe guard constitutional rights of the residents of this region. Due to its Status as a Backward area; it is Included in the Zone 3 of Khyber Pakhtunkwa; and requires special treatment; which cannot be guaranteed if the area were to be divided amongst more developed areas of District Mansehra. The representatives would not give full attention this area deserves; because it lacks in population and more populated areas would receive funding ignoring the needs of the residents of Upper Tanawal.
4. The **Tarbela Dam** was constructed in 1965 and it engulfed a lot of lands of our region; and it has been a constant struggle of our people to get **Royalty from Tarbela Dam to be used in uplift of our affected area**. If Upper Tanawal were to be divided there is no certainty that the elected MPA might use this

Royalty Fund in areas that have been affected by the Dam instead using it in areas which have not been affected because these areas will be in the newly proposed constituencies.

5. Keeping the social and historical significance of our neighboring Torghar area in mind; the Election Commission has not changed the boundaries of PK 58 (now PK 35) although the population of this area is significantly lower than ours. Torghar region has a population of 171,395. While PK 57 has a population of 215,388. If the Election Commission thought it important to leave Torghar constituency as it is due to these reasons; then it is only Unjust and Unfair to not apply the same principle to area of Upper Tanawal.
6. There was no use of disturbing pre existing Constituencies of District Mansehra; as there is no increase or decrease in the proposed number of constituencies of this District by the Election Commission. Therefore disturbing established political constituencies without sociological and anthropological surveys of the District does not seem to be making any sense.
7. If the Commission finds it necessary to add any new areas to PK 57 it would be better choice to add 14 villages of Haripur District which were deleted from this constituency in the previous delimitations.



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Voter Information

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