

BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN THROUGH SECRETARY ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD.

REPRESENTATION UNDER RULE 12 OF CONDUCT OF ELECTION RULES 2017, AGAINST THE PUBLICATION OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL REGARDING PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCIES ASSEMBLY ΟF DISTRICT BAHAWALNAGAR PP-243 & 244, ON BEHALF OF MUHAMMAD AMJAD SON OF MUHAMMAD **AKRAM** RESIDENT/ VOTER OF CHAK NO.185/7-R, KHICHIWALA, TEHSIL FORTABBAS DISTRICT BAHAWALNAGAR.

Respectfully sheweth;

1. Brief facts of the matter are that the petitioner is a voter enrolled in electoral role for Chak No.185/7-R Khichiwala, Tehsil Fortabbas, District Bahawalnagar. Petitioner is eligible to file the instant representation to raise the objection against inclusion of his patwar circle PC 185/7-R

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having population 12213 in PP-244 which was previously part of PP-243 (PP-283).

of proposed PP-243 & PP-244 District

Bahawalnagar are not correctly delimitated

whereby geographical compactness and other

physical features were also ignored beside

being overlooking the existing boundaries of

these constituencies, hence the petitioner in

order to get the same corrected make the

following objections, to maintain

geographical compactness of the area and to

sustain the existing boundaries of the

proposed delimitation:-

GROUNDS OF OBJECTIONS

a. That the patwar circles 175/7-R having population of 5899, PC 187/7-R having population 14410 and PC 190/7-R having population of 5758 were part of PP-284

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which is new number is PP-244. Now the same are included with PP-243. Total population of these PCs is 26067 whereas the total population of proposed PP-243 Bahawalnagar-VII is 398666 and population of PP-244 Bahawalnagar-VIII is 369986, meaning thereby there is a huge variation of population between the two PP constituencies.

- b. That Patwar Circle 185/7-R which was previously part of PP-283 and now included with PP-244 which has the total population of 12213 and due to this unreasonable exclusion from PP-283 (PP-243) there is huge variation in population occurred.
- C. That PC 175/7-R, PC 187/7-R and PC 190/7-R are situated at a distance of 20-KM from Fortabbas Tehsil Headquarter whereas if these are allowed to remain with PP-243 which is basically seat of Haroonabad Tehsil, the distance of



Haroonabad Tehsil Headquarter is than 40-KM. Meaning thereby the previous inclusion of these three PCs with the PP-244 of Fortabbas Tehsil was made in order to maintain the facility of communication for the people of the area of these three PCs. Ιf the impugned proposed delimitation is allowed to sustain the people of these three PCs has to suffer agony of long distance beside being breaking of geographical compactness of the area and further the administrative boundaries will also be flouted which is violation of Section 20 of Election Act 2017 this notification regarding is therefore, required to be reversed and modified and in order to maintain the variation of population between these two PP seats the restoration of previous delimitation by adjusting these PCs is in evitable in the larger interest of the people of these PCs and will ensure

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homogeneity and restoration of geographical compactness.

- That the PC 185/7-R which was previously d. part of PP-283 (new PP-243) is now included with PP-244 contrary to its previous history, similarly the PC 175/7-R, 187/7-R and 190/7-R are included with PP-243 which was also made in violation of the principle of existing boundaries and if this error is corrected the PCs 175/7-R, 187/7-R and 190/7-R are excluded from PP-243 and included with PP-244 and PC 185/7-R is excluded from PP-244 and included with PP-243, then the population of PP-243 will be 384812 and population of PP-244 will be 383840 which will be very competitive and almost reaching to equality.
- e. That the purpose of delimitation as per Section 20 of the Act is that future delimitation would create competitiveness and facilitation for the people to avail the administrative opportunities beside

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being geographical compactness and maintaining the boundaries of the provincial assembly constituencies and the proposals made by the petitioner in this representation are step towards achieving the goals as submitted above.

In view of the above submissions, it is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that the PCs 175/7-R, 187/7-R and 190/7-R may kindly be excluded from PP-243 Bahawalnagar-VII and same may kindly be included with PP-244 Bahawalnagar-VIII and PC 185/7-R may kindly be excluded from PP-244 Bahawalnagar-VIII and the same may kindly be included in PP-243 Bahawalnagar-VIII.

<u>PETITIONER</u>

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