BEFORE THE HONORABLE SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD

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Subject:-

REPRESENTATION UNDER SUB SECTION 3 OF SECTION 21 OF THE ELECTION ACT, 2017 READ WITH SUB RULE 4 OF RULE 12 OF THE ELECTION RULES, 2017 AGAINST THE PRELIMINARY DELIMITATION OF THE <u>ASSEMBLY</u> **PROVINCIAL PUNJAB** <u> PP-256,</u> NO. PP-255. CONSTITUENCIES PP-259, PP-260, PP-261, PP-257, PP-258, PP-262, PP-263, PP-264, PP-265, PP-266 AND PP-267 OF DISTRICT RAHIM YAR **KHAN** 

## Respectfully Sheweth:-

- 1. That the petitioner / applicant <u>Abdul Qadir</u> S/O <u>Alam Din</u> CNIC No. <u>31303-2384019-9</u> is registered voter having vote No. <u>01</u> (<u>Block Code-252120307</u>) in PP- <u>261</u> District Rahim Yar Khan and intends to submit the instant representation against the preliminary delimitation of Provincial Assembly constituencies of District Rahim Yar Khan.
- 2. That 13 seats of the Provincial Assembly were existing within the boundaries of District Rahim Yar Khan and the number of constituencies has not changed. Even though there was no change in the number of constituencies yet very drastic redrawing of the borders of the provincial assembly seats has been carried out, specifically, the preliminary delimitation so published specially for PP-261 has been prepared in violation of the principles envisaged in Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017 read with Rule, 10 (3) of the Election Rules, 2017, therefore, the undersigned is aggrieved by the draft / preliminary delimitation of PP-261 on the following

## **GROUNDS**

a. That the draft delimitation proposal as published in the preliminary report and preliminary list is against the provisions of Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017 read with Rule, 10 (3) &

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- **b.** That the law promulgated for the delimitation of the constituencies, requires to observe for the delimitation of each constituency, the following principles:
  - i. The constituency should be contiguous and equal in population.
  - ii. The constituency should be compact therefore, odd shape formation and gerrymandered constituencies be avoided so as to ensure geographical compactness.
  - iii. The territorial unity shall be observed and specially the Patwar Circle shall be the basic unity for delimitation and it shall not be broken in any circumstances.
  - iv. Public convenience, facility of communication in the light of physical features of the area so delimited and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in creation of constituencies be observed / kept in view.
  - Variation of population of constituencies of an assembly shall not ordinarily exceed 10%.

But the above principles have not been observed while formulating preliminary draft delimitation proposal of PP-261, therefore, the situation warrants that the draft preliminary proposal be amended by accepting the proposal of the applicant to delimit the constituencies purely on merit and strictly in compliance with the principles of delimitation of constituencies enshrined in the Election Act, 2017.

- c. That the total population of District Rahim Yar Khan is 48,14,006/- souls whereas, average @ 13 Punjab Province Constituencies in District Rahim Yar Khan comes to 3,70,308/-souls, however, 10% variation is permissible, whereas, in the draft preliminary delimitation proposals of Provincial Constituencies of District Rahim Yar khan the above principle of population has been violated to same extent. Therefore, the draft preliminary delimitation is liable to be amended.
- d. That it was mandatory for the authorities / Election Commission of Pakistan to adopted proper procedure for delimitation of constituencies as detailed in Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017 read with Rules, 10 of the Election Rules, 2017.
- e. That PP-261 Rahim Yar Khan-VII has been delimited in such a way that one Provincial Constituency has been spread over and

leading to confusion and causing logistical issues and difficulties for electoral planning and conduct of free and fair election. This may be the only Provincial Constituency throughout the Punjab Province having such territorial structure as no other Provincial Constituency is spread over the four National Assembly Constituencies. The breakup / division of the area of PP-261 showing its division in each of four National Assembly Constituencies is given here under:-

- i. Qanoon go Halq Bagh-o-Bahar of Tehsil Khan Pur attached with PP-261 is part of National Assembly Constituency 176 Rahim Yar Khan.
- ii. Qanoon go halqa Kot Samaba Mohaal attached with PP-261 is part of National Assembly Constituency 177 Rahim Yar Khan.
- iii. Qanoon go halqa of Taj Garh and Patwar Circle Wahi Jumman Shah attached with PP-261 is part of National Assembly Constituency 178 Rahim Yar Khan.
- iv. Municipal Committee Kot Samaba, Qanoon go Halqa of Tranda Sawaye Khan, Patwar Circle Aslam Abad, Patwar Circle Baheshti, Patwar Circle Chenah, and Patwar Circle Kotla Ayyub Khan attached with PP-261 is part of National Assembly Constituency 179 Rahim Yar khan.

Bare perusal of the above detail establishes the fact that the area / Qanoon go halqas/ Patwar Circles of the draft preliminary delimitation of PP-261 have been divided / spread in the area of / Constituencies of four National Assembly Seats of Rahim Yar Khan District viz NA-176, NA-177, NA-178 & NA-179. This situation will obviously affect the electors of PP-261 because none of the elected persons from the four National Assemblies seats will take sole responsibility of PP-261, rather they will pass on this responsibility to each other's shoulders. Therefore, the requirement of the situation is that amendment in PP-261 be made to remove the above deficiency.

f. That draft preliminary delimitation proposal of PP-261 prepared by the Commission is lacking the important factor of geographical compactness. The Patwar Circles of Chak No. 31/P, Jhool, Mud Ilyas, Mari Allah Bachaya, Mondi Laar, and Sher Garh are adjacent to Municipal Committee / Urban portion of Khan Pur City, whereas, Patwar Circles Akram Abad. Thal Wari and

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Municipal Committee Rahim Yar Khan, as such, the area of draft delimitation of PP-261 starting from the Municipal Limits of Khan Pur Municipal Committee from one end is spread and goes on upto Tibbi Laraan adjacent to Municipal Committee Rahim Yar Khan to the other end, which is about 70 to 75 km long area thus is not only against the principal of public convenience but also seems to be unprecedented / unique in the Punjab Province, therefore, the constituency of PP-261 requires reshaping to establish contiguity and compactness required under the provisions of law.

- g. That in view of the above grounds, suggestion is submitted to avoid gerrymandering, the under mentioned proposal is submitted which meets the requirement of law and based on principles of delimitation of constituencies for the conduct of free, fair and just elections in District Rahim Yar Khan as envisaged in Section 20 of Election Act, 2017 and Rule 10 of the Election Rule, 2017. Furthermore, the just and fair creation of electoral constituencies is a prerequisite of just and fair elections, otherwise the election's results cannot attain legitimacy which resultantly would injure the credibility of the Election Commission.
- h. The proposal for Provincial Assembly constituencies for Rahim Yar Khan District is submitted as under:-

PP No.	Description of Area	Population
PP-255	(A) The following QH of Tehsil Liaqat Pur.  i) Sidhuwali  ii) Allahabad  (B) The following PCs of Khan Bela QH  i) Fazil Pur / Dashti  ii) Bakhshu Banhar  iii) Thul Hamza  iv) Jhok Gulab Shah  v) Banah Roya  (C) The following PCs of Tarukari QH  i) Tranda Gurgaje  ii) Chak No. 133/NP  iii) Chak No. 137/NP  iv) Ahmad Yar	3,56,466
PP-256	A) The following QH of Tehsil Liaqat Pur     i) Shedani Sharif      B) The following PCs of Pakka Laran QH     i) Aminabad	2 55 204
	ii) Chak No. 002/NP	3,55,304

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	v) Pakka Laran		_
	C) The following PCs of Khan Bela QH		
	i) Unran		
	ii) Bet Diwan		
	iii) Qadu Wali		
	iv) Khan Bela		
	v) Dufli Kabir Khan		
	D) The following PCs of Smooka QH of Tehs	it	
	Khan Pur		
	i) Kot Shahan		
	ii) Fateh Pur Kamal		
	iii) Wahgowan		
	A) Liaqat Pur Municipal Committee		-
	B) The Following QH of Tehsil Liaqat Pur		
	i) 1/L Abbasia (Cholistan)		
	ii) 2/L Abbasia (Cholistan)		
	iii) 2/R (Cholistan)		
	iv) 7/R (Cholistan)		
	v) Abbasia-I	,	
	vi) Abbasia-II		
	vii) Gulshan Farid (Cholistan)		
	viii) Haider Shah (Cholistan)		
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PP-257		3,59,997	1
	C) Tarukari QH excluding the following PCs	-,,	1
	i) Tranda Gurgaje		l
	ii) Chak No. 133/NP		
	iii) Chak No. 137/NP		
	iv) Ahmad Yar		l
	D) The following PCs of Pakka Laran QH		l
	i) Arif Balooch		ļ
	ii) Chaharwala		
	iii) Chak No. 1/NP Addl		l
	iv) Chak No. 001/NP addl	·	
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	A) The following QH of Tehsil Khan Pur		
	i) Nawan Kot		
	ii) Khan Pur-I		
	iii) Khan Pur-II		
	B) The following PCs of Bagh-o-Bahar QH		
	i) Dunya Pur Izafi		
	ii) Dunya Pur		
	iii) Latki		
	iv) Musa Kanjun		
DD 250	v) Mad Ilyas		
PP-258	vi) Sehja	3,60,666	
	C) The following PCs of Garhi Ikhtiar Khan QH		
	i) Gehmal Pir		
	ii) Kot Ghunya		
	iii) Sewa Ram		
	D) The following PCs of Jajja Abbasian QH		
	i) Azim Shah Izafi		
	ii) Azim Shah		
	iii) Jampur		
	iv) Kotla Pathan		

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	vi) Jhoran	
	vii) Makhan Bela	
	A) Municipal Committee Zahir Pir	
	B) Chachran Sharif QH	
	C) The following PCs of Garhi Ikhtiar Khan C	<b>2</b> Н
	i) Dhandoo Kotla Khan Lar	
	ii) Garhi Ikhtiar Khan	
	iii) Ghulam Nabi Lar	
	iv) Kot Daya	
	v) Gullo Wali	
	vi) Sheikh Abdul Sattar	
	D) The following PCs of Jajja Abbasian QH	
	i) Khai Khair Shah	
	ii) Jajja Abbasian	
	E) The following PCs of Samoka QH	
_	i. Chaudri	
PP-25	9 ii. Ghazi Barar	2 ==
	iii. Kotli Murad	3,57,049
	iv. Samoka	
	v. Lanjiwar	
1	vi. Pai Ahna	
	F) The following PCs of Kot Samaba Mohal C	ЭН
	or rensii Kanim Yar Khan	
	i. Bakhsh Aarain	
	ii. Lalgarh	
	G) The following PCs of Rukan Pur QH of Teh	sil
	Rahim Yar Khan	511
	i. Bahadar Pur	
	ii. Ghoush Pur Machian	
	iii. Haji Pur	
	iv. Missan	
ļ	v. Kotla Rai Qabool	
	A) Municipal Committee Khan Pur	
	B) Bhutta Sheikhan QH	
	C) The following PCs of Bagh-o-Bahar QH.	
	vii) Sher Garh	
	viii) Jhol	
DD 0.55	ix) Chak No. 031/P	
PP-260	x) Mari Allah Bachaya	2 50 220
	xi) Mandi Lar	3,58,230
	D) The following PCs of Kot Samaba Abadi QH of Tehsil Rahim Yar Khan	
	iii. Bismillahpur	
	iv. Shah Garh	
	v. Panwaran	
	vi. Chak No. 82/P	
	A) Rukan Pur QH of Tehsil Rahim Yar Khan	
	excluding the following PCs	
-	i) Bahadar pur	
DD ==	ii) Ghous Pur Machian	
PP-261	iii) Haji Pur	2 71 500
	iv) Missan	3,71,590
	v) Kotla Rai Qabool	

	i) Bakhsh Aarain	
	ii) Lalgarh	
	C) Municipal Committee Kot Samaba	
	D) Tranda Sawai Khan QH excluding t	the
	rollowing PCS	
	i) Amin Garh ii) Chenah	
	iii) Sultan Pur	
	E) The following PCs of Taj Garh QH	
	i) Chak Abbas	
	ii) Kot Qutab	
	iii) Tranda Ali Murad	
	F) The following PCs of Rajan Pur QH	
	i) Daulat Pur	
	ii) Ihsan Pur	
	G) The following PCs of Pallu Shah QH	
	ı) Butta Kot	
1	ii) Karam Abad	
	iii) Pallu Shah	
PP-262	iv) Rang Pur	
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