

BEFORE THE WORTHY SECRETARY ELECTION COMMISSION OF
PAKISTAN

Representation No. ____/2018

REPRESENTATION UNDER SECTION 21 (2) OF THE ELECTION ACT, 2017
ON BEHALF OF:

NUSRAT HUSSAIN HIRAJ SON OF MAHAR NAWAZISH ALI HIRAJ
RESIDENT OF MAHAR SHAKOOR WALA, TULAMBA TEHSIL MIAN
CHANNU, DISTRICT KHANEWAL

REGARDING DELIMITATION OF PP-207 KHANEWAL-V AND PP-208
KHANEWAL-VI

Respectfully Sheweth;

*the voters certificate will be provided
at the time of hearing 7-1-18 - -*

1. That the Applicant is an Agriculturist by profession. He is resident of Mahar Shakoor Wala, Tulamba, Tehsil Mian Channu, District Khanewal which falls within limitations of PP-207, Khanewal-V. His vote is registered at Silsala No. 17, Census Block Code No. 222080402, Electoral Area Mohallah Mahar Shakoor, Talumba Tehsil Mian Channu, District Khanewal.
2. That the Election Commission of Pakistan after conclusion of the Census and publication of its preliminary results carried out the exercise of Delimitation and redrew the boundaries of National and Provincial Assemblies in Punjab. The redrawing of boundaries and the Preliminary Report of Delimitation under **Section 21 (1) of the Election Act, 2017** was published by the Election Commission of Pakistan on 05/03/2018. On the said date the Honourable Election Commission published the preliminary report and the list of constituencies, in respect of National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies. The Honourable Election Commission in order to determine the populace for each of the constituency, has set the quota as **370, 429** persons per constituency for the province of Punjab.
3. That as a result of the Preliminary Delimitation mentioned herein above, Draft List of Constituencies have been published by the Election Commission of Pakistan. As per Preliminary List of Constituencies District Khanewal has been delimited in 8 constituencies for Provincial Assembly i.e. PP-203 Khanewal-I to PP-210 Khanewal-VIII. The list of these constituencies, their extent and population is attached as **ANNEXUR-A** Whereas Marked Map of District Khanewal is attached as **ANNEXURE-B**.
4. That the Applicant seeks kind indulgence of this Honourable Commission and prays for amendment, alteration and modification of the

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geographical boundaries of preliminary constituencies PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI inter-alia on the following;

GROUNDS:

- i. The Honourable Election Commission, while carrying out the exercise of Delimitation has ignored the cardinal principals, as enunciated under **Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017** read with **Rules 10 & 12 of the Election Rules, 2017** along with catena of dictums laid down by the Superior Courts of the Country.
- ii. The physical features and existing boundaries of the administrative units have also been ignored by the Election Commission, while carrying out the exercise of Delimitation with regard to PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI.
- iii. The draft constituencies of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI, as proposed in the Preliminary Report of Delimitation dated 05/04/2018, are also in negation and contradiction of the other cognate factors and homogeneity of the areas included in the said constituencies.
- iv. The existing boundaries of the administrative units in PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI, have also been ignored by the Honourable Election Commission of Pakistan. The facilities of communication and public convenience have also been disregarded, while delimiting, delineating and drawing up the boundaries of the aforesaid constituency. The residents of the said areas will face a lot of difficulty in accessing the representative institutions of their Tehsils.
- v. The Election Commission has also not been properly apprised that Qanoongois and Patwar Circles of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI have been arranged in such a manner that if the present arrangement of Delimitation remains intact and is not amended, altered and modified, the residents of the said constituencies will face severe difficulty to get their grievances redressed and access facilities of communication and public convenience.

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- vi. The Delimitation carried out by the Election Commission also ignored the cardinal principal of geographically compact area.
- vii. The constituencies of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI as proposed in the Preliminary Report of Delimitation dated 05/04/2018 is unbalanced, uneven and erroneous for the added reason that fundamental principal of facilitating the public at large, bringing governance to the doorstep of common people and instantaneous resolution of their issues. The present arrangement if remained intact and not amended, altered and modified by keeping in view, the geographical compact areas, existing boundaries for administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and last but not the least homogeneity will not only lead to inconvenience of the voters/residents but will also result in gerrymandering.
- viii. The following amendments, alteration and modification are necessary to make the delimitation of the constituencies of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI balanced, even, in line with the principles of delimitation as envisaged in the **ACT** and **RULES**:
- a) According to notification No. SOR(LG)46-37/2013(Khanewal) issued by Secretary, LG & CD Department, Government of Punjab dated 01-01-2015 Square Nos. 40 to 46, 51 to 56, 71 to 77, 82-83, 88, 94, 95 of Revenue Estate Chak No. 130/15-L had been made part of the Municipal Committee Mian Channu. PC Mian Channu is part of Mian Channu-I QH and consists of Chak No. 130/15-L, Chak No. 128/15-L and Chak No. 129/15-L. It is transpired from the preliminary delimitation that some area of Chak No. 130/15-L as well as PC Mian Channu has been included in the Mian Channu Municipal Committee, which is part of PP-208 Khanewal-VI, whereas PC Mian Channu of QH Mian Channu-I has been included in PP-207 Khanewal-V as per preliminary delimitation published on 05-03-2018. The abovementioned facts clearly show that some of the areas fallen in the limits of PC Mian Channu (of Chak No. 130/15-L) has been included in PP-208 whereas remaining areas of PC Mian Channu has been included in PP-207. By splitting the PC Mian Channu in 2 constituencies of Provincial Assembly, Rule 10(4) of the Election Rules 2017 has been violated, which is not permissible under the law. It is, therefore, proposed that whole PC Mian Channu (consists of Chak No. 130/15-L, Chak No. 128/15-L and Chak No. 129/15-L) be included in PP-208 to ensure the convenience of the residents of this PC as well as observance of the principles of delimitation enshrined in the **ACT** and **RULES**. The copy of Notification dated 01-01-2015 is attached as **Annexure C** and copy of 'Result of Population and Housing

5. That the residents of the constituencies PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI are entitled to proper representation in the Punjab Assembly by adhering to the principals stipulated in the **Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017.**

6. That the residents/voters of the area are also apprehensive of the proposed constituencies of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI, as they will suffer as result of the same and the issues/difficulties being faced by them will increase and remain unattended. They will virtually be unrepresented in the Punjab Assembly.

PRAYER

IT IS, THEREFORE, MOST RESPECTFULLY prayed that the Honourable Commission may very graciously be pleased to accept the Representation and amend, alter and modify the constituencies of PP-207 Khanewal-V & PP-208 Khanewal-VI, as per the spirit of the **Section 20 of the Election Act, 2017 read with Rules 10 & 12 of the Election Rules, 2017.**

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