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THE SECRETARY

Election Commission of Pakistan
G-5/12, Constitution Avenue
Islamabad.

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Subject: **REPRESENTATION/OBJECTIONS ON PRELIMINARY DELIMITATION OF PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCIES OF DISTRICT LODHRAN. SPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO DEMARCATION OF PP-224, PP-228 AND PP-227**

Dear Sir,

I am resident of Mauza Chowki Rango Khan Tehsil Kehror Pacca District Lodhran. My vote is registered in the said Mauza Electrol List at Serial No. 172. I have gone through the detail of constituencies of District Lodhran released on the commission website. I have seen the demarcation of boundaries of all the constituencies of the District on an official map of the District obtained from the Election Commission Punjab office on payment **Annexure-A**. After examining the statistical detail and viewing the geographical demarcation on official map I am of the firm opinion that in the crafting of these constituencies specially PP-224 and PP-228 the basic principal set out in Section 20 (1) of the Election Act, 2017 has been totally ignored.

2. The anomalies in the delimitation are floating on the surface of official map **Annexure-A** released by the commission. The official map however does not portray the real geographical shape of PP-224. It does not reflect Patvar Circle Burhan Pur of PP-228 which has been left within the boundaries of PP-224 for reasons best known to the peoples involved in the delimitation. In addition to official map provided by the commission **Annexure-A** which is not

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properly readable I have also used a map obtained from Local District Office prepared in Urdu language which is properly readable to present my case before the commission with statistics based on census 2017 and geographical division shown in different colours.

3. MY SUBMISSIONS ARE AS UNDER:

1. Section 20(1) of the Election Act 2017 has laid down the basic principles for delimitation. As per this section all constituencies for general seats shall so far as practical are to be delimited having regard to the distribution of population.
 - a. In geographical compact area.
 - b. Physical features.
 - c. Existing boundaries of administrative units.
 - d. Facilities of communication and public convenience and
 - e. Other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity.
2. From the present official map duly colored enclosed at **Annexure-B** and map in Urdu also duly colored enclosed at **Annexure-C** alongwith summary at **Annexure-C1** and detail of population at **Annexure-C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6** the Honourable members of the commission would kindly appreciate that none of the golden principals set out in Section 20(1) have been applied while delimitating constituencies of PP-224 and PP-228. The official map enclosed at **Annexure-A** does not portray the real picture of geographical division of PP-224 and PP-228 which are adjacent to each other.
3. From the perusal of map in Urdu of PP-224 at **Annexure-C**. You would kindly appreciate that it is neither geographically compact area nor homogeneous in character.
4. PP-224 has been crafted in L-shape; starting from border of Lodhran Tehsil touching end of Kehror Pacca Tehsil and then mounting upwards

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to touch the border of Dunyapur Tehsil. In this process the architect of the constituencies has all together ignored the basic golden principle of homogeneity and geographical compactness. He left Patwar Circle Burhan Pur with population of 12867 in the center of the PP-224 and attached this Patwar circle with PP-228 which is a big anomaly. Leaving Patwar circle in the center of PP-224 the architect of constituencies continued detaching Patwar circles from PP-228 which was previously known as PP-208 without looking into the fact that population of PP-224 is increasing and the population of PP-228 is reducing unless and until he detached my residential Patwar Circle Chowki Rango Khan which is located at the border of Dunyapur Tehsil and hardly has a population of 4075. Even if Patwar Circle Chowki Rango Khan has not been detached from PP-228, the population of PP-224 was higher than PP-228 by 4741. There appears to be no rational for attaching Chowki Rango Khan with PP-224 especially when the population of PP-224 was already higher than PP-228 by 4741.

5. I have a solid reasons to believe that the delimitation of PP-224 has been made person specific and targeted to hamper the interest of me, my family and my tribe who are settled in four adjacent Union Councils i.e. Chowki Masti Khan, Rind Jadha, Gahi Mammarr in Kehror Pacca Tehsil and 11-M in Dunyapur Tehsil. Presently in 11-M and Chowki Masti Khan my younger brothers are Union Council Chairman and in Rind Jadha one of our Balouch brother is Chairman. They have divided the population of these four Union Councils almost on equal basis and placed them into different constituencies. I am resident of Union Council Chowki Masti Khan and had been Nazim of this Union Council for two terms. They have attached my residential Patwar Circle with PP-224 and other major part of the Union Council with PP-228. Similarly Union

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Council Rind Jadha and Gahi Mammnar have been attached with PP-224. Whereas 11-M has been attached with PP-228. In old delimitation all the four Union Councils were in PP-228 which was previously known as PP-208. In sport of my version that the delimitation of PP-224 and PP-228 was person specific and targeted to me, my family and my tribe I submit a summary of result sheet of the election held in 2013 which I also contested for all the four Union Councils referred above for kind perusal as per **Annexure-D**.

6. From the perusal of both official map and map in Urdu language the commission would appreciate that the present delimitation especially PP-224 and PP-228 does not come up to the parameters laid down in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017. It is neither geographically compact nor homogeneous in character, nor having common facilities of communications. The architects has detached one big Patwar Circle with population of 23289 from PP-224 (Old PP-209) and attached it with PP-228 (old PP-208) and in substitution they have detached Patwar Circle Rind Jadha, Chowki Sobhay Khan, Muhammad Sai and Lal Bagheli from Pp-228 (old PP-208) for inclusion in PP-224. There was hardly any justification for such radical changes. Population difference in both the constituencies could have been adjusted through shifting of one or two Patwar Circles adjacent to the boundaries of the two constituencies PP-228 (Old PP-208) and PP-224 (Old PP-209) as has been done in other constituencies of the district. In last delimitation PP-209 presently PP-224 was on one side of Lodhran Kehror Pacca Mailsi mettled Road and rest of Kehror Pacca Tehsil area adjacent to border of Tehsil Dunyapur was attached with PP-208 presently numbered as PP-228. The division was symmetrical, homogenous and compact in nature. The present shape of PP-224 is zig-zag and contain a big pocket in shape of

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Burhan Pur Patwar Circle in the mid. This Patwar circle is attached with PP-228 and is surrounded by PP-224 which is not at all the spirit of the law.

7. In order to facilitate the commission I have attached an official map and map in Urdu of previous delimitation at **Annexure-E & E1** along with summary at **Annexure-F** and detail of population at **Annexure-G1, G2, G3, G4 and G5** for comparison. From the perusal of the previous delimitation map the commission would appreciate how it was homogenous, geographically compact, having common approach and better shaped in a row. Only small population adjustment was required which could have been easily made on the border of both the constituencies PP-224 and PP-228 to balance the population. I wonder why radical changes have been made while crafting constituency PP-224 on the formula of pick and choose and ignoring the criteria set out in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017.

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In view of the anomalies and discrimination pointed out in the above paragraphs I humbly request that the delimitation of the Lodhran District specially PP-224 and PP-228 may be reviewed and re-crafted on the basic principles set out in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017. As directed by the commission two alternative proposals for the delimitation of whole District are being submitted for kind consideration of the commission.

A. PROPOSAL NO. 1

The proposal No. 1 containing demarcation of all five constituencies on an official map at **Annexure-H**, map in Urdu at **Annexure-I** along with summary of proposed Qanoogoi Halqa and Patwar Circles at **Annexure-J**

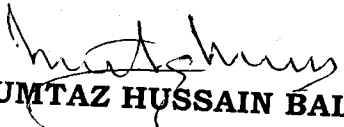
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with detail of population at **Annexure-K1, K2, K3, K4 and K5** included in each proposed constituency is submitted herewith for consideration.

B. PROPOSAL NO. 2

The proposal No. 2 containing demarcation of all five constituencies on an official map at **Annexure-L**, map in Urdu at **Annexure-M** along with summary of proposed Qanoogoi Halqa and Patwar Circles at **Annexure-N** and detail of population at **Annexure-O1, O2, O3, O4 and O5** included in the each proposed constituency is submitted herewith for consideration.

Thanking you, I remain.


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