

The Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan G-5/2, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad

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as practicable. The boundaries of administrative units have been divided without applying the principals as laid down in the Election Act 2017. There is no need of dividing STC Bahadurpur by excluding two tapedar circles but threshold of population could meet through keeping the STC Bahadurpur intact.

9. The tapedar circles of STC Bahadurpur excluded from the PS-1 have joint population of 30,679 and joint population of two tapedar circles of STC Thul is 34,887. There is only population difference of around 4000, which compared to inconvenience in communication and hardship is intangible.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE to above legal objections, Constituency Wise proposals are as follows:-

## PS-1 Jacobabad-I

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|--|------------|
| Municipal Committee Jacobabad of Taluka<br>Jacobabad | 191,076    |
| Jacobabad STC excluding Tapedar Circle Janidero      | 56,814     |
| Bahadurpur STC of Taluka Thul                        | 84,454     |
| Total  | 332,344    |

## PS-3 Jacobabad-III

| Extent of constituency                       | Population |
|--|------------|
| Taluka Garhikhero                            | 158,360    |
| The following area of Taluka Jacobabad       |            |
| i) Kherwah STC                               | 37,600     |
| ii) Ramzanpur STC                            | 64,603     |
| iii) Tapedar Circle of janidero of Jacobabad | 32,420     |
| STC  |            |
| The following Tapedar Circles of STC Thul of |            |
| Taluka Thul                                  |            |
| i) Mubarakpur and                            | 18,557     |
| ii) Tanwari                                  | 16,330     |
| Total  | 327,870    |

In view of the above it is, inter alia, prayed that draft proposals/ Objections shall be considered and the Delimitation of the Constituencies shall be re-checked and re-defined as per proposals made by the Objector.

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