

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

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**SUBJECT:- LEGAL OBJECTIONS AND PROPOSALS OVER THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES OF DISTRICT SHIKARPUR**

Dear Sir,

The undersigned applicant submits as under:-

1. With reference to Notification No. F.8(3)/2018-Elec-I dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, whereby Hon'ble Commission will hear and decide the objections / representations under Sub-section (4) of Section 21 of the Elections Act, 2017 in connection with Preliminary list of National and Provincial Assembly Constituencies of Pakistan.

2. That the criteria for delimitation of National and Provincial Assembly Constituencies is laid down in sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017 is as under:-

"All constituencies for general seats shall, as far as practicable, be delimited having regard to the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the creation of constituencies."

3. In view of above discussion, I hereby submit my **LEGAL OBJECTIONS** and **PROPOSALS** to preliminary list of Provincial Assembly constituencies namely **PS-7 Shikarpur-I, PS-8 Shikarpur-II and PS-9 Shikarpur-III.**

#### **LEGAL OBJECTIONS**

4. The Preliminary list of Provincial Assembly constituencies of district Shikarpur have been made in violation of Sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017.

A. As per the delimited and demarcated constituency PS-7, Shikarpur-I, the TC Khanpur, Tapedar Circle Khanpur of STC Khanpur, Tapedar Circle Shah and Tapedar Circle Mian Sahab STC, seriously damages the historic traditional setup of Taluka Khanpur. The inhabitants of Khanpur shall surely be caused into pain and anguish where they shall be asked to vote in the constituency PS-7 Shikarpur-I, where they have never been enrolled as voters. Hence these all areas may again be included in Taluka Khanpur for an earnest ease of general public.

B. Whereas the TC Lodra, TC Lalyoon of STC Shikarpur and TC Hamayoon STC Sultan Kot have been include in PS-7 Shikarpur-I, which are, on ground realities, adjacent to TC Khanpur. Thus, aforementioned areas may be include in constituency of PS-8 Shikarpur-II, in the interest of general population.

C. The STC Lakhi, Tapedar Circle Wazirabad, STC Rustam of Lakhi, TC Rustam of Taluka Lakhi, TC Sarfoo of STC Bhirkhan, Taluka Lakhi, TC Nimhoro of STC Bhirkhan, Taluka Lakhi, TC Azmat Jagir of STC Bhirkhan Taluka Lakhi and TC Chak Taluka Lakhi may be included in proposed PS-8 Shikarpur-II.

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- D. The Lakhi Taluka which has got grand population of 2,48,143 is small in terms of size of population. The break-up of Taluka Lakhi is feasibly fit in order to establish three constituencies i.e PS-7 Shikarpur-I, PS-8 Shikarpur-II and PS-9 Shikarpur-III, as the Taluka Lakhi have smaller size of population. The N-65 highway road runs on the heart of above said proposed areas, the areas are elaborately mentioned in applicant's point No: 3. The general public shall feel easy to reach their concerned polling stations.
- E. the opinion proposal of the applicant is attached with this application of proposals and objections which shows the viable and practicable distribution of population as per areas.
- F. The proposed constituency plan of PS-9 Shikarpur-III by the Election Commission of Pakistan is feasible and fit. The applicant do not object its proposed delimitations.
- G. As per sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017 there is no need to disturb existing boundaries of administrative units as this practice is observed almost all districts of Sindh Province, but this has been violated in District Shikarpur.
- H. In the Preliminary list of constituencies, there has been gross violation of sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017 by not keeping the existing boundaries of administrative units intact, which provides to keep the existing boundaries of administrative units intact as far as practicable. The boundaries of administrative units have been divided / splitted conveniently without applying the principles as laid down in the Act, 2017 and guidelines.
- I. While creating preliminary list of constituencies, the geographically compact area and public convenience has not been considered, due to which the general public will cause hardship.

**Copies of the eight (8) proposed map of Provincial Assembly Constituencies are attached herewith for ready reference.**

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that your goodness will take some necessary action in this matter and do needful in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely, 1



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