

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

March 14, 2018

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 5th 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. The difference of population is **26,878** between PS-9 Shikarpur-III having population 3,93,819 being smaller & PS-8, Shikarpur-II having population 4,20,697 being bigger.

B. The PS-7, Shikarpur-I is consisting of three (3) Talukas, namely Shikarpur, Garhi Yasin and Khanpur. Surprisingly, STC Jagan of Taluka Shikarpur has been excluded in aforesaid constituency and included TC Udha of STC Garhi Yasin of Taluka Garhi Yasin and also included some areas of Khanpur Taluka namely (i) Town Committee Khanpur, (ii) TC Khanpur of STC Khanpur and (iii) TC Shah Wah of STC Mian Sahib and (iv) TC Mian Sahib of STC Mian Sahib.

C. The PS-9, Shikarpur-III is consisting of three (3) Talukas, namely Garhi Yasin, Shikarpur and Lakhi. Interestingly, TC Udha of STC Garhi Yasin of Taluka Garhi Yasin has been excluded from the aforesaid constituency and included STC Jagan of Taluka Shikarpur and also included some areas of Taluka Lakhi namely (i) TC Mari of STC Lakhi and TC Jhali Kalwari of STC Lakhi.

D. The PS-8, Shikarpur-II is consisting of two (2) Talukas, namely Khanpur and Lakhi.

E. 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.

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F. 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.

G. 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.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE to above legal objections, Constituency-Wise Proposals are as under:-

PROPOSAL

1) **Proposed PS-7 Shikarpur-I**

- (a) Entire Taluka Shikarpur = 3,91,172
(b) The following areas of Taluka Lakhi is included:-
i) TC Mari of STC Lakhi = 22,913

@ **Grand Total:** 3,91,172 + 22,913 = **4,14,085 i.e. 33.60%**

2) **Proposed PS-8 Shikarpur-II**

- (a) Entire Taluka Khanpur = 2,76,283
(b) The following areas of Taluka Lakhi is included:
i) TC Taib of STC Lakhi = 13,260
ii) STC Rustam of Taluka Lakhi = 25,598
iii) STC Bhirkhan of Taluka Lakhi = 60,258
iv) Town Committee Rustam of STC Rustam = 9,346
v) Town Committee Chak of STC Bhirkhan = 14,681

@ **Grand Total:** 2,76,283+13,260+25,598+60,258+9,346+14,681=**3,99,426 i.e. 32.46%**

3) **Proposed PS-9 Shikarpur-III**

- (a) Entire Taluka Garhi Yasin = 3,15,883
(b) The following areas of Taluka Lakhi is included:
i) TC Jehan Khan of STC Lakhi = 20,242
ii) TC Jhali Kalwari of STC Lakhi = 22,087
iii) TC Lakhi of STC Lakhi = 18,482
iv) TC Wazirabad of STC Lakhi = 18,239
v) Town Committee Lakhi = 23,037
Total: 20,242 + 22,087 + 18,482 + 18,239 + 23,037 = **1,02,087**

@ **Grand Total:** 3,15,883 + 1,02,087 = **4,17,970 i.e. 33.94%**

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,



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