

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN


NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 28th October, 2021

Subject:- SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION (FIRST PHASE) IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

No.F.16(1)/2021-LGE-KP:- In partial modification of this Commission earlier notification of even number, dated 25-10-2021, whereby Election Program has been issued for the conduct of Local Government Elections in 17 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Election Commission of Pakistan has been pleased to exclude, on the request of the Provincial Government, District Malakand from the first phase of Election Program and include District Buner in the first phase of Local Government Elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Consequently the Election Program earlier issued in respect of District Malakand is hereby withdrawn and the same for District Buner is being issued separately.

By the order of the Election Commission of Pakistan


(NAVEED-UR-REHMAN)
Deputy Director (LGE-KP)

To

The Manager,
Printing Corporation of Pakistan Press,
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No.F.16(1)/2021-LGE-KP:- In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Articles 140A (2) and 219(d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Section 219 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 75 & Section-86 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013, sub-rule (1) of Rule-15 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Councils (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2021 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf; the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby calls upon the voters of Tehsil/City Councils, Village/ Neighbourhood Councils to elect their representatives to the seat of Mayor or Chairman and members of Village Councils/ Neighborhood Councils of district Buner of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province and in connection therewith appoints the following dates of various activities of election to the aforesaid Councils:-

S#	Activity	Days	Date
1	Public Notice inviting nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officers on	1 Day	01.11.2021
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	5 Days	04.11.2021 to 08.11.2021
3	Publication of names of the nominated candidates on	1 Day	09.11.2021
4	Last date for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	3 Days	10.11.2021 to 12.11.2021
5	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting / accepting the nomination papers.	3 Days Excluding Sunday	13.11.2021 to 16.11.2021
6	Last date for deciding of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal	5 Days Excluding Sunday	19.11.2021
7	Publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	20.11.2021
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	22.11.2021
9	Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of contesting candidates	1 Day	23.11.2021
10	Polling day on		19.12.2021
11	Consolidation of Results	5 Days	24.12.2021

2. To ensure that elections to the Local Government are conducted honestly, justly, fairly in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:-

- i. All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall neither announce any development project nor use State Resources in Local Government Elections calculated to influence the elections in favor of a particular candidate;
- ii. If any person in Government Service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of the elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under the Law;
- iii. Districts in respect of which election schedule of local government elections has been issued, no transfers / postings of the Government Officers and Officials including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;
- iv. After the issuance of Election Schedule, the President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Governor, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of any assembly, Chairman and Deputy Chairman, of Senate, Federal and Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister or Chief Minister or any other holder of public office shall not visit the area of any local council to announce any development scheme or to canvass or campaign for any candidate or any political party. In case if someone is resident of the district where election are being held he may visit the district however shall not take part in any kind of political activity.
- v. District in respect of which election schedule has been issued, no leave of the Government Officers and Officials including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without approval of the Hon'ble Commission;
- vi. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of Election Laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission, shall be proceeded against as mandated in law;

Note:- i. The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on all public holidays if any activity provided in the schedule falls on that day.

ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

iii. Polling Hours will be observed from 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

iv. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 15.11.2021 to 19.11.2021 (Excluding Sunday on 14.11.2021)

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