

No.F.8(8)/2015-LGE(C)
ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN



Secretariat,
Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad, 15th May, 2015

To

All the Returning Officers.

Through:

The Provincial Election Commissioner,
Punjab, Sindh, KPK, Balochistan,
Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta.

Subject: **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS-2015 IN THE CANTONMENT
BOARDS (SPECIAL INTEREST SEATS).**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to Chapter-VIII of the Cantonments Local Government (Election) Rules, 2015 and to state that the provisions of the said Chapter would be complied with in letter and spirit during conduct of election to the special interest seats and:

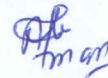
- i. Notification of Returned Candidates issued by Election Commission of Pakistan relating to General Members representing wards of the Cantonments shall be deemed to be the voters' list for election to the special interest seats for the Cantonment Board concerned (**Annex-A**);
- ii. As far as practicable, the instructions issued by ECP on 27.3.2015 (**Annex-B**) for carrying out scrutiny process may be followed for scrutiny of nomination papers to the special interest seats;
- iii. In case of contested election, symbols shall be allocated to the contesting candidates in accordance with ECP's letter dated 31.3.2015 (**Annex-C**) and subsequent changes therein that were time to time communicated to you during conduct of elections to the wards of the cantonments;
- iv. Each Returning Officer shall communicate, through e-mail and other means as directed by the Provincial Election Commissioner, the list of contesting candidates on the day the same is supposed to be notified by the Returning Officer;

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- v. In case of contested election, poll shall be held from 09:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. on the date as notified by ECP through Election Programme and polling shall be held in the office of Cantonment Board concerned;
- vi. As far as practicable, provisions of Rule 35 shall be followed for the poll;
- vii. The Returning Officer shall, after counting the votes, prepare and publish by public notice return of election on Form-XV and "Number of Ward" provided in the Form shall be construed as "Category of Special Interest Seat".
- viii. In case of equality of votes between two or more contesting candidates, as far as practicable, provisions of Rule 42 ibid would be followed;
- ix. The Returning Officer shall, immediately after preparation of Form-XV, send to the Election Commission the return of election for publication in the official gazette, after the receipt of Statement of Election Expenses by the Returned Candidates as provided in Rule 52 of the Rules ibid;
- x. The Returning Officer, after completion of activities relating to conduct of election, shall duly seal record relating to election in a polling bag provided to him for the purpose and submit the sealed bag in the store room intimated vide this Commission's letter dated 17.4.2015 as per the procedure provided in the letter (**Annex-D**).

Encl: **As above.**

Yours sincerely,



(Atta ur Rehman)
Joint Secretary (LGE)