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NOTIFICATION

In view of the prevailing law and order situation as well as the requests made by Provincial Governments of the Punjab and Sindh for deployment of Military/Para-Military forces, the Election Commission, in exercise of its powers under Article-220 and Article-245 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan has desired that necessary arrangements for deployment of Army/Rangers troops as 2nd /3rd tier responder in a QRF and patrolling mode in sensitive districts be made during the polling day and a day earlier where Local Government Elections are being held on 05.12.2015. The responsibility of the conduct of the Local Government Elections will remain with Election Commission of Pakistan and that of Law and Order with Police. Army/Rangers will only be called once the situation gets out of Civil Administration's control.

2. The Election Commission of Pakistan, in pursuance of Article 218(3) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with sub-section (2) of Section 19 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 read with Rule 78 of the Punjab Local Government (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2013, read with sub-rule (1 & 2) of Rule-33 of Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby authorizes that each designated officer Incharge of Pakistan Army/Rangers (Gazetted as well as Junior Commissioned Officer of Pakistan Army and officers down to Company Commander level of Pakistan Rangers) of any area, deployed for maintaining law and order as per above arrangements shall exercise powers of Magistrate First Class on the polling day and to take cognizance of any such offences in a summary way in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act No. V of 1898) in terms of Section 59 and Section 60 of the Sindh Local Government Act-2013 and the Punjab Local Government Act-2013, respectively. Powers of the Magistrate first class shall be exercised in respect of the offences punishable under Sections 48 to 56 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and Sections 56 to 67 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013.

3. Any member of the armed forces (Army / Rangers) who is present or deployed in any area under this order shall exercise powers under Article-245 of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Section 4 & 5 of Anti Terrorism Act (1997) as amended for the entire duration of deployment.

4. By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.


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