

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
**NOTIFICATION**

**Islamabad, the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.**

The Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to specify the dates for the following activities for filling up the seats of Chairman / Vice-Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor, in District Councils, Municipal Committees, Town Committees, Municipal Corporation, District Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation **except Municipal Committee Thatta and District Council Thatta, District Thatta and Municipal Committee, Gambat, District Khairpur**, relating to Sindh Province.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>2</b>	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officers on	03.08.2016
<b>3</b>	Filing of Nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the Candidates	05.08.2016 & 06.08.2016
<b>4</b>	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers by the Returning Officers	08.08.2016 to 10.08.2016
<b>5</b>	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officers ( <i>accepting / rejecting the nomination papers</i> ) by	12.08.2016
<b>6</b>	Last date for deciding appeals by Appellate Authorities by	13.08.2016
<b>7</b>	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	15.08.2016
<b>8</b>	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols	16.08.2016
<b>9</b>	<b>Poll Day</b>	<b>24.08.2016</b>
<b>10</b>	Consolidation and Declaration of result by the Returning Officer by	25.08.2016
<b>11</b>	Issuance of Notification of Returned Candidates by ECP on	29.08.2016
<b>12</b>	Oath of elected Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairman / Vice-Chairman of aforementioned Councils	30.08.2016

2. To ensure that elections to the Seats of Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairman / Vice-Chairman in the District Councils, Municipal Committees, Town Committees, Municipal Corporation, District Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation in Sindh Province are conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 218(3) of the Constitution, 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 favour 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 Section 68 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013;*

(iii) *No transfers / postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;*

(iv) *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;*

(v) *Polling hours shall be from 09:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M. without break.*

Note: *The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period.*

*All electoral activities mentioned except Sr. No. 9 in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours (09:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M.) and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.*

**By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.**