

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

(Public Relations Wing)

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to specify the dates for the following activities for filling up the seats of Chairman / Vice-Chairman in **District Council Thatta**, 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	07.09.2016
<b>3</b>	Filing of Nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the Candidates	09.09.2016 & 10.09.2016
<b>4</b>	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers by the Returning Officers	19.09.2016 to 20.09.2016
<b>5</b>	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officers ( <i>accepting / rejecting the nomination papers</i> ) by	22.09.2016
<b>6</b>	Last date for deciding appeals by Appellate Authorities by	24.09.2016
<b>7</b>	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	26.09.2016
<b>8</b>	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols	27.07.2016
<b>9</b>	<b>Poll Day</b>	<b>05.10.2016</b>
<b>10</b>	Consolidation and Declaration of result by the Returning Officer by	06.10.2016
<b>11</b>	Issuance of Notification of Returned Candidates by ECP on	14.10.2016 Due to Muharram
<b>12</b>	Oath of elected Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairman / Vice-Chairman of aforementioned Councils	15.10.2016

2. To ensure that elections to the Seats of Chairman / Vice-Chairman in the **District Councils, Thatta** 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.**