

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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Islamabad, 19th October, 2016.

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Subject: PROVISION OF PARTY TICKET/CERTIFICATE TO THE CANDIDATES CONTESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS TO THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE PUNJAB PROVINCE.

Attention of the all Heads of the Political Parties is invited to sub-rule (2) & (3) of Rule 20 & Rule 78 of the Punjab Local Governments (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2013 which provide that contesting candidates belonging to the political parties shall be allotted party symbol of political parties, allotted to the political parties by the Election Commission of Pakistan, on submission of party ticket on certificate/party letter, duly signed and stamped, from head of the Party or a person duly authorized by him.

2. A large number of candidates are contesting local government elections to the reserved seats in the Punjab Province and the party heads may feel difficulty in issuing party tickets to their candidates. In order to facilitate the political parties and candidates in this regard and to avoid any complication at the time of allotment of symbols by the Returning Officers, the Hon'ble Commission has been pleased to issue following guidelines for issuance of party tickets to their candidates:

- i. *The party head of each political party shall authorize a party office bearer in each division to issue party-ticket to the candidates contesting elections to the reserved seats the Punjab Province on behalf of political party head;*
- ii. *The party head shall provide a list of such authorized office bearers containing name, designation, CNIC No. and other particulars of such authorized person to the Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab **latest by 20.10.2016** who shall forward such list to all Returning Officers in the province for information and necessary action in accordance therewith;*
- iii. *Party Tickets, either by the Party Head or by his authorized office bearer, shall be issued by and before **24.10.2016** to the candidates, for the purpose of allotment of symbol to such candidates by the Returning Officers;*
- iv. *Only one person shall be authorized for a division of the province to issue party tickets to the candidates;*
- v. *Party-ticket issued by the aforesaid authorized office bearer or by the party-head **shall not be recalled or cancelled;***

- vi. Care may be taken that against one seat only one party ticket is issued;
- vii. Party-ticket may contain name, parentage and NIC number of the candidate;
- viii. Party-head or the person authorized by him shall put his signature and stamp on each party-ticket/certificate on party letter head and write the date of issuance of the ticket;
- ix. Each candidate shall submit the party-ticket issued in his/their favour to the Returning Officer concerned by and before the date of withdrawal fixed by ECP.
