

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
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In pursuance of Article 218(3) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Article 220 of the Constitution, Article 18 of the Political Parties Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No.18 of 2002), Workers Party of Pakistan Case (PLD 2012 SC 681) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission is pleased to issue the following Code of Conduct for political parties and candidates for bye-election in constituency No. **PB-7 Ziarat**.

2. The contents of this Code of Conduct shall be considered as directives of ECP and violation of any of its clauses thereof shall be proceeded against under Article 204 of the Constitution read with Section 103A of the Representation of the People Act, 1976.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

- (i) The executive authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in said constituency where bye-election is being held for unfair advantage of a particular candidate or political party nor exercise undue influence affecting the interest of a candidate or party for participating in any bye-election to be held hereinafter;
- (ii) If any person in the service of Pakistan misuses his official position in any manner calculated to influence the result of the election, he may be tried by a Court of Sessions as contemplated under Section 95 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 and, if found guilty of the offence, may be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both under Section 92 of the Act;

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- (iii) No transfers/postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Schedule of bye-election till the completion thereof;
- (iv) Individual transfers/postings of civil servants shall only be made, after the issuance of Schedule of bye-election, in exceptional circumstances, in exigency of service and in public interest, with prior approval of the Election Commission.
- (v) After the issuance of Schedule of bye-election, the President, Prime Minister, Chairman/ Deputy Chairman Senate, Speakers of Assemblies, Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Governor, Chief Minister, Provincial Ministers and Advisors to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister, Members of the National Assembly/Provincial Assembly and other public office holders will neither visit the area of any constituency nor shall openly or in secret give any subscription or donation or make promise for giving such subscription or donation to any institution of a constituency, nor shall inaugurate, commit to undertake or announce any development project therein for the advancement of the campaign of a candidate of his choice and thereby influence the results of election.
- (vi) The Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Federal Ministers, State Ministers, Advisors to the President and the Prime Minister, Provincial Ministers and Advisors to the Chief Minister, Members of the National Assembly/Provincial Assembly or any person on their behalf shall not visit the Constituency or a polling station after the issuance of Schedule of bye-election till the completion of poll.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.