

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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PREPARATION FOR DELIMITATION OF NATIONAL/ PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCIES. The ECP writes a letter to the provincial chief Secretaries, Additional Chief Secretary (FATA) and Secretary Ministry of Statistics drawing their attention towards the sixth population census, 2017 held earlier this year throughout the country. The letter says that through the constitution (Twenty fourth) amendment act 2017, the clause (3) and clause (5) of article 51 of the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have been amended according to which the seats in the National Assembly have been allocated to each province, Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Federal Capital on the basis of provisional results of the aforementioned census

2. The letter further states that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is under constitutional obligation to delimit the constituencies and revised the Electoral Rolls accordingly. In order to accomplish these national tasks well before the upcoming General Elections, the Election Commission is pleased to invoke Article 220 of the Constitution which reads as under:

220. Executive authorities to assist Commission, etc. It shall be the duty of all executive authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces to assist the Commissioner and the Election Commission in the discharge of his or their functions.

3. The letter draws the attention of the Provincial Chief Secretaries to the paucity of time and thus says that the Hon'ble Commission has issued a Directive on 22nd December, 2017 requiring thereby the authorities in the Federation and the Provinces to assist the Election Commission with regard to delimitation of constituencies and the revision of electoral rolls. In this connection, the said entities have been directed to accomplish various tasks and furnish necessary information as mentioned therein within stipulated dates. It has further been directed there in that the limits of the Revenue Units shall stand frozen w.e.f 22nd December, 2017 which ban will continue till the completion of delimitation process.

4. The letter addressed to the Chief Secretaries states that it shall highly be appreciated if exclusive directions are issued to all concerned for compliance of the said Directive in letter and spirit and furnish the requisite information latest by 10th January, 2018 so that the activities with regard to the delimitation and revision of the electoral rolls are not hampered.
