

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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## NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 8<sup>th</sup> January , 2018.

Subject: **ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYE-ELECTIONS TO THE INDIRECT VACANT RESERVED SEATS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE PUNJAB PROVINCE.**

No.F.4(18)/2015-LGE(P)(Vol-VIII):— Pursuant to the provisions of Article 140A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section 13 and sub-section (2) of Section 14 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 read with Rules 40 & 42 of the Punjab Local Governments (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the Schedule for filling up the vacant indirect reserved seats (annexed) in Union Councils, District Councils, Municipal Corporations, Municipal Committees and Metropolitan Corporation relating to the Punjab Province, calls upon the voters/representatives of concerned Councils, Committees and Corporations to elect such members and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

Sr. No.	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officers on	10.01.2018
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	11.01.2018 to 12.01.2018
3	Dates for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officers	15.01.2018 to 16.01.2018
4	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officers rejecting/accepting the nomination papers	18.01.2018
5	Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authorities	23.01.2018
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	24-01-2018
7	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols	24.01.2018
8	<b>Poll Date</b>	<b>06.02.2018</b>
9	Consolidation and Declaration of result by the Returning Officer by	07.02.2018
10	Issuance of notification of Returned Candidates by ECP by	16.02.2018
11	Oath of elected members by	19.02.2018

2. With a view to ensure that election to the Local Government is conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 218(3) of the Constitution, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

- a. *All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in Local Government Bye-Election calculated to influence the election in favor of a particular candidate or a political party.*
- b. *If any person in government service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of election, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under Section 60 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013.*

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- c. *No transfers / postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government / Bye-Election without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results.*
- d. *No leave of the civil servant will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Election without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without the approval of the Hon'ble Commission.*
- e. *After the issuance of Election Schedule, the President, Prime Minister, Chairman/Deputy Chairman Senate, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors to the Prime Minister another Public office holder shall neither openly nor in secret give any subscription or donation or make promises for giving such subscription or donation to any institution, 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.*
- f. *No Deputy Commissioner/District Coordination Officer shall perform protocol duty with the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, State Ministers, Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister or any person on their behalf till conclusion of the electoral process.*
- g. *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.*
- h. *The poll shall be taken from **09:00 AM to 02:00 PM** without any break.*

***Note:** (i) The concerned offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period in case any activity is involved.*

*(ii) All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.*

*(iii) ECP's instructions issued from time to time for conduct of Local Government Elections, as far as practicable, shall be followed for conduct of election.*

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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