

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

## ***(Public Relation wing)***

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Made & Issued by the ECP's Spokesman Haroon Shinwari** in continuation to the letter addressed to Joint Secretary (Law), Ministry of Interior Seeking immediate cooperation regarding dual nationalities of the contesting candidates for the Senate of Pakistan

- On **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (Sunday)**, the Joint Secretary (Law) / Focal Person of Ministry of Interior was contacted by D.G (IT) at 10:00 AM for obtaining report regarding proposed contesting candidates for Senate Elections 2018 with regard to their dual nationalities.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (Sunday), the requirement along with the detailed list of all proposed contesting candidates was sent to the focal person via WhatsApp at 10:45 AM.
- He was asked about the feedback on our request at **02:15 PM** and **05:15 PM** and he informed that the FIA response is still awaited.
- He visited ECP Secretariat along with list of proposed contesting candidates of Senate Elections 2018 having the status of dual nationality between **08:15 PM to 08:40 PM**.
- He only showed the list but unfortunately, he did not hand over the same to this Commission.
- He took snapshots of the list via his mobile for sending to his competent authority for seeking approval and pledged that soon after the approval of their competent authority the list would be shared with ECP at their earliest.
- When enquired over telephone about the progress, he replied that he cannot forward the list to the ECP at the moment. However, he promised that the same list would be sent from Secretary Interior to Secretary Election Commission directly under sealed envelope on **12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (Monday)**.
- Despite many contacts and reminders over telephone, SMS WhatsApp, the response of the Ministry of Interior is still awaited. It is pertinent to mention here that today is the last day of Scrutiny of proposed contesting candidates for Senate Elections 2018 for Punjab, Sindh, KPK, Balochistan and ICT.

2. It is further informed that all activities performed inside ECP were electronically recorded under the installed surveillance cameras, while the Joint Secretary (Interior) visited ECP.

3. Non-cooperation in this regard will impede the process of scrutiny for which responsibility will lie on the Ministry of Interior.

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