

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 5th October, 2018

No. F. 6(PK-23)/2018-Elec-II:- In supersession of this Commission's Notification of even number dated the 26th September 2018 and in pursuance of Article 218(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, it is the duty of Election Commission to organize and conduct election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law and that corrupt practices are guarded against. The Election Commission, in exercise of its powers under Articles 220 & 245 of the Constitution and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has desired that Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces shall assist the Election Commission of Pakistan and make necessary security arrangements for the conduct of bye-elections 2018 scheduled to be held on 14th October and 21st October, 2018, in the following manner:-


- i. Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces shall be deployed inside and outside all the polling stations from 12th October, 2018 to 15th October, 2018 and from 19th October, 2018 to 22nd October, 2018 respectively, in the constituencies where election is being held, for provision of secure environment to assist Election Commission of Pakistan in conduct of bye-election in a free, fair and transparent manner.
- ii. Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces shall also deploy sufficient number of Mobile Vigilance Teams/Quick Reaction Force (QRF)/Reserves in all constituencies where election is being held, as part of an integrated security mechanism, to provide secure environment.
- iii. Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces shall also provide security during transportation of Ballot Papers from the offices of Returning Officers to polling stations and back to Returning Officers offices.

2. The Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of Articles 220 and 245 of the Constitution, section 4 and 5 of Anti Terrorism Act, 1997 (as amended) and section 5 read with section 193 of the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017) hereby authorizes that each designated officer in-charge of Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces (Gazetted as well as Junior Commissioned Officer) deployed for providing security inside and outside all the polling stations of a constituency shall exercise powers of Magistrate First Class for entire duration of their deployment in respect of offences punishable under sections 169 (Personation) and 171 (capturing of a polling station or polling booth) of the aforesaid Act and to take cognizance of any such offences under any of the clauses of sub-section (1) of section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and to try any such offence in a summary way in accordance with the provisions of the said Code relating to summary trials.

3. Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces personnel deployed (inside and outside) a polling station while performing their security duties are supposed to first report to the Presiding Officer any irregularity/malpractice, they observe inside or outside of polling station and act according to the instruction issued by him in that regard. In case, the Presiding Officer does not act to prevent the commission of any reported irregularity/malpractice, the security staff will immediately bring the matter to the notice of the designated officer-in-charge of Pakistan Army/Civil Armed Forces, of an area of the said constituency who in turn shall inform the Returning Officer or the Secretary Election Commission to take action against the Presiding Officer.

4. The troops so detailed shall also be governed by Article 245 of the Constitution of Pakistan (inclusive of all clauses and sub-clauses) and Section 4 & 5 of Anti-Terrorism Act (1997) as amended, for the duration of deployment.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.


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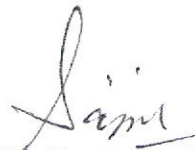
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