ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 19th November, 2018

- No. F. 8(PB-47)/2018-Elec-II:- 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 (FC Balochistan) shall assist the Election Commission of Pakistan and make necessary security arrangements for the conduct of poll at all Polling Stations of PB-47 scheduled to be held on 6th December, 2018, by deployment of adequate force of FC Balochistan inside and outside of all the polling stations.
- 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 the polling stations of a constituency shall exercise powers of Magistrate First Class for entire duration of their deployment in respect of offences under sections 169 (personation) and 171 (capturing of a polling station or polling booth) punishable under section 174 of the aforesaid Act and to take cognizance of any such offences under any of the clauses of subsection (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 a polling station and act according to the instructions 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 shall immediately take action in the light of powers delegated to him under para 2/above and also inform the Returning Officer concerned.
- 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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