

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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Islamabad, the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

## DIRECTIVE

**No.F.8(2)/2019-Cord.— WHEREAS**, the parliament passed the 25<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment paving the way for merger of Federally administrative tribal areas into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

**AND WHEREAS**, as a result of merger of FATA sixteen General seats, four reserved seats for women and one reserved seat for Non-Muslim for the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been allocated and the election on that seats is mandated to be conducted within one year of General Elections 2018 i.e before 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

**AND WHEREAS**, four reserved seats for women and one reserved seat for non-Muslims shall be elected through proportional representation system of political parties' lists of candidates on the basis of total number of general seats secured out of sixteen general seats by each political party.

**AND WHEREAS**, the list of priorities of candidates provided by the political parties with respect to filling reserved seats for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assembly during general elections 2018 cannot be utilized because of non-representation of erstwhile FATA in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly.

**AND WHEREAS**, the quota of reserved seats already determined for 22 reserved seats for women and 03 reserved seats for non-Muslims on the basis of strength of political parties after general elections 2018 cannot be revised by calculating total strength of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly after conduct of election on 16 general seats for the areas of erstwhile FATA.

**NOW THEREFORE**, as per spirit of the 25<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment as well as a special onetime dispensation and in order to provide representation to the women and non-Muslims of erstwhile FATA on reserved seats in the provincial assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the political parties are hereby advised to furnish fresh / separate lists of priorities for four reserved seats for women and one reserved seat for non-Muslims comprising names of such candidates who are registered as voter in the erstwhile FATA. The timeframe of submission of such lists shall be communicated / announced through press release separately. The candidates nominated on reserved seats by each political party shall submit their nomination papers to the Returning Officer concerned on scheduled dates.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan

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