# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

#### NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the July, 2019

No. F. 8(NA-205)/2019-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 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 decided that Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces shall assist Election Commission of Pakistan and make necessary security arrangements for conduct of bye-election in NA-205 Ghotki-II scheduled to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019, by deployment of adequate force of Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces inside and outside all polling stations w.e.f 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

- 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 Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017) hereby authorizes each designated officer in-charge of Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces (Gazetted as well as Junior Commissioned Officer) deployed for providing security inside and outside 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 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 provisions of said Code relating to summary trials.
- 3. Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces personnel deployed (inside and outside) a polling station while performing their security duties are supposed to first report to Presiding Officer any irregularity/malpractice, they observe inside or outside a polling station and act according to instructions issued by him in that regard. In case, Presiding Officer does not act to prevent commission of any reported irregularity/malpractice, security staff will immediately bring the matter to notice of designated officer-in-charge of Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces of an area of said constituency who shall immediately take action in light of powers delegated to him under para 2/above and also inform 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.

Deputy Director (Elections)

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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