

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

BYE-ELECTIONS IN CANTONMENT BOARDS

(CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTION OBSERVERS)

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, dated 8th February, 2022.


No. F. 24(1)/2021-LGE(C).- In exercise of its powers under Articles 140-A & 219 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with sub-section (5) of Section-58 of the Cantonments Ordinance 2002 (as amended from time to time) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, Election Commission issues the following **Code of Conduct for Election Observers**, which shall be obligatory for all the Election Observers observing the Cantonments Boards Bye-Elections to be held on **09.02.2022** in Ward No. 2 of Rawalpindi Cantt, Wards No. 1 to 5 of Kamra Cantt, Ward No. 7 of Walton Cantt and Ward No. 2 of Pano Aqil Cantt, to follow in letter and spirit:

- (i) Every person being a member of any Local or International Organization from Election observation mission may observe the election process on poll day with the permission of the Election Commission.
- (ii) No person will be permitted to observe the Election process unless he/she presents accreditation card issued by the Election Commission or its authorized officer.
- (iii) Observers shall display their official identification badges, issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan all the time and shall present it to the election officials and other security officials when requested.
- (iv) Observers shall respect sovereignty of Pakistan as well as fundamental rights and freedom of its people.
- (v) Observers shall maintain good behavior, respect others including exhibiting sensitivity for culture and customs of the country and shall observe the highest level of professional conduct throughout their job.
- (vi) Observers shall adhere to the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and respect the authority of the Election Commission and its Election officials.
- (vii) Observers shall follow instructions issued by the Election Commission and the State Authorities including security officials and shall maintain and respectful attitude towards them.
- (viii) Political impartiality shall be maintained by observers at all costs while observing the election process. They shall not exhibit any bias or preference with regard to local authorities, political parties and candidates as well as any issue related to the process of election.

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- (ix) Observers shall not conduct or participate in any activity that may generate an impression of favoring or opposing any political party or a candidate.
- (x) Observers will have right to ask any question and to clear any query but they will not obstruct directly or indirectly election process.
- (xi) Observers shall ensure that all their observations are impartial, objective and depict highest standard of accuracy.
- (xii) Individual observer shall not make personal comments about his/her observation or conclusion on the election process to the media.
- (xiii) Observation organization or groups shall ensure that only their nominated persons give comment about the election process.

By order of Election Commission of Pakistan.


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