

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 9th February, 2022

Subject:- **REVISED SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION (2ND PHASE) IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.**

No.F.16(1)/2021-LGE-KP(Vol-I):- In pursuance of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in Civil Appeal No.224/2022 dated 09-02-2022, whereby the Peshawar High Court, Abbottabad Bench order in Writ Petition No.116-A/2022 dated 01.02.2022 was suspended, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Articles 140A (2) and 219(d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Sections 58 and 219(3) of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 75 & Section-86 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013, sub-rule (1) of Rule-15 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Councils (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2021 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf; the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to revise its earlier schedule issued vide notification No.F.16(1)/2021-LGE-KP dated 20-01-2022 and calls upon the voters of Tehsil/City Councils, Village/Neighbourhood Councils to elect their representatives to the seat of Mayor or Chairman and Members of Village Councils/ Neighborhood Councils of districts Abbottabad, Mansehra, Battagram, Torghar, Kohistan Upper, Kohistan Lower, Kolai Palas Kohistan, Swat, Malakand, Shangla, Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Chitral Upper, Chitral Lower, Kurram, Orakzai, North Waziristan, and South Waziristan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province and in connection therewith appoints the following revised dates of various activities of election to the aforesaid Councils:-

S#	Activity	Days	Date
1	Public Notice inviting nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officers on	1 Day	10.02.2022
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	5 Days	14.02.2022 to 18.02.2022
3	Publication of names of the nominated candidates on	1 Day	19.02.2022
4	Last date for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	3 Days	21.02.2022 to 23.02.2022
5	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting / accepting the nomination papers.	3 Days	24.02.2022 to 26.02.2022
6	Last date for deciding of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal	5 Days (Excluding Sunday on 27.02.2022)	01.03.2022
7	Publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	02.03.2022
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	03.03.2022
9	Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of contesting candidates	1 Day	04.03.2022
10	Polling day on		31.03.2022
11	Consolidation of Results	5 Days	04.04.2022


2. To ensure that elections to the Local Government are conducted honestly, justly, fairly in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:-

- i. All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall neither announce any development project nor use State Resources in Local Government Elections calculated to influence the elections in favor of a particular candidate;
- ii. If any person in Government Service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of the elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under the Law;
- iii. Districts in respect of which election schedule of local government elections has been issued, no transfers / postings of the Government Officers and Officials including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;
- iv. After the issuance of Election Schedule, the President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Governor, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of any assembly, Chairman and Deputy Chairman, of Senate, Federal and Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister or Chief Minister or any other holder of public office shall not visit the area of any local council to announce any development scheme or to canvass or campaign for any candidate or any political party. In case if someone is resident of the district where election are being held he may visit the district however shall not take part in any kind of political activity.
- v. District in respect of which election schedule has been issued, no leave of the Government Officers and Officials including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without approval of the Hon'ble Commission;
- vi. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of Election Laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission, shall be proceeded against as mandated in law;

Note:-

- i. The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on all public holidays (including Saturday and Sunday) if any activity provided in the schedule falls on that day.
- ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.
- iii. Polling Hours will be observed from **08:00 AM to 05:00 PM**.
- iv. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 24.02.2022 to 01.03.2022 (Excluding Sunday on 27.02.2022).

By the order of the Election Commission of Pakistan


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