ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 25th October, 2022

Subject:-

SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IN DISTRICT LASBELA AND HUB OF BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE

No.F.2 (2)/2022-LGE (B)-Vol-II:- Whereas; The Provincial Government of Balochistan has bifurcated district Lasbela into two districts i.e Lasbela and Hub vide No.109 A19/10914-39 dated 31-08-2022.

And Whereas; The creation of New district from Lasbela i.e Hub is not affecting the overall delimitation of local councils already conducted by the Election Commission of Pakistan and the boundaries of all Urban and Rural Councils in both districts are intact:

And Whereas; The Election Commission of Pakistan had issued a schedule for the conduct of LG Election in district Lasbela vide Notification No.F.2(2)/2022-LGE(B) Vol-I dated 22-06-2022, which was postponed vide notification of even number dated 29-07-2022 due to heavy rain and flooding in the district till the normalization of situation.

And Whereas; The Provincial Government of Balochistan has confirmed vide letter No.5-97/2021-22(BLCEC)/9429-34 dated 14th October, 2022, that the overall condition in district Lasbela and Hub are better enough to conduct Local Government Elections in both districts.

Now therefore; In partial modification of this commission notification No.F.2(2)/2022-LGE(B) Vol-I dated 22-06-2022, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140(A) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section 219 of the Elections Act, 2017, Section 16(2) of Balochistan Local Government Act-2010 read with sub-rule (1) of Rule-9 of the Balochistan Local Government (Election) Rules, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to resume the pending process of holding local government elections in district Lasbela & Hub from scrutiny of Nomination Papers by the Returning Officers and fixes the following dates for subsequent activities as mentioned against each.

S#	Activity	Days	Date
1	Dates for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	4 Days	01.11.2022 (Tuesday) to 04.11.2022 (Friday)
2	Dates for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting / accepting the nomination papers.	3 Days	07.11.2022 (Monday) to 09.11.2022 (Wednesday)
3	Last date for deciding of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal		12.11.2022 (Saturday)
4	Publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	14.11.2022 (Monday)
5	Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	15.11.2022 (Tuesday)
6	Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of contesting candidates	1 Day	16.11.2022 (Wednesday)
7	Polling day on	24 Days	11.12.2022 (Sunday)
8	Consolidation of Results	3 Days	14.12.2022

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- 2. To ensure that elections 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. 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;
 - ii. After issuance of election schedule, no transfers / postings of the Officers and Officials appointed in connection with election shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;
 - iii. 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 elections are being held he may visit the district however shall not take part in any kind of political activity.
 - iv. No leave of the Officers and Officials appointed in connection with election will be granted 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;
 - v. 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 Officers and Returning Officers shall remain open on all public holidays 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.

By the Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan

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