

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

ORDER
04-09-2025

Subject: **POSTPONMENT OF BYE-ELECTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF PUNJAB.**

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan is a Constitutional body constituted under Article 218(2) of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973.

AND WHEREAS, it is the Constitutional obligation of the Commission to organize and conduct bye-elections under Article 224(4) of the Constitution read with Section 102(4) of the Elections Act, 2017.

AND WHEREAS, the Election Commission has issued election programme (schedule) for the bye-election in the following National and Provincial Assembly constituencies of Punjab vide notifications F. No. 8(4)//2025-Coord. M/F(1) & F. No. 8(7)//2025-Coord. M/F(1).

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY		
Sr. No.	No. & Name of Constituency	Poll Date
1	NA-66 Wazirabad	18.09.2025
2	NA-96 Faisalabad-II	05.10.2025
3	NA-104 Faisalabad-X	05.10.2025
4	NA-129 Lahore-XIII	18.09.2025
5	NA-143 Sahiwal-III	05.10.2025
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF PUNJAB		
1	PP-73 Sargodha-III	05.10.2025
2	PP-87 Mianwali-III	18.09.2025
3	PP-98 Faisalabad-I	05.10.2025
4	PP-203 Sahiwal-VI	05.10.2025



AND WHEREAS, due to unprecedented floods, the communication system in the province of Punjab has been badly disrupted. The flood has washed away roads, bridges, railway lines, electric polls and cellular polls towers etc. The flood has also badly damaged private and public infrastructure including government schools, buildings which are being used for establishment of polling stations and storage of election records.

AND WHEREAS, the rescue and relief operations have been started in the calamity stricken province. The civil administration and law enforcement agencies are also busy in the relief and rescue operations in unprecedented National level calamity and it is difficult for them to perform duties associated with the elections.

AND WHEREAS, some of the District Returning Officers of the constituencies have informed the non-availability of appointed polling staff due to flood relief operations and activities and have requested for appointment of fresh polling staff from the sister districts.

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Punjab through D.O letter No S.O(FG-11)6-4/2025 dated 4-9-2025 in response to D.O letter NO F.1(1)/2025 has requested the commission for postponement of the By-Elections in the aforementioned constituencies due to devastated floods affecting the Province and the engagement of civil administration and other law enforcement agencies in the rescue and relief operations.

AND WHEREAS, the polling staff appointed for the conduct of bye-elections belongs to various government departments and are not available to perform election duties due to engagement in the flood relief operations.

AND WHEREAS, the population of different areas of above mentioned constituencies have been displaced and the voters of the said affected areas shall not be able to participate in the process of elections to cast their votes which will result in disenfranchisement and possible low turnout.

AND WHEREAS, the devastated floods and its effect has been widely reported by print and electronic media.

AND WHEREAS, the subject matter was placed before the Commission in its meeting held on 04.09.2025 for discussion and appropriate orders. The Commission took stock of the subject issue and considered the ongoing rescue and relief operation, displacement of voters and participation of civil and other law enforcement agencies in the rescue operations and non availability of requisite polling staff.

AND WHEREAS, section 58 of the Elections Act, 2017 provides that the Commission may at any time, after the issuance of notification under sub-section 1 of section 57 make such alteration in the election program announced in that notification for the different stages of the election or may issue afresh election program as may in its opinion to be recorded in writing, be necessary for the purpose of this Act.



NOW THEREFORE, the Commission by taking into consideration the issues highlighted herein above has come to the conclusion that due to non availability of polling staff, requisite number of law enforcing personnel, damage of infrastructure, disenfranchisement of voters due to displacement, election cannot be ensured with the optimum level of security as mandated under Article 218(3) of the Constitution. The Commission in exercise of powers under section 58 of the Elections Act, 2017 read with Articles 218(3) and Article 254 of the Constitution, hereby postpone the election program of above mentioned constituencies and it shall resume from the stages from where it is being postponed after the normalization of situation in public interest.

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