

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN



Secretariat
Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,
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NOTIFICATION

No.F.2 (15)/2022-LGE-B (Vol-II):- **Whereas**, the Election Commission of Pakistan had issued schedule for conduct of election to the reserved seats i.e Women, Peasants, Workers & Non-Muslims of District Councils, Balochistan Province and polling was held on 22-06-2023.

And whereas, seats of women category remained vacant in 06 District Councils i.e Pishin, Nushki, Dera Bugti, Kachhi, Kalat & Panjgur due to equality of votes among more than two candidates and fresh election programme is required to be issued by the Commission.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140A (2) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section 219 of the Elections Act, 2017, Section 16(1) of Balochistan Local Government Act-2010 read with Rules-42(6) & 48 of the Balochistan Local Government (Election) Rules, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby calls upon the members of the District Councils concerned of Balochistan Province to elect the Members on Reserved Seats of special interest group of Women category in their respective Councils which remained vacant due to equality of votes and in connection therewith appoints the following dates of various activities of elections:-

Sl.No.	Activity	Days	Date
1	Public Notice inviting nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officers on	1 Day	17.07.2023
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	3 Days	18.07.2023 to 20.07.2023
3	Publication of names of the nominated candidates on	1 Day	21.07.2023
4	Dates for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	2 Days	22.07.2023 to 24.07.2023
5	Dates for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting / accepting the nomination papers.	3 Days	25.07.2023 to 31.07.2023
6	Dates for deciding of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal	3 Days	01.08.2023 to 03.08.2023
7	Publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	04.08.2023
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1 Day	05.08.2023
9	Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of contesting candidates	1 Day	07.08.2023
10	Polling day on	After 15 Days	23.08.2023
11	Consolidation of Results	2 Days	25.08.2023

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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. *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 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 of public office holder, 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;*
- iii. *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;*
- iv. *No leave of the Officers and Officials appointed in connection with elections will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule 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 prior approval of the 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. The District Returning Officers, Returning Officers and Appellate Authorities appointed vide ECP's Notification No.F.2(4)/2022-LGE-B(Vol-II) dated 8th March, 2023 and No.F.2 (6)/2022-LGE-B dated 6th March, 2023 respectively will continue to perform functions in connection with Local Government Election on reserved seats of women in District Councils of Balochistan Province..
- iv. Polling Hours will be observed from **08:00 AM to 04:00 PM**.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan

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