

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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Secretariat  
Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,  
Islamabad, the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024

## NOTIFICATION

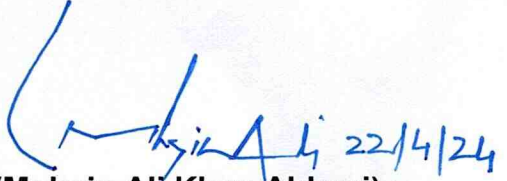
**No.F.3(17)/2011-Estt-I: WHEREAS**, the Election Act, 2017 was enacted on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017, Section 239 whereas empowers the Election Commission to make Rules for carrying the purposes of the Act. Aforesaid Section 239 is reproduced as under:-

“**239. Power to make rules-(1)** The Commission may, by Notification in the official Gazette and publication on the website of the Commission, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. (2) The Commission shall make the Rules under sub-section (1) subject to prior publication and after hearing and deciding objections or suggestions filed within fifteen (15) days of the publication”.

**WHEREAS**, in exercise of powers conferred under Article 221 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973, the Chief Election Commissioner with the approval of President has been pleased to make the Election Commission (Officers and Servants) Rules, 1989 and notified vide S.R.O 128(1)/89 dated 05<sup>th</sup> February, 1989.

**WHEREAS**, the present situation so warrants and it is expedient to carry out further amendments in Rule 8 & 12 of the Election Commission (Officers and Servants) Rules, 1989. These amendments are required to be published for inviting objections or suggestions to be filed within fifteen (15) days of the publication which will be decided by the Commission after hearing as aforesaid.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in pursuance of Article 221 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 239 of the Elections Act, 2017 and all other enabling powers in that behalf, the Election Commission is pleased to publish the aforesaid draft amendments inviting objections or suggestions in respect of any amendment to be filed in the ECP Secretariat Islamabad within fifteen (15) days of its publication by **06<sup>th</sup> May, 2024** which will be decided by the Commission after hearing. The draft amendments are being uploaded on the official website of the Election Commission i.e. [www.ecp.gov.pk](http://www.ecp.gov.pk).

  
(Mohsin Ali Khan Abbasi)  
Deputy Director (Estt-I)

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**DRAFT NOTIFICATION**

**No.F.3(17)/2011-Estt-I:** In pursuance of Article 221 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 239 (1) of Elections Act, 2017 read with sub section (2) of the Act ibid, the Election Commission is pleased to direct that the following amendments shall be made in the Election Commission (Officers & Servants) Rules, 1989 as under:-

1. In the aforesaid Rules:-

1) In Rule 12 (1), the expression Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1973 shall be substituted with the expression Civil Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 2020 with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

2) In Rule 12, sub rule (3) shall be substituted with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 as under:-

“The repeal of Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1973 with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 shall not affect any action taken or anything done or suffered thereunder and all proceedings pending immediately before the commencement of these rules against officers and servants of the Commission under the repealed rules shall continue under the repealed rules and the powers of Authorized Officer in respect of cases before 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 shall be exercised by the officers authorized as such before the said date”.

The above amendments shall take effect from 11-12-2020 and the provisions of the above Rule shall deem to have always been so amended with effect from 11-12-2020.

2. In the aforesaid Rules:-

1) In Rule 8, in the table for “Appointing Authorities” under column 2, for post in BS-11 to BS-15, the expression “Joint Secretary (Admn)” shall be substituted with “Additional Director General (Admn)” with effect from 26-06-2020.

2) In Rule 12, sub rule (2) shall be substituted as under:-

“(2) Subject to Section 55 of the Elections Act, 2017, “Authority” means the “Appointing Authority” prescribed in Rule 8 of the Election Commission (Officers and Servants) Rules, 1989”.

3) In Rule 12 after sub rule (2), the following new sub rule (3) shall be added:-

“(3) Authorized Officer means an officer authorized by the authority to perform the functions of an authorized officer under these rules or, if no officer is so authorized, the authority:

Provided that in the case of disciplinary proceedings already initiated against the employees of Commission before 26-06-2020 the powers of authorized officer shall be exercised by the officer authorized as such before the said date”.

The above amendments shall take effect from 26-06-2020 and the provisions of the above Rules shall deem to have always been so amended with effect from 26-06-2020.

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3. In the aforesaid Rules:-

- 1) In Rule 8, in the table for "Appointing Authorities" under column 2, for posts in BS-11 to BS-15, the expression "Additional Director General (Admn)" shall be substituted with "Additional Secretary (Admn)" with immediate effect;
- 2) In Rule 8, in the table for "Appointing Authorities" under column 2, for posts in BS-03 to BS-10 and BS-01 to BS-02, the expressions "Deputy Secretary (Admn) and Section Officer (Estt.)" shall be substituted with "Additional Director General (Admn-I)" with immediate effect.

The above amendments shall take effect from 26-11-2021 and the provisions of the above Rule shall deem to have always been so amended with effect from 26-11-2021.

4. In the aforesaid Rules, Rule 8 shall be substituted as under:

Posts	Secretariat	Office of the Provincial Election Commissioners and their subordinate offices at Divisional and District level
BPS-17 and above & equivalent	Commissioner	Commissioner
BPS-16 & equivalent	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner
BPS 11-15	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner
BPS 01-10	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner	An Officer to be authorized by the Commissioner

The above amendments shall take effect from 17-02-2023 and the provisions of the above Rule shall deem to have always been so amended with effect from 17-02-2023.

  
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