

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 7th July, 2023

Subject:- **SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYE-ELECTION TO THE VACANT SEATS OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.**

No.F.16(1)/2023-LGE-KP:- 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 Section 219 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Sections 75 and 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 hereby fixes the following dates for Local Government Bye-Election to fill different categories of vacant seats i.e. Generals, Women, Peasant/ Workers, Youths and Non-Muslims in various Local Councils of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province notified as vacant by Election Commission of Pakistan vide Notification No.F.32(2)/2022-LGE-KP dated 27.06.2023 and calls upon the voters to elect their representative to respective Local Councils:-

| S# | Activity | Days | Date |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Public Notice | 1 Day | 14.07.2023 (Friday) |
| 2 | Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates | 03 Days | 17.07.2023 (Monday) to 19.07.2023 (Wednesday) |
| 3 | Publication of names of the nominated candidates on | 01 Day | 20.07.2023 (Thursday) |
| 4 | Dates for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer | 03 Days | 21.07.2023 (Friday) to 24.07.2023 (Monday) |
| 5 | Dates for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting / accepting the nomination papers. | 02 Days | 25.07.2023 (Tuesday) to 26.07.2023 (Wednesday) |
| 6 | Last date for deciding of appeals by the Appellate Tribunal | 04 Days (excluding Sunday) | 01.08.2023 (Tuesday) |
| 7 | Publication of revised list of candidates | 01 Day | 02.08.2023 (Wednesday) |
| 8 | Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates | 01 Day | 03.08.2023 (Thursday) |
| 9 | Allotment of Election Symbols to contesting candidates and publication of list of contesting candidates | 01 Day | 04.08.2023 (Friday) |
| 10 | Polling day on | - | 27.08.2023 (Sunday) |
| 11 | Consolidation of Results | 02 Days | 30.08.2023 (Wednesday) |

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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. *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. *After the issuance of Election Schedule, 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. *After the issuance of Election Schedule, 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 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 25.07.2023 to 01.08.2023.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan


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Through PEC, KP

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