

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 16th May, 2023.

No.F.3(5)/2022-LGE-S:— In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140(A) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sections 219 and 229 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 34 & sub sections (3), (4), (6) ,(7), (7-A), (8) and (9) of Section 18 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues schedule for filling up the indirect seats in Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporations, Town Municipal Corporations, Municipal Committees, Town Committees and District Councils relating to Sindh Province and calls upon the members of the electoral college of concerned Councils, Committees and Corporations to elect the members against reserved seats of Women, Youth, Non-Muslims, Labourers / Peasants, Persons With Disabilities and Transgender Person Members, as provided in Section 18-A of the Act *ibid* and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

| Sr. No. | Activity | Date |
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| 1 | Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officer on | 18.05.2023 |
| 2 | Filing of Nomination papers by the candidate & submission of Priority Lists of candidates with the Returning Officers by the Political Parties | 22.05.2023 to 24.05.2023 |
| 3 | Scrutiny of Nomination papers by the Returning Officers | 25.05.2023 to 26.05.2023 |
| 4 | Dates for filing of appeals against the decisions of the Returning Officers (<i>accepting / rejecting the nomination papers</i>) | 27.05.2023 to 29.05.2023 |
| 5 | Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authority | 30.05.2023 to 31.05.2023 |
| 6 | Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols | 02.06.2023 |
| 7 | Calculation of share of each political parties in the Local Council concerned by Returning Officers & Communication of Result to ECP | 03.06.2023 To 04.06.2023 |
| 8 | Oath of elected members | 10.06.2023 |

2. To ensure that elections to the Local Governments 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 favour 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) *For Divisions in respect of which election schedule of local government elections has been issued, **no transfers / postings of the government officers and officials** including those of Autonomous Bodies/Authorities shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;*
- (iv) *For Divisions in respect of which election schedule has been issued, **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.*

Note: 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 (including Sunday) if any activity provided in the schedule falls on that day.

All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timings will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 27-05-2023.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.


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To

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