## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

## **NOTIFICATION**

Islamabad, 13th February 2024.

No.F.3(5)/2022-LGE-S:— In pursuance of the Election Commission of Pakistan order dated 1st December, 2023 in case No.6(123)/2023-Law-III (Asad Ahmad Vs Abdul Latif) and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 140(A) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sections 219 of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (1) of Section 34 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues schedule for filling up the vacant direct seat of General Member from Ward No.12 of Municipal Committee Sanghar and specifies the following dates for various election activities;

| Sr.No. | Activity  | Date                           |
|--------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1      | Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officer on  | 16.02.2024                     |
| 2      | Filing of Nomination papers by the candidate with the Returning Officer   | 19.02.2024<br>to<br>20.02.2024 |
| 3 .    | Scrutiny of Nomination papers by the Returning Officers   | 21.02.2024<br>to<br>22.02.2024 |
| 4      | Dates for filing of appeals against the decisions of the Returning Officers (accepting / rejecting the nomination papers) | 23.02.2024<br>to<br>24.02.2024 |
| 5      | Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authority   | 27.02.2024                     |
| 6      | Last date for withdrawal of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates                                     | 28.02.2024                     |
| 7      | Allotment of Symbols to the contesting candidates   | 29.02.2024                     |
| , 8    | Poll Day  | 07.03.2024                     |

- 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 as well as the elected governments in the Federation and in the Provinces shall neither announce any development project nor use State Resources in the constituency 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 district in respect of which election schedule 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) No transfers / postings of the election officials (DRO, RO and ARO) or any other election official appointed for the subject election shall be made after the issuance of this schedule till the publication of election results
- (v) For district 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: 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 (including Sunday) 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 timings will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.
  - iii. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 23-02-2024.
  - iv. Polling Hours will be observe from 08 AM to 05 PM

    By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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