

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

PRESS RELEASE

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES FOR ALLOTMENT OF ELECTION SYMBOLS.

Islamabad, the 09th February, 2023.—The political parties which have complied with the provisions of the Allocation of Election Symbols of the Election Act, 2017 and the Election Rules, 2017 are invited to make applications for allocation of one of the symbols prescribed under Rule 162 of the Election Rules, 2017. The applications, duly signed by the respective Party Head, should reach the Election Commission, Secretariat Islamabad, on or before the 21st February, 2023.

2. The political parties are advised to file applications for allocation of symbols according to requirements of Section 216 of the Elections Act, 2017. The applications should contain the following information:-

- a) The list of symbols applied for in order of preference;
- b) Symbol or symbols if any allocated to the political party during the previous general elections;
- c) Every such application shall be signed by the Party Head, by whatever name designated;
- d) Address of the head office of the political party;
- e) Such other particulars or information from the party as may be prescribed.

3. On receipt of applications from the Political Parties, eligibility of each party will be ascertained in the light of Section 215 of the Election Act, 2017 which is reproduced hereunder:

“215. Eligibility of party to obtain election symbol.— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, a political party enlisted under this Act shall be eligible to obtain an election symbol for contesting elections for Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), Provincial Assemblies or local government on submission of certificates and statements referred to in sections 202, 206, 209 and 210.

4. The incomplete applications or requests through fax will not be entertained. The applications received prior to the issuance of this Press Release shall also not be considered. Thus, all such parties, who sent applications prior to issuance of this Press Release, are requested to make fresh applications.

5. It may also be clarified here that applications received after the due date, i.e., 21st February, 2023 will not be entertained.

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AFFIDAVIT

(on 20 Rupees Stamp Paper)

[Selection for Elective Offices under Section 206 of the Election Act, 2017]

I Head of (Name of Party)
..... do hereby assure that my Party shall ensure that at least five per cent candidates against General Seats of our party shall be selected from Women including membership of the *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) and Provincial Assemblies in accordance with the provision of Elections Act, 2017 read with sections 206 & 215. Contravention to this statement would render my Political Party ineligible to get party Election Symbol.

Name, Signature and Seal of
Party Head

Address

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National Identity Card No.

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Place

Contact No.

Date