

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
NOTIFICATION

Islamabad the 22nd January, 2023

F.No.2(1)/2023-Cord.- WHEREAS, the Provincial Assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunhwa under Article 112 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan stand dissolved on 14th and 18th January, 2023 respectively.

AND WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan is mandated with the constitutional duty to organize and conduct elections in terms of Article 218(3) of the Constitution and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the elections are conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with the law and that corrupt practices are guarded against;

AND WHEREAS, it has become imperative that the Election Commission shall take all necessary steps under the Constitution and prevalent law for smooth conduct of General Elections to the Provincial Assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

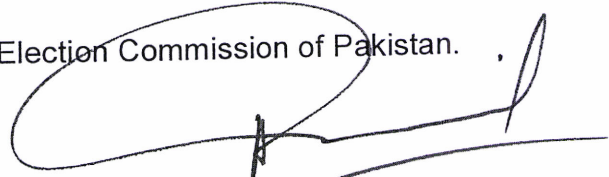
NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Articles 218(3), 220 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sections 4, 5, 8(c) read with Section 230 of the Elections Act, 2017 and as supported by the Workers' Party case through Akhtar Hussain Advocate, General Secretary and 6 others Versus Federal of Pakistan and 2 others reported in PLD 2012 SC 681, and all the other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan, to ensure transparent election and to provide a level playing field for all contesting candidates and political parties, hereby directs the Caretaker Governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:-

- (a) To assist the Election Commission to hold elections in accordance with law as provided under section 230(1)(b) of the Elections Act, 2017.
- (b) To ensure the compliance of all the notifications, directives and the provisions as laid down in Section 230 of the Act *ibid*.
- (c) Not to post or transfer any public official after the issuance of this notification within and to / from Punjab & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa without prior approval in writing of the Election Commission as laid down in Clause 2(f) of Section 230 of the Elections Act, 2017.
- (d) Ensure that all kinds of recruitments in any Ministry, Division, Department or Institution under the Provincial Governments and Local Governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are banned with immediate effect, except recruitments by the Provincial Public Service Commissions and those government organizations where test / interviews have already been conducted before this day.
- (e) Not to announce / execute any kind of Development Schemes in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provinces except those which are ongoing and approved before the issuance of this notification. Moreover, the Provincial Governments and Local Governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall not issue tenders of such schemes till culmination of General Elections of both Assemblies.

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- (f) All development funds relating to Local Government institutions of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Cantonment Boards falling in the jurisdiction of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall stand frozen with immediate effect till announcement of results of the said General Elections.
- (g) To ensure immediate termination of services of all heads of the institutions appointed on political basis and to send their lists to the Commission forthwith.
- (h) To ensure vacation of the government residential facilities from Ex-Chief Ministers and their advisors, Ex-Provincial Ministers and Ex-Members of the Provincial Assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, besides ensuring withdrawal of official vehicles from them. Furthermore, the dignitaries shall be provided security / protocol as per their entitlement and any extra deployment of security / protocol be withdrawn from them forthwith.
- (i) The Caretaker Governments shall perform their functions and attend to day-to-day matters which are necessary to run the affairs of the Provinces in accordance with law.
- (j) The Chief Minister or a Minister or any other member of Caretaker Governments shall, within three days from the date of assumption of office, submit to the Commission, a statement of assets and liabilities including assets and liabilities of his spouse and dependent children as on the preceding 30th day of June on Form B.

This issues with the approval of Election Commission of Pakistan.



(Omar Hamid Khan)

Secretary


Election Commission of Pakistan

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- (18) Provincial Election Commissioner Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
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(Shahid Iqbal)
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