

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 22nd September 2023

No. F.18(1)/2023-Law **WHEREAS**, the Elections Act, 2017 was promulgated on 2nd October 2017, Section 239 whereas empowers the Election Commission to make Rules for carrying the purposes of the Act. Aforesaid section 239 is reproduced as under: -

“**239. Power to make rules-**(1) The Commission may, by notification in the official Gazette and publication on the website of the Commission, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
(2) The Commission shall make the Rules under sub-section (1) subject to prior publication and after hearing and deciding objections or suggestions filed within fifteen days of the publication.”

WHEREAS, the Election Commission framed the Election Rules, 2017 in pursuance of Section 239 *ibid* and notified the same on 9th November, 2021 and thereafter, in view of different scenarios and to resolve the predicaments arisen with time, the Election Commission has carried out various amendments in rules.

WHEREAS, the present situation so warrants and it is expedient to carry out further amendments in Rules 51, 52(3), 56(3), 66(4), 71(2), 84(4), 85(2), 87(2), 134(1), 134(2), 134(2A), 134A, 137(1), 143(1), 143(4) 158(1), 158(3), 161(1), Form 41(g), Form 41(h)(ii), Form 67, Form 68, and Annexures, and Form 69. These amendments are required to be published for inviting objections or suggestions to be filed within fifteen days of the publication which will be decided by the Commission after hearing as aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 239 of the Elections Act, 2017 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission is pleased to publish the aforesaid draft amendments inviting objections or suggestions in respect of any amendment may be filed in ECP Secretariat, Islamabad by 7th October, 2023 which will be decided by the Commission after hearing. The draft amendments are being uploaded on the official website of the Commission i.e. www.ecp.gov.pk.


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