

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 (2) and (5) 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 Union Committees and Union Councils relating to Sindh Province and calls upon the members of the electoral college of concerned Councils and Committees to elect the members against reserved seats of Women, Youth, Non-Muslims, and Labourers / Peasants, and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

S.No.	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officers on	18.05.2023
2	Filing of Nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the Candidates	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 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 Appellate Authorities.	31.05.2023
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	02.06.2023
7	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols.	03.06.2023
8	Poll day including compilation and declaration of result by the Returning Officer	06.06.2023
9	Communication of result to the ECP	08.06.2023
10	Furthermore the above said elected members shall take oath on	14.06.2023

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.

Polling Hours will be observed from **08:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.**

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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