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Sikandar Sultan Raja Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan



Mr. Nisar Ahmed Durrani Hon'ble Member Election Commission of Pakistan (Sindh)



Mr. Shah Muhammad Jatoi Hon'ble Member Election Commission of Pakistan (Balochistan)



Mr. Babar Hassan Bharwana Hon'ble Membe Election Commission of Pakistan (Punjab)



Mr. Justice (R.) Ikramullah Khan Hon'ble Member Election Commission of Pakistan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)

Oath Taking Ceremony of Honorable Members Election Commission of Pakistan

Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja administered the oath to Mr. Babar Hassan Bharwana and Justice (Rtd) Mr. Ikramullah Khan as newly appointed members of the Election Commission of Pakistan from the Province of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa respectively at Election Commission's Secretariat Islamabad, on 1st June, 2022. The event was attended by the Hon'ble Members of Election Commission of Pakistan, officers, dignitaries and media personnels as well. Mr. Babar Hassan Bharwana, Ex-Civil Servant hails from District Jhang, Punjab. He is a graduate from Government Collage Lahore and did his post-graduation in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. He started his career as a diplomat in Foreign Service of Pakistan and later joined DMG/PAS. At the start of his career he had served as Assistant Commissioner at different places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. He remained District Magistrate Faisalabad and later District Coordination Officer Vehari.





In Punjab Government he has also served as Director General, Local Government and Community Development, Secretary Irrigation & Power, Secretary Forest, Wild Life & Fisheries and Chief Settlement Commissioner in the Board of Revenue. In the Federal Government he remained posted in the Prime Minister, Secretariat, where he assisted the chief executive of the country on matters relating to public grievances and developmental schemes. He retired as Federal Secretary from the Ministry of Housing and Works in March, 2018. He is author of three books, two are travel logs namely "Musaften Sagaften" and "Safar Safar Teri Duniya" along with his autobiography under the name of "Babar Beeti". He was appointed as Member Election Commission of Pakistan on 30th May 2022 for a five years term. Mr. Justice (Rtd) Ikramullah Khan hails from Swat; Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He enrolled as an Advocate in Subordinate Judiciary in the year 1989. He was enrolled as an Advocate of High Court in the year 1994 and practiced law, both in Subordinate Judiciary and Peshawar High Court. In the year 2008, he was appointed as Additional Advocate General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and had the post till his elevation to the Bench as Judge of Peshawar High Court in the year 2013. He retired on 31st December 2021 and appointed as member Election Commission of Pakistan on 15th July 2022, for a term of 5 years from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province pursuance to Article 218 of the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973.

Constitution of Delimitation Committees and Training 2022:

Election Commission of Pakistan is under constitutional obligation to delimit the National / Provincial Assembly Constituencies under Article 51 & 106 of the constitution.

The Election of Pakistan under section 17 of the Elections Act, 2017 appointed delimitation committees for the delimitation of constituencies and submission of draft proposals to the commission. Prior start of delimitation exercise, a proper training was arranged for the conveners and members of the committees.

STRENGTH OF COMMITTEES

S. No	Province/Area	No of Members		
1	Punjab	05		
2	Sindh	05		
3	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	08		
4	Balochistan	05		
5	ICT	03		
Total		26		



Delimitation of National and Provincial Constituencies for General Elections 2023:

The Election Commission issued a comprehensive timeline for delimitation of constituencies 2022. The delimitation process consists of various phases. The process of Preliminary Delimitation of Constituencies by the delimitation committees completed from 25th April 2022 to 30th May 2022. Election Commission of Pakistan published Preliminary Delimitation report and the list of constituencies for General Elections 2023 for public inspection on its website www.ecp.gov.pk on 31st May, 2022. The publication of printing report of delimitation remained for 30 days (1st June, 2022 to 30th June, 2022) on the website for inviting representations / objections. The voters of the relevant constituencies filed representations on Preliminary Delimitation before the Election Commission from 1st June to 30th June 2022. The period for hearing of representations by the Election Commission was from 1st July 2022 to 30th July 2022. According to law, Election Commission heard and disposed of all representations related to delimitation process which culminated with the final publication of constituencies on 3rd August 2022.

The detail of representations received after publication is as under:

Sr #	Province	National Assembly	Provincial Assembly	Total
1	Punjab	166	402	568
2	Sindh	25	54	79
3	Khyber Paktunkhwa	23	140	163
4	Balochistan	21	71	92
5.	ICT	8	-	8
Grand Total				









Periodical Revision of Electoral Rolls and Establishment of **Display Centers 2021-2022**

Election Commission of Pakistan started periodical revision of Electoral Rolls for General Elections to ensure the registration of all eligible Pakistani citizens. ECP staff went door-to-door for registration of eligible persons as voters. ECP started door-to-door verification process to revise/update Electoral Rolls for General Elections 2023 on 7th November, 2021. During this verification campaign, the names of deceased voters were removed from Electoral Rolls. The voters who wanted to transfer their votes on permanent or temporary address as per identity Card also submitted their form.



After completion of first phase and printing of draft Electoral Rolls from NADRA, Election Commission of Pakistan displayed draft Electoral Rolls for public inspection and for this purpose established 20159 Display Centers all over Pakistan. Election Commission also arranged mass media coverage to sensitize general public about the importance of vote, revision of Electoral Rolls and Display Centers. The details of Display Centers were also made available on website of Election Commission of Pakistan. The Display Centers were established from 21st May, 2022 to 30th June, 2022 across the country to facilitate the public for filing of claims/objections and applications for correction of particulars. The purpose of Display Centers was to facilitate voters in their close vicinities to amend/correct any particular of their vote registration according to their National Identity Cards even if it was required after completion of door-to-door verification. In July 2022, ECP started data entry work / re-verification activity to ensure accuracy in the Electoral Rolls. The exercise was completed in September, 2022. Final Electoral Rolls for General Elections will be published on 7th October, 2022. Thereafter, the final publication of Electoral Rolls, under section 37 of The Elections Act, 2017, public can submit application for registration of vote (Form-21) and for deletion (Form-22) and for correction of particulars in Electoral Rolls (Form-23) before the concerned DEC/Registration Officer, prior to the announcement of the next General Elections.

Sindh First Phase of Local Government Elections 2022

Election commission of Pakistan successfully conducted first phase of Sindh Local Government Elections on 28th June, 2022. The first phase of Local Government Elections was held in 14 districts in which 21298 candidates participated and 9023 polling stations were established. The division of polling stations is as; male polling stations 1910, female polling stations 1895, combined polling stations 5218 and improvised polling stations were 224. Total registered voters in these districts were 11304860. To ensure the peaceful conduct of first phase of Local Government Elections, meetings were held with Law Enforcement Agencies including relevant authorities of Pak Army and Rangers. To sensitize the masses about the Local Government electoral process in Sindh, Election Commission of Pakistan launched comprehensive awareness activities including media workshops, TV and radio programs aired in Urdu and Sindhi languages and brochures in local languages for awareness of public to understand Local Government system and casting of votes correctly were also distributed.











First Phase Local Government Elections, Baluchistan 2022:



The polling of first Phase of local Government Elections Baluchistan Province held on May 29, 2022 in 32 districts of Baluchistan in a free and transparent manner with peaceful atmosphere. The total numbers of registered voters in these districts were 3,552,398 including 2,006,274 male and 1,546,124 female. The voters cast their votes for seven Municipal Corporations, 49 Municipal Committees and 838 Union Councils in these districts. There were 6,259 wards including 5,345 rural and 914 urban in the said districts. The re-poll on 15 polling stations of 8 districts was held on 2nd July, 2022. The Election of Pakistan will issue schedule for elections of reserved seats shortly after the normalization of situation in the Province.

Bye-Elections in Punjab, 17th July 2022:

Election Commission of Pakistan conducted Bye-Elections on 20 seats of Punjab on 17th July, 2022 in free fair and transparent manner. Total number of registered voters in these constituencies were 4596873. Total 3140 polling stations were established. The divisions of polling stations in Punjab Bye-Elections are as follows: male polling stations 739, female polling stations 704, combined polling stations 1696 and improvised polling station 1. The monitoring rooms were established at Secretariat, Provincial and District level with helplines, for filing complaints. Real time Result Management System (RMS) and screens for media monitoring were also installed. The Chief Election Commissioner personally monitored the election process from the Election Commission Secretariat, Islamabad. The Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan supervised the polling process at Provincial level at the office of PEC Punjab, Lahore. All stakeholders including international and domestic observers like Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) declared Punjab Bye Elections Free and Fair.



Successful Use Of Result Management System (RMS)

The ECP, IT Wing has indigenously developed the Result Management System (RMS) to strengthen the electoral process in Pakistan and to bring more transparency towards result compilation. The newly developed web based RMS was recently implemented in recent 20 constituencies of Bye-Elections in Punjab province followed by Bye-Elections of NA-33 Hangu, NA-240 Korangi Karachi-II, PK-7 Swat-VI, NA-245 Karachi East-IV. To streamline the implementation process of RMS, IT supervisors were deployed in each constituency to supervise the activities of RMS in the office of Returning Officers for result tabulation and compilation. Multiple Data Entry Operators were deputed in each constituency for parallel data entry of results received from polling stations either digitally or manually. The data entry of Form-45 was done directly in RMS and Form-47 (the official result) was generated in real time on election night. The live results were displayed on screen in media centers and offices of Returning Officers to facilitate the contestants, public and media personnel. The live results / statistics of all constituencies were also setup in ECP Secretariat to ensure transparency. Live results of 20 constituencies of Punjab Bye Elections were also shown on real











ECP Students' Voter Education & Awareness Program 2021-2022

As per Section 12 of Elections Act 2017and 3rd strategic Plan 2019-23, & 7th strategic Pillar of ECP, MCO Wing has been taking concrete measures regarding voters education, enhancing voters turnout and participation of public in electoral process. In this regard youth sensitization campaign has been launched by the commission across the country. MCO Wing has initiated "Students' Voter Education & Awareness Program" since November, 2021 to ensure the participation of youth and increasing turn out of voters in LG-Elections and GE-2023 across the country. Since then, around 308 students orientation sessions have been conducted in

- All PECs/RECs/DECs/EOs have been conducting students' orientation sessions in schools, colleges and universities of their respective areas and sending consolidated reports of the activities to ECP, Secretariat.
- II. During the subject activity, students are educated about duties and mandate of ECP, conduct of elections, legal framework and different procedures of elections besides sensitizing youth about their active role for strengthening democracy in the country during forth coming Local Government and General Elections-2023.
- III. During the sessions, Mock Polls activity and on the spot voter registration is being arranged to facilitate the students to ensure inclusive elections.
- IV. IEC material (pamphlets, brochures, booklets) has also developed with the help of development partners which is being distributed for further dissemination in their campuses/home towns.
- V. Monthly two students' awareness sessions in each district are being arranged across the country including newly merged tribal districts.
- VI. Proper Media coverage of these sessions has been arranged in local print and electronic media and from ECP Secretariat by issuing regular press releases and updating official social media account of ECP regarding these activities.













Media Workshops conducted at District level first time

ECP has organized 34 media workshops across the country, since November, 2021 with leading media and civil society organizations. These media workshops have been attended by academia, bloggers, volunteer students, local reporters and groups like women, minorities, transgender and persons with disability, in connections with Local Government Elections. The purpose of conducting these workshops is to maximize awareness of all stakeholders at grass root level about Local Government Elections and General Elections along with importance of vote as per vision of ECP. Such district level workshops for general masses are held first time and proved to be effective and useful.











Monitoring Activities of different Local Government Elections and Bye-elections 2021-2022:

For efficacious implementation of provisions of section 234 of the Elections Act, 2017, the Commission devised a mechanism for monitoring of election campaign of candidates and political parties. According to this mechanism, the joint Provincial Election Commissioners were appointed as Provincial Monitoring Coordinators and Regional Election Commissioners / District Election Commissioners were appointed as District Monitoring Officers (DMOs).

Monitoring teams comprising of two members were appointed to monitor election campaign in each National / Provincial Assembly Constituency as well as in different Local Government Elections and reported violations infringement of any provision of the Elections Act, 2017, the Election Rules, 2017 and Code of Conduct to the District Monitoring Officers DMOs.

Appointment of District Monitoring Officers and Monitoring Officers to Monitor Election Campaign during Elections held during 2021-2022.

S. No	Elections	District Monitoring Officers (DMOs)	Monitoring Officers (MOs)
1	National/Provincial Bye-Elections	22	44
2	Local Government Elections Balochistan (1st Phase)	32	198
3	Local Government Elections Sindh (1st Phase)	14	144
Tot	al	68	386

Summary of Violations, Warnings issued, Fine Imposed and Removal of Campaign Material by District Motoring Officers 2021-2022.

Elections	Violations	Notices issued	Warnings issued	Fines imposed	Approx. banners, Hoardings and flexes removed
National/Provincial Bye-Elections	44	4	5	16	1123
Local Government Elections Balochistan (1st Phase)	14	4	12	-	350
Local Government Elections Sindh (1st Phase)	11	10	7	-	950
Total	99	18	24	16	2423













ECP conducted 7848 successful trainings in 2021-2022

Training Wing of Election Commission of Pakistan has successfully conducted 7848 trainings in different categories i.e. training of Delimitation Committees, training of lead trainers and master trainings, training of polling staff and Professional Development Training of ECP's female staff since 23rd April, 2022. Overall, 275,484 persons have been trained.













ECP Social Media Content Monitoring Team formed and activated 2021-2022

In order to build a committed, transparent & positive image of Election Commission of Pakistan and to maintain flow of information, ECP Social media accounts are active in spreading general awareness on social media about ongoing electoral activities i.e. announcement of election schedules, delimitation process, revision of electoral rolls, registration of vote, provisions of Election Acts 2017, legal matters and important press releases. Public awareness messages and FAQs regarding electoral activities are regularly posted and constant guidance provided to general masses on social media by responding to their queries by disseminating facts. All PROs/DECs also remained actively engaged on social media by re-tweeting from the official Twitter account of Election Commission of Pakistan and responding to the queries of the public. ECP social media Team continuously monitoring contents related to ECP on social media and timely reporting / responding with immediate authorized response.















CHIEF ELECTION COMMISIONER OF PAKISTAN SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA CHAIRING A MEETING WITH WOMAN PARLIMENTRIAN TO INCREASE WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN ELECTROAL PROCESS



GROUP PHOTO OF CHIEF ELECTION COMMISIONER OF PAKISTAN SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA WITH WOMEN PARLIMENTARIANS AT ECP



CHIEF ELECTION COMMISIONER OF PAKISTAN SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN AJMAL GONDAL INAUGURATING THE SUBORDINATE CELL OF AGPR AT SECRETARIAT OF ECP



SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN OMAR HAMID KHAN AND CHAIRMAN NADRA TARIQ MALIK HELD A MEETING ON OVERSEAS VOTING AT ECP SECRETARIAT





CHIEF ELECTION COMMISIONER OF PAKISTAN SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA CHAIRING THE WEEKLY MEETING OF ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN



CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA ON HIS VISIT TO PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF ECP IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



HONOURABLE COMMISSION MONITERING THE **ELECTION AT THE CONTROL ROOM ESTABLISHED AT ECP SECRETARIAT.**



SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN OMAR HAMID KHAN HELD A MEETING WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS REGARDING WOMEN VOTERS REGISTRATION IN BALOCHISTAN







SECRETARY ECP OMAR HAMID KHAN ADDRESSING THE OFFCIERS AT OPENING CEREMONEY OF ECP 4 DAYS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING / BRIDGE



PREPRATIONS TO CONDUCT FIRST EVER PAINTING COMPETITION OF ECP ON THE THEME "YOUR VOTE: TO A PROMISSING FUTURE" AMONG STUDENTS



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