

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 30th April, 2024

No. F. 23(2)/2024-O/o-DD-Law WHEREAS, the Elections Act 2017 was promulgated on 2nd October 2017, Section 239 where of 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 accordingly 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 situations, the Election Commission has carried out several amendments therein.

WHEREAS, the present situation so warrants and it is expedient to carry out further amendments in rules 90, 91 & 133 and 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 with the direction that objections or suggestions in respect of any amendment may be filed in ECP secretariat, Islamabad by 14th May, 2024 which will be decided by the Commission by hearing. The draft amendments are uploaded on the official website of the Commission i.e. www.ecp.gov.pk.


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S.R.O. No. 23(2)/2024-O/o-DD-Law —In exercise of its powers conferred through section 239 of the Elections Act, 2017 (Act No. XXXIII of 2017), the Election Commission is pleased to make following amendments in the Election Rules, 2017, namely: -

In the Election Rules, 2017—

AMENDMENT IN RULE 90.

In Sub-Rule 2 of Rule, 90 the word “if” shall be substituted with the word “the” and the word “court” appearing after the word a Tribunal shall be omitted and the word “Tribunal” shall be substituted with the word “Election Tribunal”.

AMENDMENT IN RULE 91

In sub-Rule-(1) of Rule-91 after the expression “ten rupees per page of a document” following shall be inserted “till the deposit of the temper evident sealed bags of a constituency in a storage of the Commission, or a treasury or a sub-treasury”

In sub-Rule 2 of Rule-91 the expression “within the prescribed period under Sub-Rule (1) shall be inserted.

AMENDMENT IN RULE 133

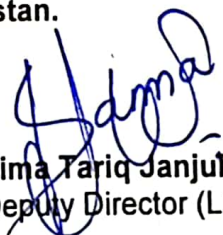
Sub-Rule 4 of Rule 133 shall be replaced with the following:-

(4) The documents retained by the Commission under sub Rule (3), except the ballot papers, shall be open for inspection of the contesting candidates during office hours on payment of a fee at the rate of ten rupees per page of a document till the deposit of sealed polling bag(s) containing the packets mentioned under sub-rule (1) in a storage of the Commission, or a treasury or a sub-treasury.

In Sub-Rule 5 of Rule 133 the word “any person: shall be replaced with the word “Contesting Candidate”

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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