

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 18th December, 2013.

No.F.6(1)/2013-LGE(S):— Pursuant to the Order dated 13th November, 2013 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in CMA No. 6882/2013 in Constitution Petition No. 77/2010, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 12 of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2013 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the schedule for Election to fill the following categories of seats* in each Local Council/Ward of Sindh Province and calls upon the electors of each Local Council /Ward to elect their representatives:

S.No.	Activity	Date
1	Notice inviting nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officer on	24-12-2013
2	Nomination papers shall be received on	26-12-2013 to 29-12-2013
3	Publication of notice of all the nomination papers received on	30-12-2013
4	Objection to the nomination papers	31-12-2013
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers and publication of names of validly nominated candidates on	01-01-2014 to 05-01-2014
6	Appeals against acceptance / rejection of nomination papers to be filed on	06-01-2014 to 07-01-2014
7	Disposal of appeals on	08-01-2014 to 11-01-2014
8	Withdrawal of candidature on	12-01-2014
9	Publication of list of contesting candidates with symbols allotted to them on	13-01-2014
10	Polling day on	18-01-2014
11	Declaration of results by the Returning Officer on	21-01-2014

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a. General Members
b. Women Members
c. Peasant & Worker Members
d. Non-Muslim Members
e. Directly elected Member for the District Council

(Categories mentioned above at a, b, c & d shall be filled through a panel in case of a Union Council/Union Committee)

2. With a view to ensure that elections to the Local Governments are conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

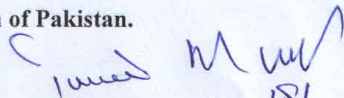
- (i) All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in Local Government Elections calculated to influence the elections in favour of a particular candidate.
- (ii) If any person in Government Service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of the elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under Section 68 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013;
- (iii) No transfers/postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Election Schedule of Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;
- (iv) After the issuance of Election Schedule, the Prime Minister, Governor, Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal and Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister or Chief Minister or any other holder of public office will not visit the area of any Local Government to announce any development scheme or to canvass or campaign for any candidate or any political party.
- (v) No Deputy Commissioner/District Coordination Officer shall perform protocol duty with the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Federal Ministers, State Ministers, Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister or any person on their behalf till conclusion of the electoral process.
- (vi) Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of Election Laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission, shall be proceeded against as mandated in law.

Note: *While filing Nomination Papers afresh, there will be no need to deposit Nomination Fee for those candidates who have already deposited it in terms of earlier election schedules.*

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 during the schedule period.

All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours (08:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M.) and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.


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