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PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 19th October, 2023

No. F. 3(2)/2022-LGE(C).—Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 140A (2) and 219(d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section-219(4) of the Elections Act, 2017, Section-34(2) of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 read with Rule-12(1) of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf; the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the schedule for Local Government Bye-elections on direct vacant seats of **Districts Tando Muhammad Khan & Ghotki** of Sindh province, which have been notified by this Commission *vide* notification of even number dated 19-10-2023 and calls upon the electors of the respective local councils / wards of the above mentioned districts to elect their representative and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates.

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Sr.#	Activity	Dates
1	Public Notice for inviting of nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officers on	23.10.2023
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the candidates	26.10.2023 to 28.10.2023
3	Publication of notice of all the nomination papers received	30.10.2023
4	Last date for Scrutiny of nomination papers	02.11.2023
	Publication of list of validly nominated candidates by the Returning Officer	03.11.2023
5	Dates for filing of appeals against acceptance / rejection of Nomination papers	04.11.2023 to 07.11.2023
6	Last date for disposal of appeals by the Appellate Authorities	11.11.2023
7	Publication of revised list of candidates	12.11.2023
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	13.11.2023
9	Publication of list of contesting candidates and allotment of Election Symbols to them	14.11.2023
10	Polling day	23.11.2023
11	Declaration of results by the Returning Officers	25.11.2023

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 favor 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) *The District Returning Officers, Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers appointed by the Commission vide notification of even number dated 19-10-2023 as well as polling personnel to be appointed for the said bye-election*

shall not be transferred or posted till the culmination of election process / notification of returned candidates by the Commission.

- (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 issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Bye-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:—i. 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.

- ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule except for those for which time is fixed in the Rules, shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.
- iii. Polling Hours will be observed from **08:00 A.M to 05:00 P.M**
- iv. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/ deciding of appeals simultaneously from **04-11-2023 to 11-11-2023.**

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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