

# **THE SINDH LOCAL COUNCILS (ELECTION) RULES, 2013**

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**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING AND HOUSING  
TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Karachi dated the 27th November, 2013

**NOTIFICATION**

**NO.RO(LG)/MISC/4(18)/2013:-** In supersession of Notification of even number dated 1<sup>st</sup> November- 2013 and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 138 read with entry 1 of Schedule-VII of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013, the Government of Sindh are pleased to make the following rules:-

**CHAPTER-I  
PRELIMINARY**

1. (1) These rules may be called the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2013. **Short title and commencement.**  
  
(2) These shall come into force at once.
  
2. In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context – **Definitions.**
  - (1) "Act" means the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013;
  - (2) "candidate" means a person proposed as a candidate for or seeking election as a member;
  - (3) "contesting candidate" means a validly nominated candidate, who has not withdrawn his candidature;
  - (4) "Council" means the Council as defined in the Act;
  - (5) "Delimitation Officer" means a person appointed by Government as required under the Act;
  - (6) "District Returning Officer" means a District Returning Officer appointed under the Act;
  - (7) "election" means an election to a Council;
  - (8) "Election Commission" means Election Commission of Pakistan;
  - (9) "election petition" means a petition filed under the Act;
  - (10) "elector" means a person who is enrolled on the electoral roll for an electoral unit;
  - (11) "electoral roll" means an electoral roll prescribed by the Election Commission;
  - (12) "electoral unit" means an electoral unit delimited under the Act;
  - (13) "Form" means a form appended to these rules or prescribed by the Election Commission;
  - (14) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

- (15) "Panel" means a group of persons contesting election on a common symbol under these rules
- (16) "Polling Officer" means a Polling Officer appointed under these rules;
- (17) "Polling Programme" means the programme announced by the Election Commission under the Act according to which polling is held;
- (18) "Polling Station" means the premises where arrangements are made for polling;
- (19) "Presiding Officer" means a presiding officer appointed under the Act for a polling station and includes an Assistant Presiding Officer;
- (20) "returned candidate" means a candidate who has been declared elected as a member under these rules;
- (21) "Returning Officer" means a Returning Officer appointed under the Act and includes an Assistant Returning Officer;
- (22) "section" means a section of the Act;
- (23) "Tribunal" means an Election Tribunal appointed under the Act for the trial of election petitions;
- (24) "withdrawal day" means a day appointed on or before which candidature may be withdrawn.

**CHAPTER II  
ELECTION COMMISSION**

- 3. The Election Commission shall exercise its powers and perform its functions in accordance with the Act and rules including the power to review an order passed by any Officer and make such consequential orders as it may consider appropriate for ensuring fair election. **Powers and functions of Election Commission.**
- 4. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Election Commission shall organize and conduct an election. **Organization of election.**
- 5. (1) In any matter requiring a decision of the Election Commission, the opinion of the majority shall prevail and the decision of the Election Commission shall be expressed in terms of the opinion of the majority. **Decision by the Election Commission.**
- (2) The Election Commission may exercise its powers and perform its functions notwithstanding that there is a vacancy in the office of any member or that any of its members is, for any reason, unable to attend any of its proceedings.
- 6. The Election Commission may authorize its Commissioner or any officer to exercise and perform all or any of its powers and functions under these rules. **Delegation of powers.**

7. (1) The Election Commission may require any person or authority to perform such functions or render such assistance in connection with an election as it may direct.

**Assistance to the Election Commission.**

(2) All executive authorities in the Province shall render such assistance to the Election Commission in the discharge of its functions as may be required of them.

### **CHAPTER-III DELIMITATION OF ELECTORAL UNITS**

8. (1) Government shall notify the delimitation officers and appellate tribunals for the purpose of delimitation of electoral units.

**Delimitation of electoral units.**

(2) For the purpose of election, a local area shall be divided into electoral units keeping in view the number of seats of the Council and the population of the local area.

(3) The electoral units within the area shall be delimited having regard to the territorial unity and as far as practicable, to distribution of population and public convenience.

(4) As many Delimitation Officers as deemed necessary shall be appointed to assist in the delimitation work.

9. (1) The delimitation Officer shall arrange to have a preliminary list of electoral units delimited under rule 8, published in such manner as he deems fit, together with a notice inviting objections or suggestions within such time as may be specified by Government.

**Preliminary list of Units.**

(2) Any person entitled to vote at an election may, within specified time, make a representation in respect of the delimitation of the electoral units to such Officer or authority, as Government may appoint in this behalf.

10. (1) The Appellate Tribunal or authority may after considering the representation and hearing those who wish to be heard make such amendments, alterations or modifications in the preliminary list published under rule 9 as it may deem fit:

**Final list of units.**

Provided that an Officer or authority dealing with a representation may, if thinks appropriate, refer it to Government for decision.

(2) The Appellate Tribunal may on a representation made to it, after hearing those who wish to be heard, revise the final lists of delimitation of a Council, by recording reasons thereof.

(3) After disposal of all representations made under sub-rule (1), Government shall arrange to have the final list of electoral units published in the Official Gazette and in case of urgency, in the manner as it deems fit.

11. (1) For the purpose of an election, the Election Commission shall appoint any Officer not below the grade 17 as the District Returning Officer for district and Returning Officer for an electoral unit or group of election units.

**Appointment of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers.**

(2) It shall be the duty of a Returning Officer to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of an election in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these rules.

(3) The Election Commission may appoint from amongst Officers in grade 16 or 17 as many Assistant Returning Officers as may be necessary.

(4) The Assistant Returning Officer shall assist the Returning Officer in the performance of the functions, and exercise and perform, under the control of the Returning Officer, the powers and functions of the Returning Officer.

#### **CHAPTER-IV ELECTIONS**

12. (1) The Election Commission shall make a programme for an election.

**Election Program.**

(2) The election programme under sub-rule (1) shall be published in the official Gazette and pasted at the Offices of the District Returning Officer, Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner or Mukhtiarkar, and at such other places as the Election Commission may direct.

13. (1) The Returning Officer shall before such time as the Election Commission may fix, submit to District Returning Officer a list of polling stations which he proposes to provide in an electoral unit for the purpose of election of a member or members for that unit.

**Polling Stations.**

(2) Subject to the directions of the Commission, the District Returning Officer may make such alteration in the list of polling stations submitted under sub-rule (1) as he deemed necessary and shall, at least fifteen days before the polling day, publish in the official Gazette the final list of polling stations specifying the electoral areas assigned to polling station.



(3)The Returning Officer shall provide each electoral unit with polling stations according to the final list published under sub-rule (2).

(4)No polling station shall be located in such premises which belongs to, or is under the control of, a candidate.

14. (1) The Returning Officer shall appoint for each polling station a Presiding Officer and such number of Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers to assist the Presiding Officer as the Returning Officer may consider necessary:

**Presiding  
Officers and  
Polling Officers.**

Provided that a person who is, or has at any time been in the employment of a candidate, shall not be appointed as a Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer.

(2) A list of such Presiding Officers, Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers shall be submitted to the District Returning Officer for approval atleast Fourteen days before the poll.

(3) A Presiding Officer shall conduct the poll in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these rules, and shall be responsible for maintaining the order at the polling station and shall report to the Returning Officer any fact or incident which may, in his opinion, affect the fairness of the poll:

Provided that during the course of the poll, the Presiding Officer may entrust any of his functions as may be specified by him to any Assistant Presiding Officer and it shall be the duty of the Assistant Presiding Officer to perform the functions so entrusted.

(4) The Returning Officer shall authorize one of the Assistant Presiding Officers to act in place of the Presiding Officer, if the Presiding Officer is at any time during the poll, by reason of illness or other cause, not present at the polling station, or is unable to perform his functions and absence of the Presiding Officer, and the reasons therefor, shall as soon as possible after the close of the poll, be reported to the Returning Officer.

(5) The Returning Officer may, at any time during the poll, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend any Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer and make such arrangements as he may consider necessary for the performance of the officer so suspended.

15. (1) The Election Commission shall provide the Returning Officer for each Council, copies of electoral rolls for all the electoral units within local area of that Council.

**Supply of  
electoral rolls.**

(2) The Returning Officer shall provide Presiding Officer of each polling station, copies of electoral rolls containing the names of the electors entitled to vote at that polling station.

16. (1) The Returning Officer shall, as soon as may be after the publication of the election programme under sub-rule (3) of rule 12, give a public notice in Form-I inviting nominations and specifying the time before which and the place at which, the nomination papers shall be received by the Returning Officer.

### **Nominations for elections.**

(2) Any elector of an electoral unit may propose or second the name of any duly qualified person to be a member for that unit.

(3) Every proposal shall be made by a separate nomination paper in Form-II(English or Urdu or Sindhi), Form-III, Form-III(A) and Form-III(B), which shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and shall contain -

(a) a declaration signed by the candidate that he has consented to the nomination and that he is not subject to any disqualification for being elected as a member; and

(b) a declaration signed by the proposer and the seconder that neither of them has subscribed to any other nomination paper either as proposer or seconder.

(4) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate or his proposer or his seconder to the Returning Officer who shall acknowledge the receipt of the nomination paper specifying the date and time of receipt.

(5) A person may be nominated in the same electoral unit by not more than five nomination papers.

(6) If any person subscribes to more than one nomination paper, all such nomination papers, except the one received first by the Returning Officer, shall be void.

(7) The Returning Officer shall assign a serial number to every nomination paper and endorse thereon the name of the person presenting it, and the date and time of its receipt, and inform such person of the time and place at which he shall hold scrutiny.

(8) The Returning Officer shall cause to be affixed at some conspicuous place in office a notice in Form-VI of every nomination paper received by him containing the particulars of each candidate and the names of the proposer and seconder as shown in the nomination paper for general information and inviting objections from the voters of the local area within such time as may be specified in the Election Programme.

(9) The representation, if any, received under sub-rule (8) shall be taken into consideration at the time of scrutiny of nomination papers.

17. (1) The nomination papers received under rule 16 shall not be accepted unless a non-refundable candidature fee in cash

### **Candidature fee.**

or a bank draft in favour of the Election Commission is paid by or on behalf of the candidate at the following rate:-

- (a) Union Committees .... Rs. 2000/-
- (b) Union Council .... Rs. 2000/-
- (c) Town Committee .... Rs. 2000/-
- (d) Municipal Committee .... Rs. 3000/-
- (e) District Council and Corporation .... Rs. 5000/-

(2) The candidature fee as indicated in sub rule(1) against each category of local council shall be applicable to various categories of seats in particular council.

(3) The candidature fee for a particular seat shall be paid only once in the proper head of account prescribed by Election Commission.

(4) The receipt for the payment of the fee shall be issued and the particulars entered in the register in Form IV.

(5) The details of nomination fees received from the candidate shall be entered in Form-V.

(6) The head of account for the purpose of deposit at the branch of the State Bank of Pakistan or the National Bank of Pakistan or at a Government treasury or sub treasury shall be "C 03-miscellaneous receipts, C 038-others, C 03870- others (election receipts)".

18. (1) The candidates, their election agents, proposers and seconders, and one other person authorized in this behalf by each candidate and the person who made a representation against the nomination paper may attend the scrutiny of nomination papers, and the Returning Officer shall give them reasonable opportunity for examining all nomination papers delivered to him under rule 15.

### **Scrutiny.**

(2) The Returning Officer shall in the presence of the persons attending the scrutiny under sub-rule (1), examine the nomination papers and decide any objection raised by any such person to any nomination.

(3) The Returning Officer, may either on his own motion or upon any objection, conduct such summary enquiry as he may think fit and reject a nomination paper if he is satisfied that-

- (a) the candidate is not qualified to be elected as a member;
- (b) the proposer or the seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper;
- (c) any provision of rule 15 or rule 16 has not been complied with; or
- (d) the signature of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine:

Provided that –

- (i) the rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a candidate by any other valid nomination paper;
- (ii) the Returning Officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial nature and may allow such defect to be remedied forthwith;
- (iii) the Returning Officer shall not enquire into the correctness or validity of any entry in the electoral roll.

(4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting it, and shall, in the case of rejection, record reasons therefor.

(5) An appeal against the decision under sub rule (4) shall lie to District and Session Judge appointed by the Election Commission and shall be filed and disposed of by the date specified in the election programme.

(6) An appeal shall be disposed of either summarily or after summary enquiry as the Appellate Authority may consider necessary.

(7) The orders passed under sub-rule (5) shall be final.

19. (1) The Returning Officer, shall after the scrutiny of nomination papers, prepare on Form VII, a list of validly nominated candidates and publish the same at some conspicuous place in his office.

**Publication of the list of candidates.**

(2) Where an appeal is accepted, the name of the appellant shall be entered in the list of validly nominated candidates and the list so revised shall be republished.

20. (1) Any validly nominated candidate may, by notice in writing signed by him and delivered on or before the withdrawal day to the Returning Officer, either by such candidate in person or by an agent authorized in this behalf in writing by such candidate, withdraw his candidature.

**Withdrawal.**

(2) On receiving a notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall, if he is satisfied that the signature on the notice is that of the candidate, cause a copy of the notice to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office.

(3) The Returning Officer shall on the day next following the withdrawal day, prepare in Form VIII, a list of contesting candidates and affix the same at some conspicuous place in his office.

(4) Notwithstanding the rules framed under the Act, the list of contesting candidates finalized under sub-rule(3), the contesting candidate of District Council or of Ward of Municipal Committee or Town Committee as the case may be, in the manner prescribed in sub-rule (1), may retire his candidature on the day not later than seventy two hours before the midnight of the day of poll.

Provided that no member of any panel, shall retire individually, however, the panel of a political party or independent candidates as a whole may retire in the manner as has been adopted while seeking allotment of a symbol as prescribed in sub-rule(2) of Rule-53.

(5) The Returning Officer shall delete the name of the candidate in case of District Council or ward of Municipal Committee or Town Committee who has withdrawn his candidature under sub-rule(1) from the list of contesting candidates already prepared on Form VIII.

(6) The candidate or panel who retires from contesting the election of Council under sub-rule (4), shall keep the concerned Returning Officer informed of his retirement.

21. (1) If a contesting candidate who has not withdrawn his candidature dies before taking of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, terminate the proceedings relating to that election.

**Death of candidate after nomination.**

(2) Where proceedings relating to an election have been terminated under sub-rule (1), fresh proceedings shall be commenced in accordance with the provisions of these rules as if for a new election.

22. Where the proceedings relating to nomination, scrutiny or withdrawal cannot, for reasons beyond the control of the Returning Officer, take place on the day appointed therefor, he may postpone or adjourn such proceedings and shall, inform the District Returning Officer and Election Commission of his having done so whereupon the Election Commission shall fix another day for the proceedings so postponed or adjourned and, if necessary, also the day or days for any subsequent proceedings.

**Postponement etc. under certain circumstances.**

23. (1) Where, after scrutiny under rule 18 only such number of persons remain as validly nominated candidates as are equal to the number of members to be elected from a unit or where after withdrawal under rule 20 only such number of persons is left as contesting candidates as are equal to the number of members to

**Uncontested elections.**

be elected from a unit the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, declare such candidates to be elected to the seats:

Provided that if after scrutiny any candidate indicates that he intends to file an appeal under sub-rule (5) of rule 18, against the rejection of his nomination paper, no person shall be declared elected until the period for filing such appeal has expired and no such appeal has been filed or where an appeal is filed, until the disposal of such appeal.

(2) The Returning Officer shall submit to the Election Commission a return of the election in respect of which he has made a declaration under sub-rule (1).

(3) The Election Commission shall publish the names of the returned candidates in official Gazette.

24. (1) If there are more contesting candidates than the number of seats in respect of any electoral unit, the Returning Officer, shall –

**Contested election.**

- (a) allocate, subject to any direction of the Election Commission one of the symbols prescribed by the Election Commission for the particular election, from the list of symbols to each contesting candidate or panel as the case may be and in so doing shall, so far as possible have regard for any preference indicated by the candidate or panel as the case may be;
- (b) publish the names of contesting candidates specifying against each the symbol allocated to him in Form VIII; and
- (c) give public notice as required in the Form VIII.

(2) The Returning Officer shall arrange to exhibit prominently at each polling station the name and symbol of each contesting candidate.

(3) The ballot paper shall be printed on the format prescribed by the Election Commission.

25. (1) A candidate or panel may appoint a person qualified to be elected as a member as election agent.

**Election agent.**

(2) The appointment of an election agent may, at any time, be revoked in writing by the candidate or panel and, when it is so revoked or the election agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate to be his election agent.

(3) When an election agent is appointed, the candidate or panel shall send to the Returning Officer a notice in writing of the appointment containing the name, father's name and address of the election agent.

(4) Where no appointment of an election agent is made under this rule, a candidate or one of the candidates of the panel shall be deemed to be the election agent and shall so far as the circumstances permit, be subject to the provisions of these rules both as a candidate and election agent.

26. (1) The contesting candidate, panel or election agent, may before the commencement of the poll, appoint under intimation to the Returning Officer polling agents for each polling station; provided that the number of polling agents shall not, exceed the number of polling booths. **Polling agent.**

(2) The appointment of a polling agent under sub-rule (1), may at any time be revoked by the candidate, panel or election agent and when it is so revoked or the polling agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate, panel or the election agent to be a polling agent; and a notice of such appointment shall be given to the Presiding Officer.

27. Where any act or thing is authorized by this act to be done in the presence of the candidate, panel, an election agent or a polling agent, the failure of such person to attend at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not invalidate any act or thing otherwise validly done. **Absence of candidates etc. not to invalidate acts etc.**

28. The Election Commission shall fix the hours during which the poll shall be taken and the Returning Officer shall give a public notice of the hours so fixed. **Hours of the poll.**

29. (1) The Presiding Officer of a polling station shall stop the poll and inform the Returning Officer that he has done so if – **Stopping of poll.**

(a) the poll at the polling station is, at any time so interrupted or obstructed for reasons beyond the control of the Presiding Officer that it cannot be resumed during the polling hours fixed under rule 29; or

(b) any ballot box used at the polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Presiding Officer, or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost, or is damaged or tampered with to such an extent that the results of the poll at the polling station cannot be ascertained.

(2) Where a poll has been stopped under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall immediately report the circumstances to the Election Commission through District Returning Officer and it shall direct a fresh poll at that polling station, unless it is satisfied that the result of the election has been determined by the

polling that has already taken place at that polling station taken with the results of the polling at other polling stations in the same election unit.

(3) Where the Election Commission orders a fresh poll under sub-rule (2), the Returning Officer, shall with the approval of it.

(a) appoint a day for a fresh poll and fix the place at which and the hours during which such fresh poll shall be taken; and

(b) give public notice of the day so appointed and the place and hours so fixed.

(c) At a fresh poll taken under sub-rule (3) at allowed station, all electors entitled to vote thereto, shall be allowed to vote and no vote cast at the poll stopped under sub-rule (1) shall be counted; and the provisions of the act and these rules shall apply to such fresh poll.

30. Every elector shall cast his vote by inserting in accordance with the provisions of these rules in the ballot box, a ballot paper issued to him under sub-rule (1) of rule 35.

**Election by  
secret ballot.**

31. (1) The Returning Officer shall provide each Presiding Officer with such number of ballot boxes as may be necessary.

**Ballot boxes.**

(2) The ballot boxes shall be of such material and design as may be approved by the Election Commission.

(3) Not more than one ballot box shall be used at a time for the purpose of the poll at any polling station, or at any polling booth, where there are more than one polling booths at a polling station.

(4) At least half an hour before the time fixed for the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall -

(a) ensure that every ballot box to be used is empty;

(b) show the empty ballot box to the contesting candidates and their election agents and polling agents, whoever may be present;

(c) after the ballot box has been shown to be empty, close and seal it; and

(d) place the ballot box so as to be conveniently accessible to the electors, and at the same time within his view and within the view of such candidates or their election or polling agents as may be present.



(5) If one ballot box is full or cannot further be used for receiving ballot papers, the Presiding Officer shall seal that ballot box and keep it in a secure place and use another ballot box in the manner laid down in sub-rule (4).

(6) A Presiding Officer shall make such arrangements at the polling station that every elector may be able to mark his ballot paper in secret before the same is folded and inserted in the ballot box.

32. The Presiding Officer shall, subject to such instructions as the Election Commission may give in this behalf, regulate the number of electors to be admitted to the polling station at a time and exclude from the polling station all other persons except -

**Admission to polling station.**

- (a) any person on duty in connection with the election;
- (b) the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel, their election agents and polling agents; and
- (c) such other persons as may be specifically permitted by the Returning Officer.

33. (1) The Presiding Officer shall keep order at the polling station and may remove or cause to be removed any person who misconducts himself at the polling station or fails to obey any lawful orders of the Presiding Officer,

**Maintenance of order at the polling station.**

(2) Any person removed under sub-rule (1) from a polling station shall not, without the permission of the Presiding Officer, again enter the polling station during the poll and shall, if he is accused of an offence in a polling station, be liable to be arrested without warrant by a police officer.

(3) The powers under sub-rule (2) shall be so exercised not to deprive an elector of an opportunity to cast his vote at the polling station at which he is entitled to vote.

34. (1) Where an elector presents himself at the polling station to vote, the Assistant Presiding Officer shall issue ballot paper(s) to the elector after satisfying himself about the identity of the elector and shall, for that purpose, require the elector to produce his identity card as provided in the National Registration Act, 1973.

**Voting procedure.**

- (2) Before a ballot paper is issued to an elector -
  - (a) the number and name of the elector as entered in the electoral roll shall be called out;
  - (b) the entry relating to the elector on the electoral roll

shall be struck off and the thumb impression of elector be taken on the electoral roll;

- (c) he shall be required to receive a personal mark, made with indelible ink, on any finger of either hand as indicated by the Commission;
- (d) the ballot paper shall be stamped on its back with the official mark and signed by the Assistant Presiding Officer; and
- (e) the Assistant Presiding Officer shall record on the counterfoil of the ballot paper the number of the elector on the electoral roll, the number of CNIC of the elector, stamp it with the official mark, sign it and obtain on it the thumb impression of the elector.

(3) A ballot paper shall not be issued to a person who-

- (a) fails or refuses to produce his identity card as provided in the National Registration Act, 1973 or issued under the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000;
- (b) refuses to put his thumb impression on the counterfoil or whose thumb bears traces of its having already been used for putting an impression; or
- (c) refuses to receive the personal mark with indelible ink or who already bears such a mark or traces of such a mark.

(4) If a contesting candidate, a representative authorized by panel or his election or polling agent alleges that an elector to whom a ballot paper is about to be issued, already has one or more ballots in his possession, the Presiding Officer may require the elector to satisfy him that he does not have any other ballot paper in his possession and may also take such measures as he thinks fit to ensure that such elector does not insert more than one ballot paper in the ballot box.

(5) On receiving the ballot paper, the elector shall -

- (a) forthwith proceed to the place reserved for marking the ballot paper;
- (b) put the mark with the marking stamp provided by Election Commission on the ballot paper at any place within the space containing the symbol of the contesting candidate or panel for whom he wishes to vote; and
- (c) after he has so marked the ballot paper fold and insert it in the ballot box.

(6) The elector shall vote without undue delay and shall leave the polling station immediately after he has inserted his ballot paper in the ballot box.

(7) Where an elector is blind or is otherwise incapacitated, that he cannot vote without the assistance of a companion, the Presiding Officer shall allow him such assistance and thereupon such elector may do with such assistance anything which an elector is required or permitted to do under these rules.

35. (1) If a person representing himself to be an elector applies for a ballot paper when another person has already represented himself to be that elector and has voted under the name of the person so applying, he shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of these rules to receive a ballot paper hereinafter referred to as "tendered ballot paper" in the same manner as any other elector.

**Tendered Ballot papers.**

(2) A tendered ballot paper shall, instead of being put into the ballot box, be given to the Presiding Officer who shall endorse thereon the name and number in the electoral roll of the person applying for it and place it in a separate packet bearing the label "Tendered Ballot Paper".

(3) The name of the person applying for a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) and his number on the electoral roll shall be entered in a list (hereinafter referred to as the tendered votes list) to be prepared in Form-IX by the Presiding Officer.

36. (1) If, at the time a person applies for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting, a candidate, panel or polling agent declares to the Presiding Officer that he has reasonable cause to believe that, the person has already voted at the election, at the same or another polling station, or is not the person against whose name entered in the electoral roll he is seeking to vote, and undertakes to prove the charge in a court of law and deposits with the Presiding Officer in cash a sum of twenty rupees, the Presiding Officer may after warning the person of the consequences and obtaining his thumb impression and, if he is literate, also his signature on the counterfoil, issue a ballot paper hereinafter referred to as "challenged ballot paper" to that person.

**Challenge of electors.**

(2) If the Presiding Officer issues a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) to such person, he shall enter the name and address of that person in a list to be prepared by him hereinafter referred to as the "challenged votes list" in Form X, and obtain thereon the thumb impression and, if he is literate, also the signature of that person.

(3) A ballot paper issued under sub-rule (1) shall, after it has been marked and folded by the elector, be placed in the same condition in a separate packet bearing the label "Challenged Ballot Papers", instead of being placed in the ballot box.

37. (1) An elector who has inadvertently so spoilt his ballot paper that it cannot be used as a valid ballot paper may, upon

**Spoilt ballot paper.**

proving the fact of inadvertence to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and returning the ballot paper, cast his vote by such other ballot paper.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall forthwith cancel the ballot paper returned to him under sub-rule (1), make a note to that effect on the counterfoil over his own signature and sign the cancelled ballot paper and place it in a separate packet labelled "spoilt Ballot Papers".

38. No person shall be given any ballot paper or be permitted to vote after the hour fixed for the close of the poll, except the persons who at that hour are present within the building room, tent or enclosure in which the polling station is situated and have not voted but are waiting to vote.

**Voting after  
close of poll.**

39. (1) The Presiding Officer shall count the votes immediately after the close of the poll, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel or election agents and polling agents as may be present.

**Proceedings at  
the close of poll.**

(2) The Presiding Officer shall give such of the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel, election agents and polling agents as may be present, reasonable facility of observing the count and give them such information with respect thereto as can be given consistently with the orderly conduct of the count and the discharge of his duties in connection therewith.

(3) No person other than the Presiding Officer, the Polling Officer, any other person on duty in connection with the poll, the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel, their election agents and polling agents shall be present at the count.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall –

- (a) open the used ballot box or ballot boxes and count the entire lot of ballot papers taken out there from;
- (b) open the packet labelled "Challenged Ballot Papers" and count them;
- (c) count, in such manner as may be prescribed, the votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate or panel excluding from the count the ballot papers which bear -
  - (i) no official mark or signature of Presiding Officer;
  - (ii) any writing or any mark other than the official mark and the signature of the Presiding Officer and the prescribed mark or to which a piece of paper or any other object of any kind has been attached;
  - (iii) no prescribed mark to indicate the contesting

- candidate or panel for whom the elector has voted; or
- (iv) any mark from which it is not clear for whom the elector has voted ;

(5) The Presiding Officer may recount the votes –

- (a) of his own motion if he considers it necessary; or
- (b) upon the request of a contesting candidate or a representative authorized by panel or an election agent present, if, in his opinion, the request is not unreasonable.

(6) The valid ballot papers cast in favour of each contesting candidate and panel shall be put in separate packets and each such packet shall be sealed and shall contain a certificate as to the number, both in letters and figures, of the ballot papers put in it and shall also indicate the nature of the contests thereof, specifying the name and symbol of the contesting candidate or panel to whom the packet relates.

(7) The ballot papers excluded from the count shall be put in a separate packet indicating thereon the total number both in letters and figures of the ballot papers, contained therein.

(8) The packets mentioned in sub-rules (6) and (7) shall be put in a principal packet which shall be sealed by the Presiding Officer.

(9) The Presiding Officer shall, immediately after the count, prepare a statement of the count in Form XI showing therein the number of valid votes polled by each contesting candidate or panel and the ballot papers excluded from the count.

(10) The Presiding Officer shall also prepare in Form XII a ballot paper account showing separately -

- a. the number of ballot papers entrusted to him;
- b. the number of un-issued ballot papers;
- c. the number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box or boxes and counted;
- d. the number of tendered ballot papers;
- e. the number of challenged ballot papers;
- f. the number of spoilt ballot papers.

(11) The Presiding Officer shall give a certified copy of the statement of the count and the ballot paper account to the candidates, a representative authorized by panel, their election agents or polling agents as may be present and obtain a receipt for such copy.

- (12) The Presiding Officer shall seal in separate packets -
- (a) the un-issued ballot papers;
  - (b) the spoilt ballot papers;
  - (c) the tendered ballot papers;
  - (d) the challenged ballot papers;
  - (e) the marked copies of the electoral rolls;
  - (f) the counterfoils of the used ballot papers;
  - (g) the tendered votes list;
  - (h) the challenged votes list; and
  - (i) such other papers as the Returning Officer may direct.

(13) The Presiding Officer shall obtain on each statement and packet prepared under this rule the signature of the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel or their election agents or polling agents who are present and, if any such person refuses to sign, the Presiding Officer shall record that fact.

(14) A person required to sign a packet or statement under sub-rule (13), if he so desires, also affix his seal to it.

(15) After the close of the proceedings under the foregoing sub-rules, the Presiding Officer shall, in compliance of such instructions as may be given by the Returning Officer in this behalf, cause the packets, the statement of the count and the ballot paper account prepared by him to be sent to the Returning Officer together with such other records as the Returning Officer may direct.

40. (1) The Returning Officer shall give the contesting candidates or panel and their election agents a notice in writing of the day, time and place for the consolidation of the results, and, in presence of the contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel and election agents as who may be present, consolidate in the prescribed manner, the results of the count furnished by the Presiding Officers.

**Consolidation of results.**

(2) The consolidation proceedings shall be held without any avoidable delay as soon as possible after the polling day.

(3) Before consolidating the results of the count, the Returning Officer shall examine the ballot papers excluded from the count by the Presiding Officer and if he finds that any such ballot paper should not have been so excluded, count it as a ballot paper cast in favour of the contesting candidate or panel for whom the vote has been cast thereby.

- (4) The Returning Officer may recount the ballot papers -
- (a) upon the request of, or challenge in writing made by, a contesting candidate, panel or election agent, if the Returning Officer is satisfied that the request or the challenge is reasonable; or
  - (b) if so directed by the Election Commission, in such case the recount shall be held in such manner and at such place as may be directed by the Election Commission.

(5) After consolidation of results the Returning Officer shall give to such contesting candidates, panel and their election agents who are present during the consolidation proceedings, a copy of the result of the count notified to the Election Commission immediately against proper receipt and shall also post a copy thereof to the other candidates and election agents.

41. (1) Where, after consolidation of the results of the count under rule 40, it is found that there is equality of votes between two or more contesting candidates, panel and the addition of one vote for one such candidate would entitle him to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith draw a lot in respect of such candidates or panel on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to have received the highest number of votes entitling him to be declared elected.

**Equality of votes.**

(2) The lot shall be drawn in the presence of such contesting candidates, a representative authorized by panel and their election agents who are present.

(3) The Returning Officer shall keep a record of the proceedings in writing and obtain thereon the signature of such candidate, a representative authorized by panel and election agents who have been witnesses to the proceedings, and if any such person refuses to sign, such fact shall be recorded.

42. (1) The Returning Officer shall, after obtaining the result of the count under rule 40, or of the drawl of the lot under rule 41, declare by public notice the names of such contesting candidates or panel who have or deemed to have received the highest number of votes.

**Declaration of results.**

(2) The public notice shall, contain the names of and the total number of votes received by each contesting candidate or panel.

(3) The Returning Officer shall, immediately after publication of the notice under sub-rule (1), submit a return of the election in Form XIII together with a copy of the consolidated statement to the Election Commission.

(4) Every returned candidate shall within ten days from the poll of an election, submit a return of election expenses.

(5) The Election Commission shall arrange the names of the returned candidates of a Council published in the official Gazette.

Provided that the result of a return candidate shall not be published who fails to submit the return of expenses within specified period.

43. The Returning Officer shall -

- (a) immediately after preparing the consolidated statement and the return of election, reseal the packets and statements opened by him for the purpose of consolidation, permitting such candidates, a representative authorized by panel and their election agents, who may be present to sign the packets and affix their seals to such packets if they so desire; and
- (b) supply duly attested copies of the consolidation statement and the return of election to such candidates, panel and their election agents as may desire to have them.

**Re-sealing of packets and supply of copies.**

44. (1) The Returning Officer shall send to the Election Commission or any officer authorized by it -

- (a) the packets containing the ballot papers each of which shall be sealed with the seal of the Presiding Officer, or, if opened by the Returning Officer, with the seal of the Returning Officer;
- (b) the packets containing the counterfoils of issued ballot papers;
- (c) the packets containing the marked copies of the electoral rolls;
- (d) the packets containing the ballot paper account;
- (e) a packet containing the tendered ballot papers,

**Documents to be sent to and retained by the Election Commission.**



- the challenged ballot papers, the tendered votes list and the challenged votes list; and
- (f) such other papers as the Election Commission may direct.

(2) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each packet forwarded under sub-rule (1) the description of its contents, the date of the election to which the contents relate, the name of the electoral unit for which the election was held.

(3) The Election Commission shall retain the documents contained in the packets received under sub-rule (1), for a period of one year from the date of their receipt, and thereafter shall, unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal, cause to be destroyed.

45. The documents retained by the Election Commission under rule 44 except the ballot papers, shall be open to public inspection at such time and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Election Commission shall, upon an application made in this behalf and on payment of such fee and subject to such conditions as may be fixed by the Election Commission, furnish copies of, or extracts from those documents.

**Public inspection of documents.**

46. (1) A Tribunal may order the opening of packets of counterfoils and certificates or the inspection of any counted ballot papers.

**Order for production of documents.**

(2) An order under sub-rule (1), may be made subject to such conditions as to persons, time place and mode of inspection of documents and opening of packets as the Tribunal making the order may think expedient;

Provided that in making and carrying into effect an order for the inspection of counted ballot papers, care shall be taken that no vote shall be disclosed until it has been held by the Tribunal to be invalid.

(3) Where an order is made under sub-rule (1), the production of any document retained by the Election Commission in such manner as may be directed by the order shall be conclusive evidence that the document relates to the election specified in the order, and any endorsement or any packet of ballot paper so produced shall be prima facie evidence that the ballot papers or documents are what the endorsement states them to be.

(4) The production from proper custody of a ballot paper purporting to have been used at an election, and of a counterfoil, having a number, shall be prima facie evidence that the elector whose vote was given by that ballot paper was the elector who had on the electoral roll the same number as was written on the counterfoil.

(5) Save as in this rule provided, no person shall be allowed to inspect any rejected or counted ballot paper in the possession of the Election Commission.

## **CHAPTER-V**

### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE RESERVED SEATS**

47. The members of the Council specified in section 18 of the Act, hereinafter referred to as the "members of the electoral college" shall constitute the electoral college for the election of members to the seats reserved for women, labourer or peasants and non-muslim.

**Electoral college.**

48. The Election Commission shall, by notification, appoint the Returning Officer to hold and conduct election to the reserved seats.

**Directions to hold elections.**

49. The Returning Officer appointed under rule 11, shall by notice invite nominations and fix the day or days for scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, the place, date and time when the poll shall be held.

**Fixation of days for various stages of election.**

50. (1) Any member of the electoral college may nominate and any other such member may second any candidate whose name is entered in the electoral rolls and is eligible for the election to the reserved seat.

**Nomination of candidate.**

(2) The nomination shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate to the effect that the candidates has consented to the proposal and is not subject to any disqualification for being elected as a member of the Council.

(3) The nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate, proposer or seconder to the Returning Officer at his office during office hours on or before the date and within the time fixed for the purpose.

(4) On the delivery to the Returning Officer of a nomination paper, he shall -

(a) acknowledge in writing the receipt thereof;

(b) satisfy himself that the name and other particulars of the proposer and seconder shown in the nomination paper are the members of the electoral college.

(5) The Returning Officer shall endorse on the nomination paper the name of the person presenting it and the time of its receipt and inform such person of time and place at which he shall hold scrutiny.

(6) The Returning Officer shall cause to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office, a notice of every nomination paper received by him containing the particulars of the candidate, his proposer and seconder as are shown in the nomination paper.

51. The candidature fee for the election to the reserved seats shall be payable as prescribed by the Election Commission.

**Candidature fee.**

52. (1) The candidates, their proposers and seconders and one other person authorized by each candidate, may attend the scrutiny of the nomination papers.

**Scrutiny of nomination papers.**

(2) The Returning Officer shall, in presence of such persons referred to in sub-rule (1) who wish to attend the scrutiny, examine the nomination papers and decide any objection made to any nomination.

(3) The Returning Officer may, either of his own motion or upon any objection, conduct such summary inquiry as he may think fit and reject any nomination paper if he is satisfied that -

- (a) the candidate is not qualified to be elected as a member;
- (b) the proposer or the seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper;
- (c) any provision of rule 50 or rule 51 has not been complied with; or
- (d) the signature of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine;

Provided that-

- (i) the rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a candidate by any other valid nomination paper; and
- (ii) the Returning Officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial nature, and may allow any such defect to be remedied forthwith.

(4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on every nomination paper his decision, accepting or rejecting it, and shall, in the case of rejection, record a brief statement of reasons therefor.

(5) Any candidate whose nomination paper has been rejected, may file an appeal to the Appellate authority to be appointed by the Election Commission before such time as may be specified by it. Such an appeal shall be disposed of before such time as may be specified by the Election Commission and any orders passed in this behalf shall be final.

53. (1) Any validly nominated candidate or panel may, by notice in writing signed by the candidate or panel and delivered to the Returning Officer, either by such candidate in person, panel or by an agent authorized in writing in this behalf by such candidate or panel before the time fixed, withdraw his candidature. The notice of withdrawal shall not be open to recall or cancellation.

**Withdrawal.**

(2) All political parties through their authorized office bearer and independent groups shall submit their final list of candidates of the panel for that particular council on or before the date of withdrawal of candidature.

54. (1) Where, after scrutiny under rule 52, the number of validly nominated candidates is the same as the number of seats to which elections are being held, or, where, after any withdrawal under rule 53, the number of contesting candidates or panel is equal to the number of seats to which elections are being held, the Returning Officer, shall by public notice declare such candidate or panel as the case may be, such candidates or panel to have been elected and submit a return of the election to the Election Commission.

**Uncontested election.**

(2) The Election Commission shall publish in the official Gazette the name or, as the case may be, the names of the returned candidate or candidates.

55. (1) Before the time fixed for the commencement of the poll, the Returning Officer shall affix at a conspicuous place, where the poll is to be held, the names of the contesting candidates or panel for each seat.

**Poll.**

(2) Each voter shall have only one vote for each category of reserved seats or a panel as the case may be, irrespective of the number of seats to be filled.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall ensure in the presence of the voters present that the ballot boxes to be used are empty and shall then seal them.

(4) The ballot boxes shall be placed on the table of the Assistant Presiding Officer.

(5) The Presiding Officer shall ensure that every voter is able to mark his ballot paper in secret before it is folded and inserted in a ballot box.

(6) The Presiding Officer shall permit the contesting candidates, panel and one other person authorized in writing by each such candidate to be present at the place of poll.

56. The procedure on the close of poll laid down for the election to general seats including counting of votes, declaration of results, submission of returns, affidavits, forfeiture of deposits etc. shall mutatis mutandis apply to the election under this Chapter.

**Procedure of general seats to apply.**

## **CHAPTER-VI ELECTION EXPENSES**

57. In this Chapter, "election expenses" means any expenditure incurred or payment made, whether by way of gift, loan, advance, deposit or otherwise, for the arrangement, conduct or benefit of, or in connection with, or incidental to, the election of a candidate, including the expenditure on account of issuing circulars or publications or otherwise presenting to the electors, the candidates or views, aims or objects.

**Definition of election expenses.**

58. (1) No person shall, except to the extent provided in sub-rule (2), make any payment whatsoever towards the election expenses of a candidate except to the election agent of such candidate or panel.

**Restriction on election expenses.**

(2) No person other than the candidate, shall incur any election expenses of such candidate.

Provided that any person may, if so authorized by a contesting candidate, in writing specifying a maximum amount, to the extent of such amount, make payment for stationery, postage, telegram and other petty expenses.

(3) The election expenses of a contesting candidates, shall not exceed rupees fifty thousand in case of Union Council, Union Committee, Town Committee and Municipal Committee and rupees one hundred thousand in case of District Council and Corporation, respectively.

(4) Any person incurring any expenditure or making any payment under sub-rule (2) shall, within ten days of the declaration of the result of the election, send to the candidate or panel a statement of such expenditure or particulars of such payment.

(5) A candidate shall, by a bill stating the particulars and by a receipt, vouch for every payment made in respect of election expenses except where the amount is less than two hundred rupees.

59. (1) Every contesting candidate shall, within thirty-five days after the name of the returned candidates is notified, submit to the Returning Officer, a return of election expenses in Form XV containing -

**Return of election expenses.**

- (a) a statement of all payments made by the contesting candidate, together with all the bills and receipts.
- (b) a statement of the amount of personal expenditure, if any, incurred by the contesting candidates;

- (c) a statement of all disputed claims of which the contesting candidate;
- (d) a statement of all unpaid claims, if any, which the election agent or contesting candidate, is aware; and
- (e) a statement of all moneys, securities or equivalent of money received from any person for the purpose of election expenses specifying the name of every such person.

(2) The return submitted under sub-rule (1), shall be accompanied by an affidavit in Form XVI sworn by the contesting candidate.

60. (1) The return and documents submitted under rule 59 shall be kept by the Returning Officer in his office or at such other convenient place as he may think fit and shall, during one year from the date of their receipt by him, be open to inspection by any person on payment of fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Election Commission.

**Inspection of returns etc.**

(2) The Returning Officer shall, on an application made in this behalf and on payment of fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Election Commission give any person copies of any return or document kept under sub-rule (1) or any part thereof.

## **CHAPTER-VII ELECTION DISPUTES**

61. (1) No election shall be called in question except by an election petition made by a candidate or panel for that election, hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as the "petitioner".

**Election petitions.**

(2) An election petition shall be presented to the Tribunal within sixty days of the publication in the official Gazette, the names of the returned candidate and shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that the petitioner has deposited in a Scheduled Bank in favour of the Election Commission, a fee of rupees two thousand.

(3) An election petition shall be presented by a petitioner in the manner prescribed by the Election Commission and shall be deemed to have been presented-

- (a) when it is delivered in person to Tribunal as may be appointed by the Election Commission; or
- (b) when delivered by courier service or registered post to the Tribunal appointed by the Election Commission.

62. The Petitioner shall join as respondents to his election petition-

**Parties to the petition.**

- (a) all contesting candidates or panel; and
  - (b) any other candidate against whom any allegation, if any, of corrupt or illegal practice is made and shall serve personally or by courier service or registered post on each such respondent a copy of his petition.
63. (1) Every election petition shall contain –
- (a) a precise statement of the material facts on which the petitioner relies;
  - (b) full particulars of any corrupt or illegal practice or other illegal act alleged to have been committed, such corrupt or illegal practice or illegal act and the date and place of the commission of such practice or act; and
  - (c) the relief claimed by the petitioner.
- (2) A petitioner may claim as relief any of the following declarations, namely:-
- (a) that the election of the returned candidate or panel is void and that the petitioner or some other person or panel has been duly elected; or
  - (b) that the election as a whole is void.
- (3) Every election petition and every schedule or annexure to that petition shall be signed by the petitioner and verified in the manner laid down in the Code of Civil procedure, 1908, for the verification of pleadings.

**Contents of petition.**

64. (1) For the trial of election petitions under these rules, the Election Commission shall appoint as many Election Tribunals as may be necessary.
- (2) A Tribunal shall consist of a person who is or has been a District and Sessions Judge or Additional District and Sessions Judge.

**Election Tribunal.**

65. If the Tribunal is satisfied that all or any of the preceding provisions have not been complied with, the petition shall be dismissed forthwith and submit its report to the Election Commission.

**Procedure on receipt of petition by the Election Tribunal.**

66. (1) The Election Commission either on its own motion or on an application made in this behalf by any of the parties may, at any stage, transfer an election petition from one Tribunal to another Tribunal and the Tribunal to which the election petition is so transferred, shall proceed with the trial of petition from the stage at which it is transferred:

**Power to transfer election petition.**

Provided that the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, recall and examine any of the witnesses already examined.

67. The trial of an election petition shall be held at such place or places as the Tribunal may think fit. **Place of trial.**

68. The District Attorney or District Public Prosecutor shall, if a Tribunal so requires, assist the Tribunal at the hearing of an election petition in such manner as it may require. **Government advocate to assist the Tribunal.**

69. An appearance, application or act before a Tribunal may be made or done by a party in person or by an advocate or any other person entitled or allowed to plead in any Court and duly appointed to act on his behalf. **Appearance before Tribunal.**

Provided that the Tribunal may, if it considers necessary, direct any party to appear in person.

70. (1) An election petition may be withdrawn - **Withdrawal of petition.**  
(a) before a Tribunal has been appointed, by leave of the Election Commission; and  
(b) after a Tribunal has been appointed, by leave of the Tribunal.

(2) Where leave is granted by the Tribunal, the petitioner shall be ordered to pay the costs incurred by the respondents to the election petition or such portion thereof as the Tribunal may direct.

71. (1) Copies of orders passed by the Tribunal on any election petition may be furnished to the parties to the petition by the Tribunal on application in writing. **Supply of copies of decision on petitions.**

(2) The fee for supply of copies under sub-rule (1) shall be prescribed by Election Commission.

(3) Every application for the supply of copies under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by court fee stamp of the requisite value.

72. The Tribunal shall, after an election petition has been disposed of, retain record for a period of five years from the date of its receipt and shall thereafter cause it to be destroyed subject to the directions of Election Commission. **Retention of the record.**



**CHAPTER-VIII  
BYE-ELECTIONS**

73. When the seat of a member becomes vacant, the Election Commission shall subject to the Act, by notification in the official Gazette, call upon the electoral unit concerned to elect a person to fill the seat for such constituency before such date as may be specified in the notification, and thereupon the provisions of these rules shall apply, as far as may be, to the election to fill such seat:

**Bye-elections etc.**

Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in these rules the days for the several stages of an election shall be such as may be specified in the aforesaid notification.

**CHAPTER-IX  
ELECTION REPORTS**

74. Within a month of the holding of the election the District Returning Officer shall submit to the Election Commission a detailed report about the conduct of the election specifically indicating:

**Report by the District Returning Officer.**

- (a) the arrangement made for the election;
- (b) total number of the voters and the actual number of votes cast;
- (c) such other information as may be required by the Election Commission.

75. The Election Commission shall draw up a report on the elections held in the Province and such report may be published in the official Gazette.

**Report by Election Commission.**

**CHAPTER-X  
MISCELLANEOUS**

77. Where non-muslim population does not exist in the Union Council or Union Committee, I shall not affect the composition of panel as prescribed under the rules.

**Non-existence of non-muslim population.**

**(JAWED HANIF KHAN)  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

**Form-I**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In pursuance of the provisions of Rule \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ Retuning Officer in pursuance of the (Title of Rules of the province concerned)

provisions of the aforesaid rule do hereby give public notice that following dates have been appointed by the Election Commission for various activities mentioned below including receiving of nomination papers.

<b>S.#</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Dates for filing of Nomination Papers	
2	Publication of Notice of all the nomination papers received on	
3	Objections to the nomination papers	
4	Scrutiny of nomination papers and publication of names of valid nominated candidates	
5	Appeal against acceptance/rejection of nomination papers to be filed	
6	Disposal of appeals	
7	Withdrawal of candidature	
8	Publication of list of contesting candidates with symbols allotted to them	
9	Polling day	

2. Notice is hereby given that the election to fill the seats in following local councils/wards:

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_
- v. \_\_\_\_\_

of Taluka \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The categories of seats to be filled in the above mentioned local councils / wards are as under:

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

4. Notice is also hereby given that in pursuance of the aforesaid rules, the nomination papers shall be received by me in my office at \_\_\_\_\_ (place) between the hours of 09:00 am 04:00 pm on all working days from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**RETURNING OFFICER**

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form-II**

**NOMINATION FORM**

(Election to the Members for Union Councils/Union Committees)

**A. Details of Contesting Constituency:**

1. Name and No. of Union Council/Union Committee \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name or No. of Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Particulars of Candidate:**

1. Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father/Husband Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. CNIC No.  

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4. Sr.No. of Voters List with the Name of area \_\_\_\_\_
5. Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name of Panel \_\_\_\_\_
7. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**C. Declaration by the Proposer:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Category of seat) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward))

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Proposer**

**D. Declaration by the Seconder:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Seconder) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Category of seat) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward))

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Seconder**

**E. Declaration and Oath by the Person Nominated:**

I, solemnly swear that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the Prophet and in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be Prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi (For Muslims Candidates only).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Candidate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_  
declare on oath that I have consented to the above nomination and that I fulfil the qualifications specified in the Sindh Local Government Act- 2013 and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in the said Act or any other law for the time being in force for being elected as a member to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Candidate**

**F. For Official Use Only**

Serial No. of Nomination Paper \_\_\_\_\_ **Fee of** Rs: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Nomination Form of Mr./Miss/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a Candidate / Proposer / Seconder  
was delivered to me at my office at \_\_\_\_\_ (hours) on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date) delivered to me.

**DECISION AFTER SCRUTINY**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(in case of rejection, state brief reasons)  
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\_\_\_\_\_

# RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper \_\_\_\_\_

The Nomination Paper of Mr/Miss/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ a  
candidate for election to district \_\_\_\_\_ Taluka  
\_\_\_\_\_ Union Council/Committee \_\_\_\_\_

from Ward \_\_\_\_\_ was delivered to me at my office at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hours) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) by

\_\_\_\_\_ (person). All Nomination Papers will be taken up for scrutiny

at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(hours)

(Date)

(Place)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURNING OFFICER**

**FORM-III**

**NOMINATION PAPER  
(For Member of District Council)**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

district \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Particulars of Candidate**

- i) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Father's/Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) National Identity Card No.

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- iv) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- v) Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration by the Proposer:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proposer

**Declaration by the Seconder:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Seconder

**DECLARATION AND OATH BY THE PERSON NOMINATED**

I \_\_\_\_\_ s/o, d/o, wife/o \_\_\_\_\_  
CNIC No. \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare on oath that, -

I have consented to the above nomination and that I fulfil the qualifications specified in the present Local Government Act and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in the said Act or any other law for the time being in force for being elected as a member to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

i. I belong to \_\_\_\_\_ (party/panel) and a certificate from that political party showing that I am a party candidate from the above said constituency will be submitted on or before the date of withdrawal of candidature.

2) I, solemnly swear that,-

ii. I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qudiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

iii. I will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, that Pakistan would be a democratic state based on Islamic principles of social justice. I will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.

3) I hereby assure that I shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan.

**(Note: Determination at S.No.2 (1) is applicable to Muslims Candidates only)**

**SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE  
MEMBER .....  
COUNCIL.....**

**A. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RECEIPT BY RETURNING OFFICER**

**(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)**

Serial Number of nomination paper .....

This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at .....on  
.....by.....

(hours) (date) (person)

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**



**2. (Decision of Returning Officer accepting or rejecting the nomination paper on the day fixed for scrutiny)**

I have examined this nomination paper and decide as follows :—

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**(In case of rejection, state brief reasons)**

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

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**RECEIPT**

**(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)**

Serial Number of nomination paper.....

The nomination paper of Mr./Miss/Mrs.....a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of

(Category of seat)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ was delivered to me at my office at..... (hours)

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

on .....(date)by.....(person). All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at.....on.....at.....

(hours) (date) (place)

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

**FORM-III(A)**

**NOMINATION PAPER**

**(For Member of Ward in Municipal Committee / Town Committee)**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

district \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Particulars of Candidate for Member of Ward in Municipal Committee:**

- i) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Father's/ Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) National Identity Card No.

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- iv) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- v) Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Particulars of Candidate for Member of Ward in Town Committee:**

- i) Name \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Father's/Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) National Identity Card No.

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- iv) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- v) Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration by the Proposer:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward))

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Proposer**

**Declaration by the Seconder:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o \_\_\_\_\_ registered as an elector at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number \_\_\_\_\_ of electoral area \_\_\_\_\_ falling in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and No. if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_

if any UC/Ward) of District \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for election to  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Seconder**

**A. DECLARATION AND OATH BY THE PERSON NOMINATED**

I \_\_\_\_\_ s/o, d/o, wife/o \_\_\_\_\_  
CNIC No. \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare on oath that, -  
I have consented to the above nomination and that I fulfil the qualifications  
specified in the present Local Government Act and I am not subject to any of  
the disqualifications specified in the said Act or any other law for the time  
being in force for being elected as a member to \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

iv. I belong to ..... (party/panel) and a certificate from that  
political party showing that I am a party candidate from the above said  
constituency will be submitted on or before the date of withdrawal of  
candidature.

4) I, solemnly swear that,-

v. I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of  
Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and in any  
sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet  
Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a  
claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the  
Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

vi. I will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan  
Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, that Pakistan would be a  
democratic state based on Islamic principles of social justice. I will bear  
true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and  
integrity of Pakistan and that I will strive to preserve the Islamic  
Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.

5) I hereby assure that I shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the  
Election Commission of Pakistan.

**(Note: Determination at S.No.2 (1) is applicable to Muslims  
Candidates only)**

**SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE**

**MEMBER .....**

**COUNCIL.....**

**B. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RECEIPT BY RETURNING OFFICER**

**(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)**

Serial Number of nomination paper .....

This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at  
.....on .....by.....  
(hours) (date) (person)

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**



**2. (Decision of Returning Officer accepting or rejecting the nomination paper on the day fixed for scrutiny)**

I have examined this nomination paper and decide as follows :—

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**(In case of rejection, state brief reasons)**

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**



**RECEIPT**

**(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)**

Serial Number of nomination paper \_\_\_\_\_

The nomination paper of Mr./Miss/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ as  
joint candidates for election to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was delivered to me at my office at \_\_\_\_\_ (hours)

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/ Ward)

on .....(date)by.....(person). All nomination  
papers will be taken up for scrutiny  
at.....on..... at.....  
(hours) (date) (place)

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

**FORM IV**

**NOMINATION FEE RECEIPT**

<b>COUNTERFOIL</b>	<b>RECEIPT</b>
Sr. No. _____	Sr. No. _____
Name of Candidate _____	Received a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees) _____ in cash from Mr./Ms. _____ a candidate for election of _____ in _____
Number & Name of Local Council _____ /Ward _____	(Category of seat)(Number & Name of Local Council _____ /Ward _____)
Category of Seat _____	and entered in the Deposit Register at Sr. No. _____
Amount Received _____	Date: _____
Date: _____	Signature and seal of the Returning Officer
Signature of the Returning Officer	

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM V**

**REGISTER FOR PAYMENT OF CANDIDATURE FEE**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number & Name of Local Council \_\_\_\_\_ / Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

district \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT**

S.#	Candidate's Name	Serial No. of nomination filed	Amount deposited	Particulars of the Bank Draft or cash, receipt issued in Form-IV	Signature of the Returning Officer	Treasury Challan No. date under which deposited in government account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURNING OFFICER**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

## **FORM-VI**

### **NOTICE OF NOMINATION PAPERS RECEIVED**

Notice is hereby given that the persons whose particulars are given below have filed their nomination papers for elections as

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

district \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No.	Name, parentage and address of the candidate	Party Affiliation	Name of the electoral area and candidate's serial number in the electoral roll	Name, parentage and address of the proposer	Name of the electoral area of proposer and his serial number in the electoral roll.	Name, parentage and address of the seconder	Name of the electoral area of seconder and his serial number in the electoral roll.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **RETURNING OFFICER**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer Member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee
- vii. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee



**FORM - VII**

**LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

district \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of father/husband	Party Affiliation	Address of candidate
1	2	3		4

Place .....

Date .....

**RETURNING OFFICER.**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer Member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM - VIII**

**LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.	Name of the contesting Candidate	Address of the contesting candidate	Category	Name of Panel in English alphabetical order	Allocation of symbol to the candidate or panel
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
Etc.					

Notice is hereby given that the poll shall be taken between the hours of ..... on (date) .....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

Place .....

Date .....

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM - IX**

**TENDERED VOTES LIST**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Polling Station

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Serial No. of tendered ballot paper	Name of the elector	Serial number of the elector in the electoral roll	Census Block Code and name of electoral area	Address of the elector	Signature or thumb impression of the person tendering vote
1	2	3	4	5	6

Place .....

Date .....

**SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

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- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM - X**  
**CHALLENGED VOTES LIST**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Polling Station

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Serial No. of entry	Name of the elector	Census Block Code and name of the electoral area in which the elector is enrolled	Serial No. of elector on the electoral roll	Signature or thumb impression of the person challenged	Address of the person challenged	Name of identifier if any	Name & Address of challenger	Order of the Presiding Officer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Certified that a sum or Rs..... has been received on account of challenged votes and the amount in question has been deposited with the Returning Officer.

Place.....

Date.....

**SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM XI**

**THE STATEMENT OF THE COUNT**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Polling Station

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Sr. No.	Name of Contesting Candidate or Panel	Symbol allotted to Contesting Candidate or Panel	Number of votes polled by each contesting candidate or Panel	Number of challenged votes polled by each contesting candidate or Panel	Total votes polled by each contesting candidate or Panel Cols (5) + (6)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

(i) Total number of votes polled by the contesting candidates or panel (including challenged votes) male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Total number of doubtful votes excluded from the count (including the doubtful challenged votes).....

(iii) Aggregate of (i) and (ii).....

Place.....

Date .....

**SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

Name and designation of the  
Presiding Officer and Thumb impression of the  
Presiding Officer

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM - XII**  
**BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Polling Station

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Ballot papers received for use at the polling station from Serial  
No..... to  
..... Total.....
2. Total number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box or boxes  
and counted  
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3. Total number of tendered ballot  
papers.....
4. Total number of challenged ballot  
papers.....
5. Total number of ballot papers spoilt and  
cancelled.....
6. Total number of ballot papers under item numbers (2), (3), (4) and  
(5).  
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7. Number of unissued ballot papers from Serial number.....

to.....

Total.....

8. Total number of item numbers (6) and (7) .....  
[should be equal to the total of item No. (1)].

Place.....

Date.....

**SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM – XIII**

**CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE COUNT  
FURNISHED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No.	Polling Station	Number of valid ballot papers (including challenged votes) cast in favour of Panel or Candidate						Total per Polling Station			Number of Tendered Votes
		A	B	C	D	E	F	Valid	Rejected	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Grand Total .....

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Place.....

Date.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

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- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee



**FORM - XIV**

**RETURN OF ELECTION**

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Number, if any & Name of Local  
Council/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Sr . No.	Names of the contesting Candidates	Category of Seat	Name of Panel	Symbol of Panel	Number of valid votes polled
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Etc.					

Total Number of registered votes: male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of valid votes polled male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of rejected  
votes.....

Total number of tendered  
votes.....

I declare that the persons named above belong to \_\_\_\_\_  
Panel have been duly elected /elected uncontested.

Date.....

Place.....

**RETURNING OFFICER**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

## FORM - XV

### RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES

Election to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Local Government/Ward)

District \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Panel \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part-A: Account of election expenses

Date of expenditure	Nature of expenditure	Amount of Expenditure			Date of payment	Name and address of the payee	Serial number of vouchers in case of amount paid	Serial no. of Bill if any in case of amount outstanding	Name and address of the person to whom payment is outstanding
		Amount paid (a)	Amount outstanding (b)	Total of (a) & (b)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

#### Part-B: Account of Disputed Claims

Date of Claim	Name and address of the claimant	Nature of Claim	Amount of claim	Grounds on which the claim is disputed
1	2	3	4	5

### Part-C: Account of unpaid Claims

Date on which the Claim arose	Name and address of the claimant	Nature of unpaid Claim	Amount of unpaid claim	Reasons for non-payment of the claim
1	2	3	4	5

### Part-D: Account of money etc. received from any person

Date on which the money, securities equivalent of money was received by the candidate	Name and address of the persons from whom money etc. was received	The amount of money or value of securities, etc.	Specific purpose for the money etc. was received
1	2	3	4

Name & signature of candidate

NIC No. \_\_\_\_\_

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM-XVI**

**AFFIDAVIT TO BE SWORN BY A CANDIDATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ S/O,D/O,  
W/O \_\_\_\_\_ having been a candidate for election from  
Seat \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ make oath and declare on  
solemn affirmation that:

(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

1. In the aforementioned elections, all expenses incurred, all moneys, securities received, all payments made, all claims settled and all accounts maintained in the course of or in connection with the election were incurred, received, made, settled and maintained by me or within my knowledge and under my control and direction.
2. All information given and all entries made in the return of election expenses and all vouchers, bills and other documents lodged by me with that return are within my knowledge and belief, true and genuine.

**Name & signature of candidate**

**CNIC No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn/ declared on solemn affirmation before me this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me/  
who has been identified by

\_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known  
to me.

**Signature with seal of Oath  
Commissioner**

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM-XVII**  
**DECLARATION OF ASSETS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ S/O,D/O,

W/O \_\_\_\_\_

CNIC No. 

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Elected as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ belong  
to \_\_\_\_\_ panel.

(Category of Seat)(Number, if any & Name of Local Council/Ward)

do, hereby, solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable property, land, house, apartment, shop, share certificate, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member of my family dependent upon me except as below:-

Sr. No	Description of moveable and immoveable property and its location	Name of owner	Relationship with declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

**Name & signature of the Declarant**

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**FORM-XVIII**

**NOTICE OF HOURS OF POLL**

Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Notice is hereby given that the poll shall be taken between \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ hours on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Returning Officer**

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
FORM FOR COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS**

Taluka and District \_\_\_\_\_

No. and Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registered Voters \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total Votes Polled \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rejected Votes \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total Valid Votes \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

<b>General Members</b>				
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Name of Returned candidates</b>	<b>Name of Panel</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

<b>Woman Member</b>			
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Names of Returned Candidates</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1			

<b>PEASANT &amp; LABOURER MEMBER</b>			
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Names of Returned candidates</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1			

<b>Non-Muslim Member</b>			
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Names of Returned candidates</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1			

<b>DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER</b>			
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Names of Returned candidates</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1			

<b>MEMBER WARD (M.C/T.C)</b>			
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Name of Returned candidates</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Votes Obtained</b>
1			

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Returning Officer**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please fill in complete information for all categories (Write Un-opposed or Vacant (By-election) where applicable).
2. Please write in black ink using BOLD letters. You may use thin tipped marker.
3. Please send it to Provincial Election Commissioner with copy to DRO immediately after compilation of results.



**FORM FOR COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS BY  
PRESIDING OFFICER TO  
RETURNING OFFICERS ON TELEPHONE/WIRELESS/TELEFAX**

Category of seats \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number & Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of the Presiding Officer \_\_\_\_\_
3. No. and name of Polling Station \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total No. of voters assigned \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Polling Station.
5. Total Votes Cast Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_
6. No. of valid votes including challenged valid votes cast in favour of.

<b>S.#</b>	<b>NAME OF CANDIDATE</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>NO. OF VALID VOTES</b>
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7. Total: No of Valid Votes \_\_\_\_\_
8. No. of votes excluded from the count \_\_\_\_\_
9. Total No. of votes polled (total of items No. 7 &8) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Signature of Presiding Officer** \_\_\_\_\_

- i. General Members
- ii. Woman Member
- iii. Peasant and Labourer member
- iv. Non-Muslim Member
- v. One Member elected directly for District Council
- vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

**RETURNING OFFICER  
LOCAL COUNCILS ELECTION**

Date:-

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

In pursuance of the provisions of rule 15 of the \_\_\_\_\_ Local Government Election Rules, \_\_\_\_\_, the following Appointments of Presiding Officers/Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers are hereby made for \_\_\_\_\_ Polling Station ..... (No. and Name) for election to Council.....(No. and Name) of Taluka.....of District .....of Province .....to be held on the.....

<b>Name &amp; Designation of Presiding Officer</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation of Asstt. Presiding Officer</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation of Polling Officer</b>	<b>Name of APO designated as Presiding Officer</b>

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Returning Officer**

## NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions of sub-rule \_\_\_\_\_ of rule \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2013, the names of the candidates returned from the Category \_\_\_\_\_ of CouncilNo. \_\_\_\_\_ of Taluka \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ are published hereunder for information of the general public.

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of Returned Candidate</b>	<b>Father's/Husband's Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
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Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT RETURNING OFFICER**

## LOCAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS

### PACKING INVOICE

Name of Taluka \_\_\_\_\_ Name of District \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Province \_\_\_\_\_ No. & Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_ No. & Name of Polling Station \_\_\_\_\_

here assigned to the Polling Station : MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Booth (M+F) \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### CATEGORY-WISE DETAILS OF BALLOT PAPERS ETC. CONTAINED IN SEALED BAG

<i>Category of Ballot Paper</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Details</i>
i. General Members ii. Woman Member iii. Peasant and Labourer member iv. Non-Muslim Member v. One Member elected directly for District Council vi. One Member elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee		From Sl.No. _____ To _____ No. of Books _____  From Sl.No. _____ To _____ No. of Books _____  From Sl.No. _____ To _____ No. of Books _____

## DETAIL OF ELECTION MATERIAL

Official Code Mark Stamps (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_

(@ 2 per booth + 1 per Polling Station)

### **Other Items**

Marking Aid Stamp ( @ 3 per booth + 1 per Polling Station)

1. Brass Seal (@ 1 per Polling Station)

2. Small size Cloth bags (different colour according to the requirement of the council /committee)

PCSIR Stamp Pad ( @ 6 per booth 6 per Polling Station)

3. Large size Cloth bag (1 per Polling Station)

4.. Cloth bag for retrieval of non-sensitive Material  
(1 per Polling Station)

Standard Stationery Pack (@ 1 per Polling Station )

5. one set of photo Electoral Rolls

Indelible Ink (@ 1 per booth + 2 per Polling Station)

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Received above items in sealed bag

**Signature of Returning Officer**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Presiding Officer**\_\_\_\_\_

## **LIST OF POLLING STATIONS**

Name of the Council/Committee or Ward.....

S.No	Name & location of the polling station	Village in case of Rural Areas with Census Block No.	Ward/Mohallah street in case of Urban Area with Census Block No.	Sl.No of voters on the electoral roll in case Ward/Mohallah/Street of village is bifurcated	Number of voters assigned to polling station			Number of polling booths		
					Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11





## **LIST OF POLLING PERSONNEL**

Name of Council/Committee or Ward.....

No. & Name of Polling Station.....

No. of Booth: (MALE).....

(FEMALE)..... TOTAL.....

<b>Name &amp; Designation and office address of Presiding Officer</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation and office address of Asstt. Presiding Officer</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation and office address of Polling Officer</b>	<b>Name of Sr. Asstt. Presiding Officer Designated as Presiding Officer</b>
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**RESERVE  
STAFF**

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(Assistant  
Presiding Officer)

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(Polling Officer)