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NOTIFICATION

Karachi dated the July,2015

NO.RO(LG)/MISC/4(18)/2013:- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 138 read with entry 1 of Schedule-VII of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 and in supersession of this Department's Notification of even number dated 27th November, 2013, the Government of Sindh are pleased to make the following rules:-

CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) These rules may be called the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015.

(2) These shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

(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(3) "contesting candidate" means a validly nominated candidate, who has not withdrawn his candidature;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 Election Commission 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 area;
(11) "electoral roll" means an electoral roll prepared 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) "Polling Officer" means a Polling Officer appointed under these rules;
(16) "Polling Programme" means the programme announced by the Election Commission under the Act according to which polling is held;
(17) "Polling Station" means the premises where arrangements are made for polling;
(18) "Presiding Officer" means a presiding officer appointed under the Act for a polling station and includes an Assistant Presiding Officer;
(19) "returned candidate" means a candidate who has been declared elected as a member under these rules;
(20) "Returning Officer" means a Returning Officer appointed under the Act and includes an Assistant Returning Officer;
(21) "section" means a section of the Act;
(22) "Tribunal" means an Election Tribunal appointed under the Act for the trial of election petitions;
(23) "withdrawal day" means a day appointed on or before which candidature may be withdrawn.

CHAPTER II
ELECTION COMMISSION

Powers and functions of Election Commission.

3. The Election Commission shall exercise its powers and perform its functions in accordance with the Act and these 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.

Organization of election.

4. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Election Commission shall organize and conduct an election.

Decision by the Election Commission.

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.

(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 member is, for any reason, unable to attend any of its proceedings.

Delegation of powers.

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.

Assistance to the Election Commission.

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.

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

CHAPTER-III
DELIMITATION OF ELECTORAL UNITS

Delimitation of electoral units.

8. (1) The Election Commission shall notify the delimitation officers and appellate tribunals for the purpose of 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.

Preliminary list of Units.

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 the Election Commission.

(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 Election Commission may appoint in this behalf.

Final list of units.

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:

Provided that an Officer or authority dealing with a representation may, if thinks appropriate, refer it to Election Commission 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), the Election Commission 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.

Appointment of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers.

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.

(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

Election Program.

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

(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.

Polling Stations.

13. (1) The Returning Officer shall before such time as the Election Commission may fix, submit to District Returning Officera 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.

(2) Subject to the directions of the Election 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.

Presiding Officers and Polling Officers.

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:

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.

Supply of electoral rolls.

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.

(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.

Nominations for elections.

16. (1) The Returning Officer shall, as soon as may be after the publication of the election programme under sub-rule (2) 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.

(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 Progamme.

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

Candidature fee.

17. (1) The nomination papers received under rule 16 shall not be accepted unless a non-refundable candidature fee in cash 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) Ward	….	Rs. 2000/
(c) Union Council	….	Rs. 2000/-
(d) Town Committee	….	Rs. 2000/-
(e) Municipal Committee	….	Rs. 3000/-
(f) District Council and Corporation	….	Rs. 5000/-
(g) Reserved Seats	….	Rs. 500/-

(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 determined by the Election Commission.

Scrutiny.

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 16.

(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 16 or rule 17 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 Appellate Authority 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.

Publication of the list of candidates.

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.

(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.

Withdrawal.

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.

(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 in Urdu alphabetical order 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 for a seat, may retire his candidature on the day not later than seventy two hours before the start of the poll.

(5) The Returning Officer shall delete the name of the candidate who has withdrawn his candidature under sub-rule(1) from the list of contesting candidates already prepared on Form VIII.

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

Death of candidate after nomination.

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.

(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.

Postponement etc. under certain circumstances.

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.

Uncontested elections.

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 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.

Contested election and allocation of symbols.

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

(a) allocate, subject to any direction of the Election Commission one of the symbols allocated by the Election Commission to the political parties and independent candidates;

(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 of Form-VI as provided in Rule (11) of the Representation of the People (conduct of Election) Rules 1977.

Election agent.

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

(2) The appointment of an election agent may, at any time, be revoked in writing by the candidate 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 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 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.

Polling agent.

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

(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 or the election agent to be a polling agent; and a notice of such appointment shall be given to the Presiding Officer.

Absence of candidates etc. not to invalidate acts etc.

27. Where any act or thing is authorized by this Act to be done in the presence of the candidate, 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.

Hours of the poll.

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.

Stopping of 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 -

(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 28; 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 the Election Commission -

(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.

(4) 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.

Election by secret ballot.

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.

Ballot boxes.

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

(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.

Admission to polling station.

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 -

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

Maintenance of order at the polling station.

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,

(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.

Voting procedure.

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.

(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 Election 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 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 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.

Tendered Ballot papers.

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.

(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.

Challenge of electors.

36. (1) If, at the time a person applies for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting, a candidate 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.

(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.

Spoilt ballot paper.

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

Voting after close of poll.

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.

Proceedings at the 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 candidate selection agents and polling agents as may be present.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall give such of the contesting candidates, 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, 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 labeled "Challenged Ballot Papers" and count them;

(c) count, in such manner as may be prescribed, the votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate 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 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 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 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 contents thereof, specifying the name and symbol of the contesting candidate 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 and the ballot papers excluded from the count.

(10) The Presiding Officer shall also prepare in From 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, 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 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 thereon.

(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.

Consolidation of results.

40. (1) The Returning Officer shall give the contesting candidates 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 and election agents as who may be present, consolidate in the prescribed manner, the results of the count furnished by the Presiding Officers.

(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 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 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 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.

Equality of votes.

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 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 on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to have received the highest number of votes entitling him to be declared elected.

(2) The lot shall be drawn in the presence of such contesting candidates and their election agents who are present.

Declaration of results.

(3) The Returning Officer shall keep a record of the proceedings in writing and obtain thereon the signature of such candidate 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 who have or deemed to have received the highest number of votes.

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

(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 in Form XV.

(5) The Election Commission shall arrange the names of the returned candidates of a Local 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.

Joining of a political party by Independent Returned Candidate

[1][42. (A) An independent candidate elected under the Act and these rules may join a political party within seven days of publication in the official gazette of the name of returned candidates of that category.]

Re-sealing of packets and supply of copies.

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 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 and their election agents as may desire to have them.

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

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, the challenged ballot papers, the tendered votes list and the challenged votes list; and

(f) such other papers as the Election Commission may direct.

[1].Inserted by Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC/4(18)/2013, Dated 01.09.2015 amendment.

(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 and 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.

Public inspection of documents.

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 and 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.

Order for production of documents.

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

(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

Electoral college.

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, [1][youth], labourer or peasants and non-muslim.

Directions to hold elections.

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

Fixation of days for various stages of election.

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.

Nomination of candidate.

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.

(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.

[1].After Word "woman" A new word "youth" is inserted by Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013 Date 01.09.2015 amendment

(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.

Scrutiny of nomination papers.

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

Withdrawal.

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

Uncontested election.

53. (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 52, the number of contesting candidates is equal to the number of seats to which elections are being held, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, declare such candidate to have been elected and submit a return of the election to the Election Commission.

(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.

Poll.

54. (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 for each seat.

(2) Each voter shall have only one vote for each category of reserved seats, 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 or one person authorized in writing by each such candidate to be present at the place of poll.

Procedure of general seats to apply.

55. 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.

Pattern for Election

[1][55. (A) The election of mayor and Deputy Mayor of Metropolitan Corporation and Municipal Corporations, Chairman and Vice Chairman of District Councils, Municipal committees and Town Committees shall be held on the same pattern as for elections to be held on the basis of secret ballots.]

[1].Added by Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC/4(18)/2013, Dated 01.09.2015 amendment.

CHAPTER-VI
ELECTION EXPENSES

Definition of election expenses.

56. 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.

Restriction on election expenses.

57. (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.
(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 a statement of such expenditure or particulars of such payment.

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

Return of election expenses.

58. (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 -

(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.

Oath of Office

[1][58-(A). (1) After the Notifications of the names of the returned candidates to the seats of Union Councils District Council and Union. Committees in Municipal Corporation and wards in Municipal Committees and Town Committees, they shall take oath of the office in Form XIX before such officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

(2) After nominations of the Members elected against reserved seats of the Local Councils of Union Councils, Union Committees in Municipal Corporation and wards in Municipal Committees and Town Committees, they shall take oath of office in Form XX before such officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

(3) After Notification of election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Metropolitan Corporation and Municipal Corporations, Chairman and Vice Chairman of District Councils, Municipal Committees and Town Committees, they shall take oath of office in Form XXI before such officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

(4) The concerned officer nominated to Administrated to Administer oath shall notify to the Elected Members, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the concerned Council of the date, time and place of the oath.

(5) Any person who was unable to take oath under aforesaid sub rules, may take oath of office before such nominated officer on such date, time and place as may, be appointed by him

(6) After taking oath of office by every Member, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor he shall put his signature on the Form of Oath and is shall be verified and countersigned by the nominated officer.

(7) The officer administering oath shall forward to. the Secretary, Local Government Department and the Election Commission, as list of persons who have taken oath.

(8) All forms of the oath of office shall be kept on record of Local Government Department and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Election Commission.]

[1].Added Rule (58-A) vide Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013, Dated 01.09.2015 amendment.

Inspection of returns etc.

59. (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.

Election petitions.

(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

60. (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".

(2) An election petition shall be presented to the Tribunal within forty five 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.

Parties to the petition.

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

(a) all contesting candidates; and

(b) any other person 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.

Contents of Petition.

62. (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 is void and that the petitioner or some other person 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.

Election Tribunal.

63. (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.

Procedure on receipt of petition by the Election Tribunal.

64. 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.

Power to transfer election petition.

65. (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:

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

Place of trial.

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

Government advocate to assist the Tribunal.

67. 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.

Appearance before Tribunal.

68. 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.

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

Withdrawal of petition.

69. (1) An election petition may be withdrawn -

(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.

Supply of copies of decision on petitions.

70. (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.

(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.

Retention of the record.

71. 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.

CHAPTER-VIII
BYE-ELECTIONS

Bye-elections etc.

72. 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:

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

Report by the District Returning Officer.

73. 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 -

(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.

74. 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.

(IMRAN ATTA SOOMRO)
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Form-I

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance of the provisions of Rule 16(1) of the Sindh Local Councils (Election Rules) 2015, I_____ Retuning Officer, 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.

S.#	Activity	Date
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 validly 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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Woman Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Peasant and Labourer member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members 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 General Members (Ward-wise) 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 _____
3. Name of District _____

B. Particulars of Candidate:

1. Name of Candidate _____
2. Father/Husband Name _____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List with the Name of area _____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation _____
7. Address _____
_____
_____

C. Declaration by the Proposer:

I,_____ (Name of Proposer) s/o,d/o,w/o _____ having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ falling for Census Block Code No. _____ filling 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 _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____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 General Members (respective Ward No.) _____

(Name and No. if any of UC/Ward)

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

_____

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 for _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____ _____(hours) on _____ (date) by _____

DECISION AFTER SCRUTINY

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Returing Officer

VERIFICATION

Name Of Council: _____

Election to the Seat: _____

اس بکس میں امیدوار اپنا صحیح اردو نام لکھیں جو بیلٹ پیپر پر چھپوانا مقصود ہو۔

Date:_____

_____

Signature of Contesting Candidate

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returing Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper _____

The Nomination Paper of Mr. / Miss. / Mrs._____ a Candidate for election to the seat of _____district_____ _____Taluka_____Union Council / Committee / Ward _____from_____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

DECLARATION OF ASSESTS

(To be filled in by General Members (Ward-wise) for Union Councils/Union Committee)

I,_____s/o, d/o, w/o_____candidate for _____from _____do hereby solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable land, house, apartment, shop, share certificates, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member family dependent upon me except as below:-

S.#	Description of movable and immovable property and its location	Name of Owner	Relationship with Declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

Form-II "A"

NOMINATION FORM

(Election to the Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate) for Union Councils / Union Committees)

A. Details of Contesting Constituency:

1. Name and No. of Union Council/Union Committtee_____
2. Name of No. of Ward _____
3. Name of District_____

B. Particulars of Candidate for Chairman :

1. Name of Candidate_____
2. Father/Husband Name_____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation_____
7. Address _____

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B(I) Particulars of Candidate for Vice Chariman :

1. Name of Candidate_____
2. Father/Husband Name_____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation_____
7. Address _____

_____

_____

C. Declaration by the Proposor:

I,_____ (Name of Proposer) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District_____do hereby propose_____ and _____ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number_____ and _____ of electoral area _____ and _____respectively as joint candidate falling in _____(Name and No. If any of UC/Ward) of District _____ as joint candidates for election to _____ of _____

(Category of Seat) (Name and Number, if any of UC/Ward)

2. I do hereby declare that I have not subscribed to any other Nomination Paper as Proposer and Seconder.

_____

Signature of Proposer

D. Declaration by the Seconder:

I,_____ (Name of Seconder) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____ _____registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District_____do hereby propose_____ and _____ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number_____ and _____ of electoral area _____ and _____respectively as joint candidate falling in _____(Name and No. If any of UC/Ward) of District _____ as joint candidates for election to _____ of _____

(Category of Seat) (Name and Number, if any of UC/Ward)

2. I do hereby declare that I have not subscribed to any other Nomination Paper as Proposer and Seconder.

_____

Date:_____ Signature of Seconder

E. Declaration and Oath by the Person Nominated:

I, _____s/o, d/o, w/o_____
CNIC No. _____and I, _____
s/o, d/o, w/o _____ CNIC No. _____
hereby solemnly swear that :-

We, 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 Prophot Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that we do not recognize such a claimate to be Prophet a religious reformer, nor do we belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi (For Muslims Candidates only)

_____ _____
Signature of Candidate (for Chairman) Signature of Candidate (for Vice Chairman

I, _____s/o, d/o, w/o_____
CNIC No. _____and I, _____
s/o, d/o, w/o _____ CNIC No. _____
hereby solemnly swear that :-

We, have consented to the above nomination and that we fulfill the qualifications specified in the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 and we are not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in the said Act or any other law for the time being in forde for being elected as a Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidates) _____
(Name and No. if any of UC)

we, hereby assure that we shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan.

_____ _____
Signature of Candidate (for Chairman) Signature of Candidate (for Vice Chairman

(Note : Determination at S. No. E, is applicable to Muslims Candidate only)

F. For Official Use Only:
Serial No. of Nomination Paper_____ Fee of Rs: _____ The Nomination Form of Mr. / Miss / Mrs. _____ and _____ as joint Candidates for _____ was delivered to me at may office at _____(hours) on _____(date) by_____

DECISION AFTER SCRUTINY

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(In ca

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RETURNING OFFICER

VERIFICATION

Name Of Council: _____

Election to the Seat: _____

اس بکس میں امیدوار اپنا صحیح اردو نام لکھیں جو بیلٹ پیپر پر چھپوانا مقصود ہو۔

Chairman	
Vice Chariman	

Date:_____

_____ _____

Signature of Contesting Candidate (for Chairman) Signature of Contesting Candidate (for Vice Chairman)

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returing Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper _____
The Nomination Paper of Mr. / Miss. / Mrs._____
and _____ as joint Candidate for election to the seat of
_____ and _____
district _____ Taluka / Sub Division _____Union
Council / Committee _____ from _____ 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

DECLARATION OF ASSESTS

(To be filled in by Chairman and Vice Chairman separately)

I,_____s/o, d/o, w/o_____candidate for _____ from _____do hereby solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable land, house, apartment, shop, share certificates, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member family dependent upon me except as below:-

S.#	Description of movable and immovable property and its location	Name of Owner	Relationship with Declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

Form-II "B"

NOMINATION FORM

(Election to the Reserved seats for union Councils / Union Committees)

Women / Youth / Labourer or Peasant / Non Muslim Member

A. Details of Contesting Constituency:

1. Name and No. of Union Council/Union Committtee_____
2. Name of No. of Ward _____
3. Name of District_____

B. Particulars of Candidate :

1. Name of Candidate_____
2. Father/Husband Name_____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation_____
7. Address _____

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C. Declaration by the Proposor:

I,_____ (Name of Proposer) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District_____do hereby propose_____ and _____ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number_____ and _____ of electoral area _____ and _____respectively as joint candidate falling in _____(Name and No. If any of UC/Ward) of District _____ as candidates for election to_____ of _____

(Category of Seat) (Name and Number, if any of UC/Ward)

_____

Signature of Proposer

D. Declaration by the Seconder:

I,_____ (Name of Seconder) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of UC/Ward) of District_____do hereby second _____ 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 joint candidates for election to _____ of _____

(Category of Seat) (Name and Number, 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 Prophot Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that we do not recognize such a claimate to be Prophet a religious reformer, nor do we 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 fulfill 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 Women Member/Youth ?????? or Labour Member/ Non Muslim Member of _____

(Name and No. if any of UC)

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

_____

Signature of Candidate

F. For Official Use Only:

Serial No. of Nomination Paper_____ Fee of Rs: _____ The Nomination Form of Mr. / Miss / Mrs. _____ a Candidates for _____ was delivered to me at may office at _____(hours) on _____(date) by _____

DECISION AFTER SCRUTINY

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_____

Returing Officer

VERIFICATION

Name Of Council: _____

Election to the Seat: _____

اس بکس میں امیدوار اپنا صحیح اردو نام لکھیں جو بیلٹ پیپر پر چھپوانا مقصود ہو۔

Date:_____

_____

Signature of Contesting Candidate

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returing Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper _____

The Nomination Paper of Mr. / Miss. / Mrs._____ a Candidate for election to the seat of _____ district _____Taluka_____Union Council / Committee / Ward _____ from _____ 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

DECLARATION OF ASSESTS

(To be filled in by Reserved Seats for Union Councils/Union Committee Women/Youth/
Labour or Peasant / Non Muslim Member separately)

I,_____s/o, d/o, w/o_____candidate for _____ from _____do hereby solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable land, house, apartment, shop, share certificates, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member family dependent upon me except as below:-

S.#	Description of movable and immovable property and its location	Name of Owner	Relationship with Declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

_____
SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

Form-III

NOMINATION FORM

(Election to Member for District Council)

A. Details of Contesting Constituency:

1. Name and No. of Union Council/Union Committtee_____

2. Name of District_____

B. Particulars of Candidate :

1. Name of Candidate_____

2. Father/Husband Name_____

3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____

5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |

6. Party Affiliation_____

7. Address _____

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C. Declaration by the Proposor:

I,_____ (Name of Proposer) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ 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 candidates 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 _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census

Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of UC) of District_____ do hereby second _____ 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 candidates 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 Prophot Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that we do not recognize such a claimate to be Prophet a religious reformer, nor do we 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 fulfill 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 of District Council of

_____

(Name and No. if any of UC/Ward)

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

_____

Signature of Candidate

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECEIPT BY RETURNING OFFICER

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper .....

The nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at .....on.....

(hours) (date)

Date.....

RETURING 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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.....

Date.....

RETURING OFFICER

VERIFICATION

Name Of Council: .....

Election to the Seat: .....

اس بکس میں امیدوار اپنا صحیح اردو نام لکھیں جو بیلٹ پیپر پر چھپوانا مقصود ہو۔

Date:_____

_____

Signature of Contesting Candidate

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RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returing Officer)

Serial No. 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)
on ..... (date) by .....(person). All Nomination Papers will be taken up for scrutiny
at.....on.....at.....
(Place) (Date) (Hours)

Date ..... RETURNING OFFICER

DECLARATION OF ASSESTS

(To be filled in by Member of District Council)

I,_____s/o, d/o, w/o_____candidate for _____from _____do hereby solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable land, house, apartment, shop, share certificates, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member family dependent upon me except as below :-

S.#	Description of movable and immovable property and its location	Name of Owner	Relationship with Declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

_____

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

Form-III(A)

NOMINATION FORM

(Election to the Member of Ward in Municipal Committee / Town Committee)

Form-II "A"

NOMINATION FORM

A. Details of Contesting Constituency:

1. Name and No. of Municipal Committee/Town Committtee_____
2. Name of No. of Ward _____
3. Name of District_____

B(I). Particulars of Candidate for Member of Ward in Municipal Committee :

1. Name of Candidate_____
2. Father/Husband Name_____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation_____
7. Address _____

_____

_____

B(II) Particulars of Candidate for Member of Ward in Town Committee :

1. Name of Candidate_____
2. Father/Husband Name_____
3. CNIC No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4. Sr. No. of Voters List withe the Name of area_____
5. Census Block Code | | | | | | | | | |
6. Party Affiliation_____
7. Address _____

_____

_____

C. Declaration by the Proposor:

I,_____ (Name of Proposer) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of 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 Ward) of District_____ as candidates for election to _____ of _____

(Category of seat) (Name and No. if any of Ward)

_____

Signature of Proposer

D. Declaration by the Seconder:

I,_____ (Name of Seconder) s/o, d/o, w/o _____having CNIC No. _____ registered as an elector at serial number _____ of electoral area _____ for Census Block Code No. _____ falling in _____ (Name and No. if any of Ward) of District_____ do hereby second _____ whose particulars are mentioned above and registered at serial number_____ of electoral area _____ falling in _____(Name and No. If any Ward) of District _____ as a candidates for election to _____ of _____

(Category of seat) (Name and No, if any of 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 Prophot Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that we do not recognize such a claimate 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 fulfill 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 of Ward for Municipal Committee/Town Committee of _____

(Name and No. if any of MC/TC)

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

_____

Signature of Candidate

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECEIPT BY RETURNING OFFICER

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper .....

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

(hours) (date)

by.....

Date.....

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 :—

.....

.....

.....

Date.....

RETURNING OFFICER

VERIFICATION

Name Of Council: .....

Election to the Seat: .....

اس بکس میں امیدوار اپنا صحیح اردو نام لکھیں جو بیلٹ پیپر پر چھپوانا مقصود ہو۔

Date:_____

_____
Signature of Contesting Candidate

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RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returing Officer)

Serial No. 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) on ..... (date) by .....(person). All nomination Papers will be taken up for scrutiny at.....on.....at.....
(place) (date) (hours)

Date .....

RETURNING OFFICER

DECLARATION OF ASSESTS

(To be filled in by Member of Ward in Municipal Committee / Town Committee)

I,_____s/o, d/o, w/o_____candidate for _____from _____do hereby solemnly declare that no movable property or immovable land, house, apartment, shop, share certificates, securities, bonds, insurance policies, gold jewelry and motor vehicle are held by me or any member family dependent upon me except as below :-

S.#	Description of movable and immovable property and its location	Name of Owner	Relationship with Declarant	Value of Property	Date and manner of acquiring	Net yearly income from property	Remarks

_____

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

FORM IV

NOMINATION FEE RECEIPT

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

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)

ii. General Members (Ward-wise)

iii. Women Member

iv. Youth Member

v. Labourer of Peasant Member

vi. Non-Muslim Member

vii. Members elected directly for District Council

viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Municipal Corporation

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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)

ii. General Members (Ward-wise)

iii. Women Member

iv. Youth Member

v. Labourer of Peasant member

vi. Non-Muslim Member

vii. Members elected directly for District Council

viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Municipal Corporation

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_____

S. #	Name, parentage and address of the candidate	Party Affiliation	Name of the electoral area and candidate's serial number in the electoral roll	Name, parenta ge and address of the proposer	Name of the electoral area of proposer and his serial number in the electoral roll.	Name, parenta ge and address of the seconde	Name of the electoral area of seconder and his serial number in the electoral roll.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Place:_____

Date:_____

RETURNING OFFICER

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)

ii. General Members (Ward-wise)

iii. Women Member

iv. Youth Member

v. Labourer of Peasant member

vi. Non-Muslim Member

vii. One Members elected directly for District Council

viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee

ix. Members elected from each Ward in case of Union Committee/Corporation

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 .....

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)

ii. General Members (Ward-wise)

iii. Women Member

iv. Youth Member

v. Labourer of Peasant member

vi. Non-Muslim Member

vii. Members elected directly for District Council

viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee/Corporation

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 (in Urdu alphabetical order)	Address o the contesting candidate	category	symbol allocated
1	2	3	4	5
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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

FORM - IX

TENDERED VOTES LIST

Election to the _____ of _____

_____

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

District_____

Province_____

Name and Number of Poling Station

.....

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

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

FORM - X

CHALLENGED VOTES LIST

Election to the _____ of _____

_____

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

District_____

Province_____

Name and Number of Poling Station

.....

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 of 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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union 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 Poling Station

.....

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

(i) Total number of votes polled by the contesting candidates (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 PRESIDING OFFICER

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

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

FORM - XIV

RETURN OF ELECTION

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

District_____
Province_____

Sr. No.	Name of the contesting Candidate	Category of Seat	Name of Party	Symbol of Candidate	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 _____ have been duly elected /elected uncontested.

Place .....

Date .....

RETURNING OFFICER

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

FORM - XV

RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES

Election to the _____ of _____

_____

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

District_____

Province_____

Name of the Candidate _____

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	Ground on which the claim is disputed
1	2	3	4	5

FORM - XVII

DECLARATION OF ASSETS

I, _____S/O,D/O, W/O_____

CNIC No. | | | | | | - | | | | | | | | - | |

elected as _____of_____belong

to _____

(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, bounds, 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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union 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. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

[1][FORM-XIX

[see rule 58-A(1)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Members

I,_____ s/o,w/o d/o,_____ elected as Member of _____ (Name of Local Council) do hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslim) affirms;

That, I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strength its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through discharge of my duties and perform functions in accordance with the Sindh Local Government, 2013, rules, by-laws and regulations honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That, I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That, in all circumstances I shall do right to all people according to law without fear or favour, ill will, or discrimination.

That, I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

COUNTERSIGNED

Place:

Date:

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF PRESIDING OFFICER]

[1] Form XIX of rule 58-A (1) added vide Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013 Dated 01.09.2015

[1][FORM-XX

[see rule 58-A(2)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Reserved Seats

(Women/Youth/Labourer or Peasant / Non-Muslim)

I,_____ s/o,w/o d/o,_____ elected as Member of _____ (Name of Local Council) do hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslim) affirms;

That, I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strength its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through discharge of my duties and perform functions in accordance with the Sindh Local Government, 2013, rules, by-laws and regulations honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That, I shall work in the interest of the people.

That, I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That, in all circumstances I shall do right to all people according to law without fear or favour, ill will, or discrimination.

That, I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

COUNTERSIGNED

Place:

Date:

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF PRESIDING OFFICER]

[1] Form XX of rule 58-A (2) added vide Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013 Dated 01.09.2015.

[1][FORM-XXI (A)

[see rule 58-A(3)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor and Chairman

I,_____ s/o,w/o d/o,_____ elected as Mayor / Chairman of _____ hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslim) affirms;

That, I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strength its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through good governance, effect delivery or services, participatory and transparent discussion making.

That, I shall discharge my duties and functions under the Sindh Local Government, 2013, rules, by-laws and regulations honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That, I shall act in accordance with the law and rules, and that as a Head of the Local Council, I shall ensure that the business of the Local Government within the scope of my responsibility it carried-out of lawfully, diligently and consistent with the policy goals of the Government.

That, I shall observe and obey all lawful directions given to me by the Government.

That, I shall not allow any person interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions.

That, I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of may ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That, I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my offical capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

COUNTERSIGNED

Place:

Date:

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF PRESIDING OFFICER]

[1] Form XX of rule 58-A (2) added vide Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013 Dated 01.09.2015

[1][FORM-XXI (B)

[see rule 58-A(2)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman

I,_____ s/o,w/o d/o,_____ elected as Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairman of _____ hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslim) affirms;

That, I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strength its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through discharge of my duties and perform functions in accordance with the Sindh Local Government, 2013, rules, by-laws and regulations honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That, as Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairman of _____, and whenever I shall be called upon to act as Mayor / Chairman of _____ discharge my duties and functions under the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013, rules and bye-laws honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That, I shall not allow my personal interest to influence my offical conduct or absolute impartially.

That, I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That, I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

COUNTERSIGNED

Place:

Date:

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF PRESIDING OFFICER]

[1] Form XX of rule 58-A (2) added vide Notification No. RO(LG)/MISC./4(18)/2013 Dated 01.09.2015.

Appendix "A"

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_____

GENERAL MEMBERS				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Name of Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				
2				
3				
4				

WOMAN MEMBER				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				

PEASANT & LABOURER MEMBER				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				

NON-MUSLIM MEMBER				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				

MEMBER WARD (M.C./T.C)				
Seats	**Name of Returned candidates**	**Party**	**Symbol**	**Votes Obtained**
1				

Dated _____

Time _____

Signature of Returning Officer

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please fill in complete information for all categories (Write Un-opposed or Vacant (Bye-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.

Appendix "B"

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

S.#	NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY	SYMBOL	NO. OF VALID VOTES
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				

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 _____

Thumb impression of Presiding Officer _____

CNIC Number _____

i. Chairman and Vice Chairman (Joint Candidate)
ii. General Members (Ward-wise)
iii. Women Member
iv. Youth Member
v. Labourer of Peasant member
vi. Non-Muslim Member
vii. Members elected directly for District Council
viii. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee

VERIFIED BY
RETURNING OFFICER
LOCAL COUNCILS ELECTION

No. _____ Date _____

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of the provisions of rule 14 of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015, 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.....

Name & Designation of Presiding Officer	Name & Designation of Asstt. Presiding Officer	Name & Designation of Polling Officer	Name of APO designated as Presiding Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

Returning Officer

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions of sub-rule_____ of rule_____ of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015, the names of the candidates returned from the Category_____ of Council /Ward_____ of _____ Taluka_____ District _____ are published hereunder for information of the general public.

S.No	Name of Returned Candidate	Father's/Husband/s Name	Address
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Place: _____

Date: _____ **DISTRICT RETURNING OFFICER**

LOCAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS

PACKING INVOICE

Name of Taluka_____Name of District_____ Name of Province Sindh No. & Name of Council _____ No. & Name of Polling Station _____ No. of Booths assigned to the Polling Station : MALE_____FEMALE_____TOTAL:_____

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

Category of Ballot Paper	Quantity	Details
i. General Member		From Sl.No._____To_____ No. of Books_____
ii. Woman Member		From Sl.No._____To_____ No. of Books_____
iii. Peasant and Labourer member		From Sl.No._____To_____ No. of Books_____
iv. Non-Muslim member		From Sl.No._____To_____ No. of Books_____
v. Members elected directly for District Council		
vi. Members elected from each Ward in case of Municipal Committee/Town Committee/Union Committee		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) Total_____

Other Items

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

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

Standard Stationery Pack (@ 1 per Polling Station) Total_____

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

1. Brass Seal (@ 1 per Polling Station)

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

5. one set of photo Electoral Rolls

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

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

Received above items in sealed bag

Signature of Returning Officer_____

Signature of Presiding Officer_____

CNIC No._____

LIST OF POLLING STATIONS

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

Taluka ..... District .....

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 the Council/Committee or Ward..... No. & Name of Polling Station.....

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

Name & Designation and office address of Presiding Officer	Name & Designation and office address of Asstt. Presiding Officer	Name & Designation and office address of Polling Officer	Name of Sr. Asstt. Presiding Officer Designated as Presiding Officer
1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....
	2.....		
	3.....		**RESERVE STAFF**
	1.....		1.....
	2.....		**(Assistant Presiding Officer)**
	3.....		
	1.....		1.....
			(Polling Officer)
	2.....		
	3.....		

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