

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Cantonments Local Government (Election) Rules, 2015.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (i) “Act” means the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924);
- (ii) “appellate authority” means an appellate authority appointed by the Commission for the purpose of deciding appeals under these rules;
- (iii) “delimitation authority” means a delimitation authority appointed by the Commission for the purpose of delimitation;
- (iv) “ballot-paper” means a ballot-paper set out by the Commission for election;
- (v) “ballot-paper account” means a ballot paper account prepared under these rules;
- (vi) “candidate” means a person nominated for election as member;
- (vii) “Commission” means the Election Commission of Pakistan;
- (viii) “contesting candidate” means a candidate who has been validly nominated for election as a member and has not withdrawn his nomination on or before the date appointed for such withdrawal;
- (ix) “delimitation officer” means an officer appointed by the Commission under these rules;
- (x) “election” means election held under the Act, Ordinance and these rules for general seats and special interest seats;
- (xi) “election agent” means an election agent appointed by a candidate under these rules;
- (xii) “election petition” means a petition under these rules calling an election in question;
- (xiii) “Election Tribunal” or “Tribunal” means an election tribunal appointed by the Commission, under these rules for the trial of an election petition;

- (xiv) “elector”, in relation to a ward means a person who is enrolled on the electoral roll for any electoral area in that ward;
- (xv) “electoral roll” means electoral rolls prepared by the Commission for election;
- (xvi) “Form” means a form appended to these rules;
- (xvii) “material irregularity” means non-compliance of the provisions of the Act, the Ordinance and these rules which materially affects the result of an election;
- (xviii) “non-Muslim” shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under paragraph (b) of clause (3) of Article 260 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (xix) “nomination day” means a day appointed under these rules for the nomination of candidates;
- (xx) “Ordinance” means the Cantonments Ordinance, 2002 (CXXXVII of 2002);
- (xxi) “petitioner” means a person who has filed an election petition under these rule;
- (xxii) “peasant” means a person who is a landless agricultural farm worker in a cantonment or the one who during the period of five years preceding the year in which election is held, has been the single or joint owner of not more than five acres of land and depends directly on it for subsistence;
- (xxiii) “polling agent” means a polling agent of a candidate appointed under these rules;
- (xxiv) “polling day” means a day on which the polling takes place for election of a member;
- (xxv) “polling officer” means a polling officer appointed for election under these rules;
- (xxvi) “polling station” means a premises where arrangements are made for a poll;
- (xxvii) “President” means the President of Cantonment Board and where a Board is not constituted, the Administrator;
- (xxviii) “Presiding Officer” means a Presiding Officer appointed for the purpose of election under these rules and includes an Assistant Presiding Officer exercising powers and performing the functions of a Presiding Officer;

- (xxix) “publish” includes exhibition at a prominent place accessible to the public;
- (xxx) “returned candidate” means a candidate who has been declared elected as a member of a Cantonment Board;
- (xxxix) “Returning Officer” means a Returning officer appointed for the purpose of election under these rules and includes an Assistant Returning Officer exercising powers and performing functions of a Returning Officer.
- (xxxvii) “Schedule” means a schedule to these rules;
- (xxxviii) “scrutiny day” means the day appointed for the scrutiny of nomination papers;
- (xxxv) “spoilt ballot-paper” means a ballot paper which has been spoiled and is returned to the Presiding Officer under these rules;
- (xxxvi) “special interest seats” means reserved seats for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims in a Board.
- (xxxviii) “validly nominated candidate” means a candidate whose nomination has been accepted under these rules;
- (xxxv) “voter” in relation to a ward, means a person whose name appears on the electoral roll for that ward;
- (xxxviii) “ward” means an integrated area of a Board delimited for the purpose of an election under the Ordinance, the Act and these rules;
- (xxxix) “withdrawal day” means a day appointed under these rules on or before which candidature may be withdrawn; and
- (xl) “worker” means a person directly engaged in work or is dependent on personal labour for subsistence and includes a worker as defined in the industrial relations law, for the time being in force.

2. All words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Ordinance and the Act.

CHAPTER II

ELECTORAL ROLLS

3. Electoral rolls.- (1) The Commission shall arrange to procure and supply to the Returning Officer of a cantonment copies of electoral rolls of that cantonment for holding elections to the general seats.

Provided that for elections to the special interest seats in a cantonment, the directly elected members shall form the electoral college:

Provided further that for election to the office of Vice-President of the Board, the directly elected members and those elected indirectly to the special interest seats in a cantonment shall form the electoral college.

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

(3) The Returning Officer shall consolidate the electoral rolls according to the electoral wards of the cantonment for which he is the Returning Officer.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall split up the electoral rolls for use at the polling booths within a polling station.

4. Supply of electoral rolls to the contesting candidates.- The contesting candidates may obtain attested photo copies of the electoral rolls of an electoral ward from the concerned Returning Officer at their own expense.

5. Inspection of electoral rolls.- Every person shall have the right to inspect during office hours the electoral rolls of any electoral ward by making an application in this behalf to the officer concerned.

CHAPTER III

DELIMITATION, POLLING STATIONS AND ELECTION PROGRAMME

6. Delimitation of cantonment into wards.- (1) If the Commission so directs, the delimitation officer shall prepare preliminary proposals for delimitation of wards and publish a copy thereof in an Urdu and English newspaper together with copies of notice inviting objections and suggestions pasted at the Cantonment Executive Officer's office or at such other places within the cantonment, as he may consider suitable. The notice shall specify that objections and suggestions may be filed within such time as may be specified therein and presented to the delimitation officer.

(2) Any person entitled to vote in the constituency may within fifteen days from the expiry of the publication period make representation or prefer an objection before the delimitation authority.

(3) The representation or objection shall be signed by the person making it and be presented either in person or by a duly authorized agent in writing.

(4) Objections or suggestions received within the specified period along with comments of the delimitation officer thereon shall be forwarded to the delimitation authority on the day fixed for the purpose.

(5) The delimitation authority as may be appointed by the Commission for a cantonment shall dispose of the objections and suggestions with respect to delimitation of wards.

(6) Objections and suggestions not received within the specified time shall be rejected by the delimitation officer.

7. Final list of wards.-(1) The delimitation authority may hold inquiry; summon witnesses and record evidence as it may deem necessary and shall dispose of the matter within fifteen days.

(2) The delimitation authority as early as possible, but not later than seven days, shall communicate his decisions to the delimitation officer.

(3) The delimitation officer shall incorporate the decisions of the delimitation authority received by him under sub-rule (2) in the preliminary list of the wards and publish final list of wards and send the same to the Commission for publication in the official Gazette

8. Date of election and bye-election.- (1) The Commission shall, by notification in the official Gazette, fix a date for election and bye-election of members of a Board.

(2) The Commission may at any time before the date of election or bye-election rescind the notification under sub-rule (1) and notify a revised programme of election or bye-election to be held within sixty days thereafter.

9. Election to vacant seats.- (1) If a seat of an elected member becomes vacant during the term of office, a new member shall be elected through bye-election and the term of office of an elected member who fills a casual vacancy shall commence from the date of his election and shall continue so long only as the member in whose place he is elected would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

(2) All bye-elections shall be held twice a year on date or dates fixed by the Commission. The period for this purpose shall be computed from the date of assumption of office of the elected members:

Provided that in the year in which general elections are to be held, the bye-elections may be held within nine months.

10. **Power to requisition property.**— (1) The Federal or a Provincial Government or an officer authorized by them in this behalf may, upon a request made by the Commission or under the authority of the Commission, by order in writing, requisition any such vehicle or vessel as is needed or is likely to be needed for the purpose of transporting to and from any polling station ballot boxes or other election material or any officer or other person engaged for the performance of any duties in connection with the election :

Provided that no vehicle or vessel which is being used by a candidate or his election agent for any purpose connected with the election of such candidate shall be so requisitioned.

(2) Any person authorized in this behalf by the Federal or a Provincial Government may take possession of any vehicle or vessel requisitioned under sub-rule (1) and may for that purpose use such force, including police force, as may be reasonably necessary.

(3) Where any vehicle or vessel is requisitioned under sub-rule (1), there shall be paid to the owner thereof compensation, the amount of which shall be determined by the Federal or as the case may be, the Provincial Government or the officer requisitioning the vehicle or vessel on the basis of the fares and rates prevailing in the locality for its hire:

Provided that, where the owner of the vehicle or vessel being aggrieved by the amount of compensation so determined makes an application to the Federal Government within a period of thirty days from the date the amount has been determined, the matter shall be referred to an arbitrator and the amount of compensation to be paid shall be such as the arbitrator appointed in this behalf by the Federal Government may determine.

11. **Assistance to the Commission.**- (1) All executive authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall render such assistance to the Commissioner and the Commission in the discharge of his or its functions as may be required by the Commissioner or as the case may be the Commission.

(2) The Commissioner or the Commission or any person duly authorized by the Commission in this behalf may require any person or authority to perform such functions or render such assistance for the purposes of these rules as he or it may direct.

12. **Directions of Commission in certain matters.**- Anything required to be done for carrying out the purpose of these rules, for which no provision or no sufficient provision exists, shall be done by such authority and in such manner as the Commission may direct.

13. Appointment of Returning Officer.- (1) The Commission shall appoint a person in the service of Pakistan to be the Returning Officer for a cantonment who shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the elections therein.

(2) The Commission may appoint as many Returning Officers as may be deemed necessary.

14. Programme of elections.- (1) As soon as may be after the notification of the date of an election under rule 8, the Commission shall draw up a proclamation in Form-I hereinafter referred to as election programme.

(2) The proclamation under sub-rule (1) shall be pasted at the office of the Board and such other places as the Commission may direct and may also direct the Executive Officer to get the proclamation published in the press.

15. Polling stations and the responsibility for their management.- (1) The Returning Officer shall fix places, hereinafter referred to as polling stations, being not less than one in each ward for the polling of votes and shall lay down the specific area in which votes will be polled.

(2) The list of polling stations shall, at least fifteen days before the polling day, be published by the Returning Officer in the official Gazette after disposing of applications and objections, if any, in this behalf and the same shall also be pasted at the Board's office and at such other places as the Commission may direct.

Provided that no polling station shall be changed without the prior approval of the Commission.

16. Presiding Officers and Polling Officers.- (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 he may consider necessary.

(2) A list of such Presiding Officers and Polling Officers, polling station-wise, shall be submitted to the Commission at least fifteen days before the poll day and no change in the same shall be made without prior approval of the Commission.

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

Provided that during the course of the poll, the Presiding Officer may entrust such 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, at any time during the poll, for reasons of illness or other causes, cannot remain or be present at the polling station, or is unable to perform his functions and any absence of the Presiding Officer along with the reason thereof shall, as soon as possible after the close of the poll, be reported to the Commission.

(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 functions of the officer so suspended and the same shall be reported to the Commission as soon as possible.

17. Nomination for election.- (1) The Returning Officer shall, as soon as may be, after the publication of election programme under rule 14, give a public notice inviting nomination papers set out in Form-II.

(2) Every proposal for a candidate contesting election from the ward where he is a registered elector in the electoral roll of that ward shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder of the same ward on the nomination paper set out in Form-III which shall contain a declaration signed by the candidate that he is willing to stand for election.

(3) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate or his proposer or seconder to the Returning Officer, between 11.00 a.m and 3.00 p.m on the nomination day and the Returning Officer shall acknowledge the receipt of the nomination paper specifying the date and time of receipt.

(4) A nomination paper delivered under sub-rule (2) shall be accompanied by a declaration in writing signed by the candidate that he has appointed or thereby appoints himself or some other voter of that ward as his election agent and if he appoints some other voter, he shall give his name, his father's name or, as the case may be, her father's or husband's name and full address of such person and no nomination paper shall be valid without such declaration:

Provided that if more nomination papers than one are delivered by or on behalf of a candidate, it shall not be necessary for more of such nomination papers than one to be accompanied by such declaration.

(5) Every nomination paper shall be accompanied by declaration of assets set out in Form-IV.

(6) Every candidate shall deposit a non-refundable sum of five thousand rupees into the Cantonment Fund vide voucher issued by the office of the Board duly mentioning the bank, the account title and number where such deposit is to be made. The official receipt issued in token of such deposit having been credited to the Cantonment Fund shall be attached to the nomination paper:

Provided that where more than one nomination paper is presented, only one deposit shall be sufficient.

(7) If any person subscribes as a proposer or a seconder to more than one nomination paper, all such nomination papers, except the one received first by the Returning Officer, shall be void.

(8) 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.

(9) The nomination paper of a candidate not accompanied by the declarations and the deposit, referred to in sub-rules (4), (5) and (6) shall be rejected.

18. List of candidates.- (1) Immediately after the hour of receipt of nomination papers, the Returning Officer shall cause to be fixed at some conspicuous place in his office in Form-V 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 for inviting objections and suggestions from the electors of the local area within such time as may be specified in the election programme.

(2) The objections and suggestions, if any, received under sub-rule (1) shall be taken into consideration at the time of scrutiny of nomination papers.

19. Scrutiny.- (1) The scrutiny of nomination papers shall be open to the candidates, their election agents, proposers and seconders or the person who made any representation or objection against the nomination papers and any elector of the local area concerned, who obtains permission from the Returning Officer, before the commencement of the scrutiny.

(2) The Returning Officer shall give all those present reasonable opportunity for examining all nomination papers delivered to him under rule 17.

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

(4) The Returning Officer may, either of his own motion or upon any objection, conduct such summary inquiry 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 seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper;
- (c) any provision of rule 17 has not been complied with; or
- (d) the signature or thumb impression of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine.

(5) Nothing contained in clause (a) to (d) of sub-rule (4) shall be deemed to authorize the rejection of the nomination of any candidate on the ground of any irregularity in respect of a nomination paper, if the candidate has been duly nominated by means of another nomination paper in respect of which no irregularity has been committed or is determined.

(6) Any appeal, against the decision of the Returning Officer under sub-rule (4), may be preferred by any person present at the time of scrutiny under sub-rule (1) to the appellate authority, and the decision of such authority shall be final.

20. Publication of list of validly nominated candidates.- The Returning Officer shall, after the scrutiny of nomination papers, prepare in Form-VI a list of validly nominated candidates and display the same at some conspicuous place in his office.

21. Withdrawal and retirement.- (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 himself in person or by an agent authorized by him in writing in this behalf, 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-VII a list of contesting candidates and affix the same at some conspicuous place in his office.

(4) Notwithstanding the affixing of the list of the contesting candidates under sub-rule (3), a contesting candidate may, in the manner specified in sub-rule (1), retire from the contest on any day, not later than seventy two hours, ending the midnight before the day of poll.

(5) The Returning Officer shall delete the name of the candidate, who has retired from contest under sub-rule (4), from the list of the contesting candidates already prepared in Form-VII and shall proceed to prepare a revised list in the manner specified in sub-rule (3).

(6) The provision of sub-rule (2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the retirement from contest under sub-rule (4).

22. Death of candidate after nomination.- (1) If a validly nominated 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 the elections in that ward.

(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.

23. Postponement etc. under certain circumstances.- 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 Commission of his having done so whereupon the Commission shall fix another day for the proceedings so postponed or adjourned and if necessary also fix the day or days for any subsequent proceedings.

24. Uncontested election.- (1) Where, after scrutiny under rule 19, only one person remains as validly nominated candidate from a ward or where after withdrawal or retirement under rule 21 only one person is left as the contesting candidate from a ward, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, declare such candidate to be elected to the seat from that ward:

Provided that if after scrutiny any candidate indicates that he intends to file an appeal under sub-rule (6) of rule 19 against the rejection of his nomination papers, no person shall be declared elected until the period for filing such appeal has expired and where an appeal is filed, until the disposal of such appeal.

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

25. Contested election.- (1) If there are more than one contesting candidates from any ward, the Returning Officer shall-

(a) Allocate, subject to any direction of the Commission, one of the symbols contained in Schedule-I to each contesting candidate, and in so doing shall, so far as possible, have regard for any preference indicated by the candidate:

Provided that if in any ward the number of contesting candidates exceeds the number of symbols given in the Schedule-I, the Returning Officer may, with the approval of the Commission, introduce additional symbols before the date fixed for allotment of symbols;

(b) Publish the names of contesting candidates in Form-VII arranged in the English alphabetical order specifying against each the symbol allocated to him; and

(c) Give public notice of the poll as set out in Form VIII.

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

26. Election agent.- (1) A candidate shall appoint a person from his own ward qualified to be elected as a member to be his 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, address, ward number and specimen signatures of the election agent.

Provided that where no appointment of an election agent is made, the candidate shall declare himself both as a candidate and as an election agent.

27. Polling agent.- (1) The contesting candidate or his election agent may, before the commencement of the poll, appoint under intimation to the Presiding Officer polling agent 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 or his 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.

28. Absence of candidate etc. not to invalidate acts, etc.- Where any act or thing is authorized by these rules to be done in the presence of the candidates, 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.

29. Hours of the poll.- The Returning Officer shall fix the hours during which the poll shall be taken and give a public notice in Form-VIII of the hours so fixed.

30. Stopping of poll.- (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 more than three hours for reasons beyond the control of the Presiding Officer that it cannot be resumed during the polling hours fixed under rule 29; or
- (b) any ballot box used at the polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Presiding Officer or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost or is damaged or tampered with to such an extent that the result 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 Commission, which shall direct a fresh poll at that polling station and fix a date for such polls, 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 result of the polling at other polling stations in the same electoral ward.

(3) Where an order under sub-rule (2) has been made, the Returning Officer shall notify the day for a fresh poll and fix the place at which and the hours during which such fresh poll shall be taken.

(4) At a fresh poll taken under sub-rule (3) at a polling 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 these rules shall apply to such fresh poll.

31. Ballot boxes.- (1) The Commission shall provide each Returning Officer with such number of ballot boxes as may be necessary for the cantonment.

(2) On the polling day there shall be one ballot box at a time for casting of votes by the electors from that ward at each polling station or polling booth and where there are more than one polling booth at a polling station, one each shall be for male and female electors.

(3) The Returning Officer shall further provide each Presiding Officer with such additional number of ballot boxes as may be necessary, keeping in view the number of electors assigned to that polling station.

(4) The ballot boxes shall be of such material and design as may be prescribed by the Commission.

(5) Each ballot box shall be marked clearly in bold letters in Urdu and English so as to specify for which category and which gender the ballot box is meant for receiving ballot papers.

(6) 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 and polling agents whoever may be present and record their statement in this behalf and obtain their signatures thereon;
- (c) after the ballot box has been shown to be empty, close and seal it with his own seal and with the seal of such of the candidates or their election agents or polling agents as may be present and may desire to put their own seal on it; and
- (d) place the ballot box so as to be conveniently accessible to the elector 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.

(7) 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 as provided to him under sub-rule (3).

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

32. Admission to polling station.- The Presiding Officer shall, subject to any direction of Returning Officer as he 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 and polling agents; and
- (c) such other persons as may be specifically permitted by the Returning Officer.

33. Maintenance of order at the polling station.- (1) The Presiding Officer shall maintain order at the polling station and may remove or cause to be removed any person who

commits misconduct at the polling station or fails to obey any lawful order 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 power under sub-rule (2) shall be so exercised as not to deprive an elector of an opportunity to cast his vote at the polling station at which he is entitled to vote.

34. Election by secret ballot.- An election under these rules shall be decided by secret ballot and an elector shall cast his vote by inserting in accordance with the provisions of these rules in the ballot box the ballot paper in Form-IX given to him.

35. Voting Procedure.- (1) Where the elector presents himself at the polling station to vote, he shall in original show his valid computerized national identity card issued to him under the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), to the Presiding Officer or Assistant Presiding Officer who shall, after satisfying himself about the identity of the elector, issue him the ballot paper.

(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) a mark shall be placed on the electoral roll against the number and name of the elector to indicate that ballot paper has been issued to him;
- (c) the ballot paper shall on its back be stamped with the official mark and signed by the Presiding Officer;
- (d) the number of the elector on the electoral roll shall be written on the counterfoil by the Presiding Officer or Assistant Presiding Officer, who shall also stamp the counterfoil with the official mark and also obtain the thumb impression of the elector on the counterfoil; and
- (e) a mark comprising two parallel lines with indelible ink shall be made on the left hand thumb of the elector by the Presiding Officer or Assistant Presiding Officer as a token of his having received the ballot paper.

- (3) A ballot paper shall not be issued to a person who -
- (a) fails or refuses to produce his valid identity card issued under the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 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 traces of such 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 ballot papers 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 in the ballot box any ballot papers other than the one issued to him.

(5) Where an elector is blind or physically otherwise so incapacitated that he cannot vote without the assistance of a companion, the Presiding Officer shall allow him to be accompanied by a companion not being a candidate or agent of a candidate and in case the disability is such that elector cannot mark the ballot paper or ballot papers himself, the person accompanying the elector may mark the ballot paper against the symbol as indicated by him.

- (6) The elector on receiving the ballot papers shall -
- (a) forthwith proceed to the place reserved for marking the ballot paper;
 - (b) put the marking aid rubber stamp on the ballot paper at the place within the space containing the symbol of contesting candidate of his choice; and
 - (c) after he has so marked the ballot paper fold and insert it in the ballot box.

(7) 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.

36. Tendered ballot paper.- (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 now applying, shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this rule, 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 the number in the electoral roll of

the person applying for it and place it in a separate packet as prescribed by the Commission 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 list hereinafter referred to as the tendered votes list to be prepared in Form-X by the Presiding Officer.

37. Challenge of electors.- (1) If, at the time a person applies for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting, a candidate or his election or polling agent declares to the Presiding Officer that he has reasonable cause to believe that the person has already voted at the ongoing election, at the same or another polling station or is not the person whose name is entered in the electoral roll against which 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 hundred rupees for each such challenge, 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-XI and obtain thereon the thumb impression and if he is literate also the signature of the 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 as prescribed by the Commission bearing the label “challenged ballot paper”, instead of being placed in the ballot box.

38. Spoilt ballot paper.- (1) An elector who has inadvertently so spoilt his ballot paper that it could not be used as a valid ballot paper may, upon providing the fact of inadvertence to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and returning that spoilt ballot paper to him, obtain another ballot paper and 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 under his own signature and sign the cancelled ballot paper and place it in a separate packet as prescribed by the Commission and labeled as “spoilt ballot papers”.

(3) If a ballot paper issued to an elector has not been inserted by him into the ballot box and is found anywhere in or near the polling station, it shall be cancelled and also accounted for as “spoilt ballot paper”.

39. Voting after close of poll.- 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:

Provided that if the polling has remained suspended for more than an hour during the hours of polling due to reasons or circumstances beyond the control of the Presiding Officer including so created by *force majeure*, he shall report the facts immediately to the Returning Officer and the Returning Officer may at his discretion allow extension in polling hours not exceeding two hours at a polling station so as to allow the electors waiting outside the polling station at the time of close of polling hours to enter the polling station and cast their votes:

Provided further that the Returning Officer shall record the circumstances leading to such grant of extension in polling hours in his report to the Commission under rule 92.

40. Proceedings at the close of the poll.- (1) The Presiding Officer shall count the votes immediately after the close of the poll in the presence of such of the contesting candidates, election 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 consistent with the orderly conduct of the count and the discharge of his duties in connection therewith.

(3) No person, other than the Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Polling Officer and 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 or the Assistant Presiding Officer in the presence of the Presiding Officer shall -

- (a) open the used ballot box or ballot boxes and count the entire lot of ballot papers taken out therefrom;
- (b) open the packet labeled “challenged ballot papers” and include the ballot papers therein placed in the count; and
- (c) count the votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate, excluding from the count the ballot papers which bear -
 - (i) no official mark;

- (ii) any writing or any mark other than the official mark and the mark of “marking aid rubber stamp” or to which a piece of paper or any other object of any kind has been attached;
- (iii) no mark of “marking aid rubber stamp” indicating the contesting candidate for whom the elector has voted; or
- (iv) any mark or the place of the mark of “marking aid rubber stamp” being such from which it is not clear for whom the elector has voted:

Provided that a ballot paper shall be deemed to have been marked in favour of a candidate if the whole or at least half of the area of the mark of “marking aid rubber stamp” appears clearly within the box or space reserved for the symbol allocated to that candidate and where the mark of “marking aid rubber stamp” is divided exactly equally between two such spaces, the ballot paper shall be deemed to be invalid.

(5) The Presiding Officer may recount the votes -

- (a) on 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 of 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 and the ward number of the cantonment subject to such specifications as may be prescribed by the Commission.

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

(8) The packet mentioned in sub-rules (6) and (7) shall be put in a principal packet as prescribed by the Commission 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-XII 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 prepare in Form-XIII a ballot paper account showing separately -

- (a) the number of ballot papers entrusted to him;

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

(11) The Presiding Officer shall, if so requested by any candidate or election agent or polling agent present, give to him a certified copy of the statement of the count and the ballot paper account.

(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 cancelled ballot papers;
- (e) the marked copies of the electoral roll;
- (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 such of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents as he may desire to sign it.

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

(15) After the close of the proceedings under the foregoing sub-rules, the Presiding Officer shall, in compliance with 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.

41. Consolidation of results.- (1) The Returning Officer shall consolidate, in Form-XIV, the result of counts furnished by the Presiding Officer.

(2) 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.

(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, in the opinion of the Returning Officer.

(4) The Returning Officer shall include the votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate in the consolidated statement except those which he may reject on any of the grounds mentioned in clause (c) of sub-rule (4) of rule 40.

(5) The ballot paper rejected by the Returning Officer under sub-rule (4) shall be shown separately in the consolidated statement.

(6) The Returning Officer shall not re-count the valid ballot papers in respect of any polling station unless —

(a) the count by the Presiding Officer is challenged in writing by a contesting candidate or his election agent and the Returning Officer is satisfied about the reasonableness of the challenge; or

(b) he is directed to do so by the Commission.

42. Equality of votes- (1) Where, after consolidation of the results of the count under rule 41, it is found that there is equality of votes between two or more contesting candidates and the addition of one vote for any one of such candidates would entitle that candidate to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith draw a lot in respect of such candidates, and the candidate 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 under sub rule (1) shall be drawn in the presence of such of the contesting candidates and their election agents as may be present.

(3) The Returning Officer shall keep a record of the proceedings under this rule in writing and obtain thereon the signatures of such candidates and election agents as have been witness to the above proceedings.

43. Declaration of results.- (1) Save as provided in sub-rule (4) of rule 41, the Returning Officer shall, after consolidation of results under rule 41, or after the draw of the lot under rule 42, declare by public notice the names of such contesting candidates as have or are deemed to have received the highest number of votes from each ward.

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

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

(4) The Commission shall in the official Gazette names of the returned candidates from each electoral ward in a cantonment.

CHAPTER IV OATH OF OFFICE

44. Oath of office.- (1) After the names of the all elected members elected in a cantonment have been notified in the official Gazette, the President of the Board shall notify a programme for administering oath of office to these elected members.

(2) All members under sub-rule (1) shall assemble and attend the proceedings for taking oath of office set out in Schedule-II.

(3) As soon as may be, after the assembly of the members under sub-rule (2), for such elected members who have failed to assemble for taking oath of the office, the President of the Board shall take their oath at a subsequent time in his office.

(4) After taking the oath of office, under sub-rule (2) and sub-rule (3) the form of oath in Schedule-II shall be signed by the persons taking oath and shall be countersigned by the President and the list of persons having taken oath shall be forwarded to the Commission.

(5) All the forms of the oath of office in original shall be forwarded immediately to the Executive Officer by the president. The duly signed forms of oath in Schedule-II shall be kept securely in the record of the concerned Cantonment Board.

45. Issue of identity cards.- (1) The President of the Board concerned will arrange to issue identity cards to members and the Vice-President elected to a Board as soon as the fact that they have taken oath of their office is communicated to him.

(2) The identity cards shall be in such form as may be determined by the President.

CHAPTER V

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RETURNING OFFICER AFTER THE POLL

- 46. Resealing of packets and supply of copies.**- Returning Officers shall -
- (a) immediately after preparing the consolidated statement and the return of elections, reseal packets and statements opened by him for the purpose of consolidation, permitting such of the candidates and their election agents as may be present to sign the packets and affix their seal to such packets if they so desire; and
 - (b) supply duly attested copies of the consolidated statement and the return of elections to such of the candidates and their agents as may desire to have them.
- 47. Documents to be sent and to be retained by the officer authorized by the Commission.**- (1) The Returning Officer shall forward -
- (a) 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) 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; and
 - (e) a packet containing the tendered ballot papers, the challenged ballot papers, the spoilt ballot papers, the tendered votes list and the challenged votes list to the officer authorized by the Commission.
- (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 ward of the cantonment for which the election was held.
- (3) The officer authorized by the 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 Commission or a Tribunal, cause these to be destroyed.
- (4) The documents received under sub-rule (3) shall be kept in the personal safe custody of the officer authorized by the Commission or at such place as is directed by the Commission.

48. Public inspection of documents.- (1) The documents retained under sub-rule (3) of rule 47 except the ballot papers, shall be open to public inspection at such time and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Commission upon an application made in this behalf and on payment of such fee as may be fixed by the Commission.

(2) Copies of, or extracts from documents under rule 47 may be obtained by any voter of the cantonment, on written application and payment of fee determined by the Commission.

49. Order for production of documents.- (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, production 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 by the Returning Officer of any documents in such manner as may be directed by the Tribunal shall be conclusive evidence that the document relates to the election specified in the order, and any endorsement on any packet of ballot papers so produced shall be *prima facie* evidence that the ballot papers 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 whose identity card number was written on the counterfoil.

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

CHAPTER VI

ELECTION EXPENSES

50. Definition of election expenses.- In this Chapter, “election expenses” mean 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, publications, issuing advertisements in the print or electronic media, cable TV network, banners, posters or any other means adopted for presenting to the electors, the candidate or his views, aims or objects but does not include the deposit made under rule 17.

51. Restriction on election expenses.- No candidate shall incur expenses on his elections exceeding the amount of two hundred thousand rupees.

52. Statement of election expenses.- (1) Every returned candidate shall, within seven days after the publication of his name by the returning officer and contesting candidate, within forty-five days after the publication of the name of the returned candidate, submit to the Returning Officer, a statement of election expenses set out in Form-XVI containing -

- (a) an account of all payments made by the contesting candidate together with the bills and receipts;
- (b) an account of all disputed claims of which the contesting candidate is aware;
- (c) an account of all unpaid claims, if any, which the election agent or contesting candidate is aware; and
- (d) an account of all moneys, securities or equivalent of money received as donation or gift from any person used or expended for the purpose of election expenses specifying the name and particulars of every such person making such donation or gift.

(2) The statement, submitted under sub-rule (1), shall be accompanied by an affidavit set out in Form-XVII and signed by the contesting candidate.

(3) The Returning Officer shall immediately inform the Commission about the returned candidate who has submitted statement of election expenses under rule 52 for publication of his name in the official Gazette.

53. Inspection of statements etc.- (1) The statement and documents, submitted under rule 52, 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, keep open to inspection by any person on payment of fee as may from time to time be fixed by the President.

(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 President, give any person copies of any statement or document kept under sub-rule (1) or of any part thereof.

CHAPTER VII

ELECTION PETITIONS AND DISPUTES

54. Election petition.- (1) No election shall be called in question except by an election petition made by a candidate for the election to membership of the Board from a ward of a cantonment.

(2) A petition under sub-rule (1), calling in question the validity of an election or the return of a particular candidate, may be presented in writing to the Commission within fourteen days after the date on which the result of the election was declared by the person who was a candidate at the aforesaid election:

Provided that no such petition shall be presented on the ground that either the name of any person qualified to vote has been omitted from the electoral roll or that the name of any person not so qualified has been inserted in the roll.

(3) An election petition under sub-rule (1) shall be deemed to have been presented when it is delivered in person by the petitioner or by a person authorized in this behalf by him to the Commission or the Tribunal setup by the Commission for this purpose:

Provided that the election petition shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that the petitioner has deposited in the concerned Cantonment Fund a sum of two thousand Rupees as security fee for the petition vide a voucher issued by the office of the Board.

55. Parties of the petition.- The petitioner shall make all contesting candidates as respondents in his election petition and shall serve personally or by registered post with due acknowledgment on each respondent a copy of his petition.

56. Contents of petition.- (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, including as full as possible a statement of the names of the parties alleged to have 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 (Act V of 1908) for the verification of the pleadings.

57. Appointment of Tribunal.- For the trial of election petitioners under these rules, the Commission may appoint as many Election Tribunals as may be necessary, in consultation with the Chief Justices of the concerned High Courts.

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

59. Appearance before Tribunal.- Any appearance, application or act before a Tribunal may be made or done by a party in person or through an advocate:

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

60. Procedure before Tribunal.- (1) Subject to the provisions of these rules, every election petition shall be tried, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the procedure for the trial of suits under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908):

Provided that the Tribunal may-

- (a) where the election petition claims as relief a declaration that the election of the returned candidate is void on the ground that the returned candidate was not, on the nomination day, qualified for, or was disqualified from, being elected as a member, decide the question of such qualification or disqualification as preliminary issue;
- (b) require the parties to file within fifteen days of the date on which the case is fixed for evidence, a list of witnesses whom they propose to produce to give evidence or to produce documents, mentioning against the name of each witness a summary of the evidence that each witness is expected to give;
- (c) make a memorandum of the substance of the evidence of each witness as his examination proceeds unless it considers that there is a special reason for taking down the evidence of any witness in full;
- (d) refuse to examine a witness if it considers that his evidence is not material or that he has been called on a frivolous or vexatious ground, for the

purpose of delaying the Tribunal proceedings or for defeating the ends of justice; and

- (e) refuse to issue any summons for the appearance of any witness except, within three days following the date on which the parties are called upon to produce their evidence, when any party intimates the Tribunal that it desires a witness to be summoned through the Tribunal and the Tribunal is satisfied that it is possible or practicable for such party to produce the evidence.

(2) The Tribunal may permit the evidence of any witness to be given by means of an affidavit:

Provided that if the Tribunal deems fit, it may call such witness for the purpose of examination before it.

(3) Subject to the provisions of these rules, the *Qanun-e-Shahadat (P.O.10 of 1984)*, 1984, shall apply to the trial of an election petition.

(4) The Tribunal may, at any time, upon such terms and on payment of such costs as it may direct, allow a petition to be amended in such a manner as may, in its opinion, be necessary for ensuring a fair and effective trial and for determining the real questions in controversy, but no new ground of challenge to the election shall be permitted to be raised.

(5) The Tribunal shall, while taking the cognizance of election petitions, proceed on day-to-day basis and dispose of the petition as early as possible.

61. Dismissal of petition during trial.- The Tribunal may dismiss an election petition, if—

- (a) the provisions of rules 54, 53 and 56 have not been complied with; or
- (b) the allegations contained therein are vague or do not disclose the commission of any corrupt practice, material irregularity or other illegal act.

62. Power of Tribunal.- The Tribunal shall have all the powers of civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) and shall be deemed to be criminal court within the meaning of sections 476, 480, 482, 484 and 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898).

63. Recrimination where seat is claimed.- (1) Where in an election petition, a claim is made that a candidate other than the returned candidate was in fact duly elected, the returned candidate may produce evidence to prove that the election of such other candidate would have

been declared void had he been the returned candidate and had a petition been presented calling his election in question:

Provided that the returned candidate as aforesaid shall not be entitled to give such evidence unless he has within fourteen days next following the commencement of the trial, given notice to the Tribunal of his intention so to do and has also deposited the security referred to in rule 54.

(2) Every notice, referred to in sub-rule (1), shall be accompanied by statement of the case and all the provisions relating to the contents, verification, trial and procedure of any election petition or to the security deposit in respect of an election petition shall apply to such a statement as if it were an election petition.

64. Decision of the Tribunal.- The Tribunal may upon the conclusion of the trial of an election petition make an order—

- (a) dismissing the petition;
- (b) declaring the election of the returned candidate to be void;
- (c) declaring the election of the returned candidate to be void and the petitioner or any other contesting candidate to have been duly elected; or
- (d) declaring the election as a whole to be void.

65. Grounds of declaring election of returned candidate void.- (1) The Tribunal shall declare the election of the returned candidate to be void if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the nomination of the returned candidate was invalid; or
- (b) the returned candidate was not on the nomination day qualified for, or was disqualified from, being elected as a member of a Board; or
- (c) the election of the returned candidate has been procured or induced by any corrupt or illegal practice; or
- (d) a corrupt or illegal practice has been committed by the returned candidate or his election agent or by any other person with the connivance of the candidate or his authorized agent.

(2) The election of a returned candidate shall not be declared void on the ground that—

- (a) any corrupt or illegal practice has been committed, if the Tribunal is satisfied that it was not committed by or with the consent or connivance of that candidate or his election agent and that the candidate and the election agent took all reasonable precautions to prevent its commission; or

- (b) any of the other contesting candidates was, on the nomination day, not qualified for, or was disqualified from, being elected as a member of a Board.

66. Ground for declaring a person other than a returned candidate elected.- The Tribunal shall declare the election of the returned candidate to be void and the petitioner or any other contesting candidate to have been duly elected, if it is so claimed by the petitioner or any of the respondents and the Tribunal is satisfied that the petitioner or such other contesting candidate was entitled to be declared elected.

67. Ground for declaring election as a whole void.- The Tribunal shall declare the election from one or more wards or the elections in a cantonment as a whole to be void if it is satisfied that the result of the elections has been materially affected by reason of—

- (a) the failure of any person to comply with the provisions of these rules and directions or instructions of the Commission; or
- (b) the prevalence of extensive corrupt or illegal practices at the elections to the membership of a ward or the cantonment as a whole is evident and manifest.

68. Decision in case of equality of votes.- (1) Where, after the conclusion of the trial, it appears that there is an 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 Tribunal shall draw a lot in respect of such candidates and the candidate on whom the lot falls, shall be deemed to have received the highest number of votes entitling him to be declared elected.

(2) Before proceeding to draw a lot under sub-rule (1), the Tribunal shall give notice to the contesting candidates between whom there is an equality of votes and shall proceed to draw a lot on the day and the time and place stated in the notice:

Provided that, if all such contesting candidates are present, in respect of whom it appears that there is an equality of votes between them, the Tribunal may proceed forthwith to draw a lot without giving notice as aforesaid.

69. Other provisions relating to Tribunal.- An order of the Tribunal under rule 64 shall take effect on the date on which it is made and shall be communicated to the Commission, the President of the Board and the Executive Officer.

70. Abatement on death of petitioner.- An election petition shall abate on the death of a sole petitioner or of the sole survivor of several petitioners.

71. Death or withdrawal of respondent.- If, before the trial of an election petition, a respondent dies or gives notice in writing that he does not intend to contest the petition, and no

respondent remains to contest the petition, the Tribunal shall without any further hearing or after giving such person as it may think fit an opportunity of being heard, decide the case ex-parte.

72. Failure of petitioner to appear.- Where, at any stage of the trial of an election petition, the petitioner does not make an appearance without prior leave of absence from the Tribunal, it may dismiss the petition for default and make such order as to costs as it may think fit:

Provided that not more than three leaves of absence shall be allowed by the Tribunal during the trial.

73. Order as to costs.- (1) The Tribunal shall, when making an order under rule 64 also make an order determining in its discretion, the costs and specifying the persons by and to whom such costs are to be paid.

(2) If, in any order as to costs under sub-rule (1), there is a direction for the payment of costs by any party to any person, such costs shall, if they have not already been paid, be payable in full and shall, upon application in writing in that behalf made to the Tribunal within sixty days of the order, by the person to whom costs have been awarded, be paid as far as possible, out of the security for costs deposited by such party.

(3) Any order for costs may be enforced upon an application in writing made to the principal civil court of original jurisdiction of the District in which the ward to which the disputed election relates is situated, as if such order were a decree passed by that court:

Provided that no proceedings shall be brought under this sub-rule except in respect of costs which have to be recovered by an application under sub-rule (2).

74. Withdrawal of petition.- (1) An election petition may be withdrawn by leave of the Tribunal.

(2) Where leave under sub-rule (1) is granted by the Tribunal, the petitioner shall be ordered to pay the costs incurred by respondents to the election petition or such portion thereof as the Tribunal may direct.

75. Supply of copies of decision of petition.- (1) Copies of any interim or final 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 twenty rupees for each page.

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

76. Retention of the record.- The Tribunal shall, after an election petition has been disposed of, forward the record thereof to the Commission, which shall retain such record for a period of four years or till the term of the office of the Board whichever is earlier from the date of its receipt and shall thereafter cause it to be destroyed.

CHAPTER VIII

ELECTION TO THE SEATS OF PEASANTS, YOUTHS, WORKERS, WOMEN AND NON-MUSLIMS

77. Calling upon elected members of cantonment to elect member.- As soon as may be after the issue of notification of the names of elected members of the Board, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice,-

- (a) call upon the elected members of the Board in which special interest seats have been reserved to elect members to represent such special interest seats on the Board; and
- (b) specify the election program for various stages of election in Form-I.

78. Supply of list of members.- (1) The President shall furnish to the Returning Officer appointed by the Commission an authenticated list of the members mentioned in rule 77.

(2) The list referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be kept at the office of the Board and shall be open for public inspection during office hours.

79. Nominations.- (1) The Returning Officer shall give a public notice in Form-XVIII inviting nominations for seats referred to in rule 77 (a) indicating in the notice the time and date by which and the place where the nomination papers shall be delivered to him and the date, time and place when and where the nomination papers shall be scrutinized.

(2) Any member mentioned in rule 77 may on the date fixed by the Returning Officer propose the name of any person, who is duly qualified to be elected as member, to be the candidate for election on any of the special interest seats.

(3) Every nomination shall be made by a separate nomination paper in Form-XIX and signed by the proposer and by the candidate declaring that he has consented to his nomination, that he belongs to or represents one of the special interest group and that he is not subject to any disqualification for being elected as member.

(4) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate or his proposer to the Returning Officer on or before the date and time at the place fixed for the receipt of nomination papers.

(5) No person shall subscribe to more than one nomination paper as a proposer and if any person subscribes to more than one nomination paper, all such nomination papers except the first one received by the Returning Officer shall be void.

80. Deposits.- The provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 17 shall apply to the deposits to be made for election under this Chapter.

81. Scrutiny of nomination papers.- (1) The candidates and their proposers may attend the scrutiny of nomination papers and the Returning Officers shall give them opportunity of examining the nomination papers.

(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 raised by a person attending the scrutiny under sub rule (2), conduct such summary enquiry 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 for the respective category of special interest seats; or
- (b) the proposer is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper; or
- (c) the signatures of the proposer are not genuine; or
- (d) the provisions of this chapter have not been complied with:

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 each nomination paper his decision accepting it and shall in the case of rejection record a brief statement thereof.

(5) Any appeal, against the decision of the Returning Officer under sub-rule (3), may be preferred by any person present at the time of scrutiny under sub-rule (1) to the appellate authority whose decision shall be final.

82. Withdrawals etc.- The provisions of rule 20, 21, 21 and 23 relating to withdrawals, retirement, publication of lists of validly nominated candidates, death of a candidate and postponement of election shall apply to election to special interest seats.

83. Contested and uncontested elections.- (1) If the number of contesting candidates is more than the number of seats to be filled to represent the respective category of special interest seats, the Returning Officer shall-

- (a) publish a list of contesting candidates in Form-VII in alphabetical order of their names;
- (b) give a public notice to all members mentioned in rule 77 and the candidates to meet at such date, time and place as may be specified for the election.

(2) Where, after scrutiny under rule 81 only one person remains as validly nominated candidate or where after withdrawal or retirement only one person is left as the contesting candidate, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, declare such candidate to be elected to the respective category of special interest seat:

Provided that if any candidate indicates that he intends to file an appeal under sub-rule (5) of rule 81 against the rejection of his nomination papers, no person shall be declared elected until the period for filing such appeal has expired; and where an appeal is filed, until the disposal of such appeal.

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

84. Meeting for elections.- The Returning Officer shall preside at the meeting of the members called under clause (b) of rule 83 for the purpose of electing the member to represent the particular category of special interest seats.

85. The poll.- The poll shall be conducted in such manner as the Returning Officer may deem fit.

86. Declaration of results.- The Returning Officer shall declare the result. The declaration of result, its publication in the official Gazette and taking of oath under rule 87 shall conclude constitution of the Board for its normal functioning.

87. Oath of office and issue of Identity Cards.- The provisions of rules 44 and 45 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the elected members under this chapter.

CHAPTER IX

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

88. Election of Vice-President.- The election of the Vice-President shall be held in the first meeting of a Cantonment Board immediately after its assumption of office:

Provided that if for any reason, to be recorded in writing by the President, the election of Vice-President cannot be held in that meeting, the President shall fix another date, as soon as may be, for a meeting for the purpose and shall give three days notice for such meeting to all the members of the Board.

89. Manner of election.- (1) Any elected member of the Board including those elected to special interest seats present at the meeting may propose by name any other elected member for the office of Vice-President and if another elected member seconds the proposal, the person proposed shall be deemed to be a candidate:

Provided that if none of the elected members present proposes the name of another elected member, any elected member may propose his own name and thereupon he shall be deemed to be a candidate:

Provided further that if no proposal is seconded, the elected member proposed shall be deemed to be a candidate.

(2) A candidate may withdraw his candidature before the President proceeds to declare the result or to take the poll, as the case may be, and thereupon such person shall cease to be a candidate.

(3) If there is only one candidate, the President shall forthwith declare such candidate to be elected as the Vice-President.

(4) If there be more than one candidate, the President shall hand over to each elected member present, a voting paper in Form-XX in which the names of the candidates who have been duly admitted shall be entered and shall ask each elected member to so record his vote that no other person can see the recording by placing a cross-mark in the space provided for the purpose in the voting paper opposite the name of the candidate for whom the member intends to vote. If a member cannot read or write, he may request the President to assist him in the marking of the voting paper.

(5) Before handing over a voting paper under sub-rule (4), the President shall sign on its reverse to ensure the genuineness of the voting paper.

(6) The voting paper shall be invalid, if-

- (a) it does not bear on its reverse the signature of the President as required under sub-rule (5);
- (b) the cross marks are placed opposite name of more than one candidate; or
- (c) the cross mark is so placed as to render it doubtful for which candidate the vote has been recorded.

(7) Each member after placing the cross-mark on the voting paper shall fold the same and hand it over to the President.

(8) As soon as all the voting papers have been delivered to the President, he shall, in the following order,-

- (a) reject any voting paper which is invalid under sub-rule (6);
- (b) read out the names of candidates against whom the cross-mark has been validly made;
- (c) count the votes; and
- (d) declare the candidate for whom the largest number of votes has been recorded to be elected as Vice-President:

Provided that in the case of an equality of votes, the President shall draw lots in such manner as he may deem fit and the candidate in whose favour the lot is drawn shall be deemed to be elected as Vice-President and the President shall so declare.

90. Casual vacancy.- If the Vice-President is unable to complete his full term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by an election within sixty days of the occurrence of vacancy. The term of the office of the elected Vice-President filling a casual vacancy shall commence from the date of his election and shall continue so long as the Vice-President in whose place he is elected would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

91. Election petition in election of Vice-President.- The provisions of rules 54 to 76 dealing with election petitions and disputes shall apply mutatis mutandis in a petition which may be filed for calling in question the election of the Vice-President.

CHAPTER X

ELECTION REPORTS

92. Report by Returning Officers.- Within a month of the holding of the election, the Returning Officers shall submit to the Commission a detailed report about the conduct of the election in their concerned cantonment, stating-

- (a) all the arrangements made for the election;
- (b) total number of the voters and the actual number of votes cast;
- (c) any incident or occurrence which affected or could have affected smooth polling; and
- (d) such other information as may be required by the Commission.

CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS

93. Repeal.- The Cantonments Local Government (Election) Rules, 2012 are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE-I

[See rule 25(1)(a)]

LIST OF SYMBOLS

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF SYMBOLS

The Returning Officer shall ensure that while allotting the symbols to the candidates for each category (i) in case the number of candidates is 5 or less the symbols shall be allotted from section (A) only; (ii) in case the number of candidates exceeds 5 but is less than 10, from sections (B) only; (iii) in case the number exceeds 10 but is less than 15, from sections (A) and (B) combined; (iv) in case the number exceeds 15 but is less than 30, from sections (A), (B) and (C) combined and (v) in case the number exceeds 30 then from sections (A), (B), (C) and (D) combined.

For election of General seats:

Sr. No.	Section (A)	Section (B)	Section (C)	Section (D)
1	AIR CONDITIONER	CALCULATOR	ANCHOR	AUDIO CASSETTE
2	FRIDGE	CORN	CAGE	BENCH
3	GENERATOR	DICE	DRUM	BRICK WALL
4	STILL CAMERA	ELECTRIC HEATER	GIRAFFE	CAKE
5	TRANSFORMER	PRESSURE COOKER	KETTLE	CURTAIN
6		SADDLE	LIGHTER	DEEP FREEZER
7		SAFETY HELMET	NIGHTINGALE	DIAMOND
8		TIFFIN	PITCHER	ELECTRIC WATER PUMP
9		TRI CYCLE	SEE SAW	GEYSER
10		WHEEL BARROW	SOFA	ICE CREAM
11			TOOTH BRUSH	LAMB
12			TUBE LIGHT	ROPE
13			WASH BASIN	ROUND TABLE
14			WATER MELLON	SHUTTLE COCK
15			ZEBRA	SQUIRREL
16				SUITCASE
17				SYRINGE
18				TANDOOR
19				TRIANGLE
20				WRENCH

SCHEDULE-II

[See rule 44]

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ S/O, D/O, W/O _____
elected as member on (general seat/OR seat reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and
non-Muslims) _____ of
Cantonment Board _____ do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and preserve its ideology.
2. I shall discharge my duties and perform my functions as an elected member of
Cantonment Board _____ honestly to the best of my ability,
faithfully in accordance with the law and always in the interest of the cantonment
to which I am elected.
3. I shall not allow my personal interests to influence my official conduct or my
official decisions.
4. In all circumstances I shall do right to all people according to law, without fear or
favour, affection or ill-will.
5. 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.

Name & signature of the Declarant

Countersigned

The president of Board

FORM-I

[See rules 14(1) and 77 (b)]

ELECTION PROGRAMME

Programme of election for _____
in Cantonment Board _____ (Category of seat) *

Sr. No.	Activity	Date
1.	Notice for invitation of nomination papers to be issued by the Returning Officer	
2.	Receipt of nomination papers by Returning Officer	
3.	Publication of notice of all the nomination papers received	
4.	Scrutiny of nomination papers and publication of names of validly nominated candidates	
5.	Filing of appeal against acceptance/rejection of nomination papers	
6.	Disposal of appeals	
7.	Withdrawal of candidature	
8.	Publication of list of contesting candidates with allotted symbols	
9.	Polling day	
10.	Declaration of results by the Returning Officer	

Place: _____

Date: _____

* General seats/seats reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims

FORM-II

[See rule 17(1)]

NOTICE INVITING NOMINATION PAPERS

In pursuance of the provisions of rule 15 (1) of the Cantonment Local Government (Election) Rules, 2015, notice is hereby given inviting nomination papers from candidates wishing to stand for election of member on general seat in Cantonment Board _____

2. The nomination papers shall be received by the Returning Officer at the place, date, and time specified hereunder:

- (1) Date or Dates _____
- (2) Time _____
- (3) Place _____

3. The nomination papers received shall be scrutinized by me at the place, date and time specified hereunder:

- (1) Date or Dates _____
- (2) Time _____
- (3) Place _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

(4) I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.

Name & signature of the Candidate

F: Declaration of Election Agent

I declare Mr./Miss/Mst. _____ S/D/W/of _____
CNIC No. _____ Resident of _____
_____ as my Election Agent.

Name & signature of the Election Agent

Name & signature of the Candidate

Place: _____

Date: _____

G: For official use only:

- i. Serial No. of nomination paper _____
- ii. Deposit Fee credited into Cantonment Fund Rs. _____
- iii. This nomination paper along with declaration of assets was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours, on _____ by _____ who is a candidate/ proposer/ seconder.

H: Decision after scrutiny:

- i. Accepted _____
- ii. Rejected for reasons that _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

1. Serial Number of nomination paper _____
2. The nomination paper of _____ as a candidate for election from Ward No. _____ of Cantonment Board _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours on _____ by the candidate/ proposer/ seconder.
3. All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ hours on _____ at _____ (place).

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-V

[See rule 18 (1)]

NOTICE OF NOMINATION PAPERS RECEIVED

Notice is hereby given that the following persons whose particulars are given below have filed their nomination papers for election as member of Cantonment Board _____ on (general seat/OR reserved seat for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims) _____ ;

Sr. No	Name, parentage etc. and address of the candidate	Name and number of the electoral ward and candidate's serial number in electoral roll	Name, parentage etc. and address of the proposer	Name and number of the electoral ward and proposer's serial number in the electoral roll	Name, parentage etc. and address of the seconder	Name and number of the electoral ward and seconder's serial number in the electoral roll
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ hours on the _____ day of _____ at _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-VI

[See rule 20]

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Election to the Ward No. _____ on (General seat/OR seat reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims) _____
_____ of Cantonment Board _____;

Serial No	Name of candidate	Name of Father/ Husband	Address of Candidate
1.	2.	3.	4.

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place _____

Date _____

FORM-VII

[See rules 21, 25 and 83]

LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

Election to the Ward No. _____ on (General seat/OR seat reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims) _____
_____ of Cantonment Board _____;

Serial Number	Names of contesting candidates in alphabetical order (determined in English language)	Address of the contesting candidates	Symbol allotted
1.	2.	3.	4.

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place _____

Date: _____

FORM-VIII

[See rules 25 and 29]

NOTICE OF HOURS OF POLL

Name of Cantonment Board _____

Name and number of Ward _____

Category of Seat * _____

*(General seat/OR seat reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims)

Notice is, hereby, given that the poll for the aforementioned shall be taken between
_____ to _____ hours on _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-IX

[See rule 34]

**BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CANTONMENT BOARD ON
GENERAL SEATS**

COUNTERFOIL	BALLOT PAPER
NAME OF CANTONMENT BOARD _____ WARD NUMBER _____ SERIAL No. OF ELECTOR IN ELECTORAL ROLL _____ NIC No. _____ THUMB IMPRESSION OF ELECTOR _____ _____ SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER	COMMON SYMBOLS

FORM-X

[See rule 36 (3)]

TENDERED VOTES LIST

Name of Cantonment Board _____

Name and Number of Ward _____

Name and Number of Polling Station _____

Serial Number	Name and address of elector	Serial number in the electoral list	Signature or Thumb impression of the elector
1	2	3	4

Name & signature of Presiding Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XI

[See rule 37(2)]

CHALLENGED VOTES LIST

Name of Cantonment Board _____

Name and Number of Ward _____

Name and Number of Polling Station _____

Serial Number	Name and address of elector	Serial number in the electoral roll	Name & particulars of challenger	Amount deposited	Signature or Thumb impression of the elector
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

Name & signature of Presiding Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XII

[See rule 40 (9)]

STATEMENT OF THE COUNT

Name of Cantonment Board _____

Name and Number of Ward _____

Name and Number of Polling Station _____

Sr. No	Name of candidate(s)	Symbol allotted to the candidate(s)	Total No. of valid votes received by the candidate(s)	Number of challenged votes
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

B. (1) Total number of votes polled by the contesting Candidates(including challenged votes) _____

(2) Total number of doubtful votes excluded from the count(including the doubtful challenged votes) _____

(3) Aggregate of (1) & (2) _____

C. Number of votes polled: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

Name & signature of candidate or his election/polling agent

(Names as given to Returning Officer by the candidate)

Name, Designation & signature of

Presiding Officer

CNIC No. _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XIII

[See rule 40(10)]

BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT

Name of Cantonment Board _____
Name and Number of Ward _____
Name and Number of Polling Station _____

Sr. No.	Description	Total
1.	Ballot papers received for use at the Polling Station from Serial No. _____ to _____ of Books No. ____ to ____	
2.	Total number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot boxes and counted	
3.	Total number of tendered ballot papers	
4.	Total number of challenged ballot papers	
5.	Total number of ballot papers spoiled and cancelled	
6.	Total number of un-issued ballot papers	
7.	Total number of ballot papers under items (2), (3), (4) & (5)	
8.	Total number of ballot papers under items (6) and (7) (Note: should be equal to total of item no. 1)	

Name, Designation & signature of
Presiding Officer
CNIC No. _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XIV

[See rule 41(1)]

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

Ward Number _____ Cantonment Board _____

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

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Grand Total:

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XV

[See rule 43(3)]

RETURN OF ELECTION

Name of Cantonment Board _____

Ward Number _____

Sr. No.	Name of the contesting candidates	Number of valid votes polled in favour
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
Etc.		

B. Total Number of valid votes polled: _____

Total number of rejected votes: _____

Total number of tendered votes: _____

C. I declare that Mr./ Miss./ Mrs. _____
son/ daughter/ wife of _____
has duly been elected as member of the Board.

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XVI

[See rule 52 (1)]

RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES

1. Cantonment Board _____

Election for* _____

*(General seat/OR reserved seat for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims)

Ward No. _____

2. i. Name of candidate _____

ii. Name of the election agent _____

iii. Address of the candidate _____

iv. Address of the election agent _____

Part-A: Account of election expenses

Date of expenditure	Nature of expenditure	Amount of Expenditure			Name and address of the person to whom payment is outstanding	Name and address of the payee	Bill number if any
		Amount paid (a)	Amount outstanding (b)	Total of (a) & (b)			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Part-B: Account of Disputed Claims

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

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

Date of Receipt	Name and address of the persons from whom money etc. was received	The amount received	Specific purpose for which money was received
1	2	3	4

Name & signature of candidate

NIC No. _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XVII

[See rule 52 (2)]

AFFIDAVIT TO BE SWORN BY A CANDIDATE

I, _____ S/O, D/O, W/O _____
having been a candidate for election to Cantonment Board _____ on
(General seat/OR reserved seat for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims)
_____ make oath and declare on solemn affirmation that:

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

Name & signature of candidate

NIC No. _____

Sworn/ declared on solemn affirmation before me this _____ day of (month)
_____ (year) _____ by _____ who is personally
known to me/ who has been identified by _____
who is personally known to me.

Signature with seal of Oath Commissioner

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XVIII

[See rule 79(1)]

NOTICE INVITING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR RESERVED SEATS

In pursuance of the provisions of rule 78 of the Cantonment Local Government (Election) Rules, 2015, notice is hereby given inviting nomination papers from candidates wishing to stand for election of member of Cantonment Board _____ on special interest seats reserved for peasants, youths, workers, women and non-Muslims.

2. The nomination papers shall be received by the Returning Officer at the place, date, and time specified hereunder:

- (1) Date or Dates _____
- (2) Time _____
- (3) Place _____

3. The nomination papers received shall be scrutinized by me at the place, date and time specified hereunder:

- (1) Date or Dates _____
- (2) Time _____
- (3) Place _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

CNIC No.

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 Valid till _____,
 registered as an elector/voter at serial number _____ of electoral area/census
 block code _____ of Ward No. _____ of Cantonment Board
 _____ do hereby declare on solemn affirmation as under:

- (1) That I have consented to the above nomination.
- (2) That I am qualified to represent the special interest group, namely _____ and that I am fully qualified to be the member of the Cantonment Board and am not hit by any of the disqualification which may render me ineligible for being a candidate for election as a member of the Cantonment Board.
- (3) I do solemnly swear that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not a follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description, whatsoever, after Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him) and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be a prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.
(This affirmation is necessary in the case of person who declares himself to be a Muslim or whose religion is Islam. To be struck off in the case of a non-Muslim).
- (4) I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.

Name & signature of the Candidate

Place: _____ Date: _____

D: For official use only:

- i. Serial No. of nomination paper _____
- ii. Deposit Fee credited into Cantonment Fund Rs. _____
- iii. This nomination paper along with declaration of assets was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours, on _____ by _____ who is a candidate/ proposer.

E: Decision after scrutiny:

- i. Accepted _____
 - ii. Rejected for reasons that _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

1. Serial Number of nomination paper _____
2. The nomination paper of _____ as a candidate for election as a member to Cantonment Board _____ on special interest seat namely _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours on _____ by the candidate/ proposer.
3. All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ hours on _____ at _____ (place).

Name & signature of Returning Officer

Place: _____

Date: _____

FORM-XX

[See rule 89(4)]

VOTING PAPER FOR ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Serial No.	Name of candidates for election of Vice-President	Put X for vote in front of candidate's name
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Note: The reverse of this voting paper must be signed by the President Cantonment Board