

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 30th November, 2023.

No.F.9(1)/2023-Elec-I (Vol-I): —Pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (4) of Section 21 of the Elections Act, 2017 (Act No. XXXIII of 2017) read with Rule 14 of the Election Rules, 2017 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby publishes, for information of general public, the final list of constituencies in respect of National Assembly and the Provincial Assemblies of the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and Islamabad Capital Territory.

2. The Election Commission of Pakistan for carrying out the exercise of fresh delimitation of general seats divided each Province in to separate territorial, constituencies as allocated in Article 51 & 106 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, on the basis of Final results of 07th Digital Population and Housing Census-2023 officially published on 07th August, 2023 by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

3. According to Article 51(3) of the Constitution, the National Assembly consists of 266 General seats and 60 seats reserved for women. The detail is as under:

Province/Area	General Seats	Women	Total Seats
Balochistan	16	4	20
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45	10	55
Punjab	141	32	173
Sindh	61	14	75
Federal Capital	3	-	3
Total	266	60	326

In addition to the number of seats referred to above, there are ten seats reserved for non-Muslims in the National Assembly.

4. Article 106 of the Constitution lays down that each Provincial Assembly shall consist of such number of general seats and the seats reserved for women and Non-Muslims as is specified in the following table: -

Province/Area	General Seats	Women	Non-Muslims	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Balochistan	51	11	3	65
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	115	26	4	145
Punjab	297	66	8	371
Sindh	130	29	9	168
Total	593	132	24	749

5. For general seats each province is divided into as many separate territorial constituencies as the number of general seats allocated to that province under Article 51 of the Constitution. Similarly Islamabad Capital Territory is divided into as many separate Territorial Constituencies as the number of general seats allocated to ICT under Article 51. Whereas, the general seats of Provincial Assemblies are divided by dividing each province into as many separate territorial Constituencies as the number of general seats specified to each province in Article 106 of the Constitution. For Reserved seats to the Women in the National Assembly, a province is treated as single Constituency for all seats reserved for women which are allocated to that province in Article 51. Whereas, for reserved seats for non-Muslims in the National Assembly whole country is considered as constituency for all seats. With respect to seats of women and non-Muslims in the provincial assembly each province forms one constituency with as many such seats as are allocated to each province in district.

6. The Preliminary Report and list of Constituencies for the National and Provincial Assemblies was prepared by following principles of the delimitation of constituencies set out in Section 20 of the Elections Act, 2017. The principles envisaged therein provide that all constituencies shall, as far as practicable, be delimited having regard to the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the creation of constituencies which have been followed to the maximum extent. The Preliminary report was notified in the official Gazette on 27th September, 2023

7. In order to facilitate the general public and for the sake of transparency of the delimitation process, the draft list of constituencies of National/Provincial assemblies, along with preliminary report was published for inviting representation/proposals under section 21 of the Elections Act, 2017 and also made available on ECP website besides printing thereof in Official Gazette. Similarly the constituency wise unmarked and marked maps were also placed on website to facilitate voters to file representations. Multiple representation receiving desks were set up at the ECP Secretariat Islamabad to receive representations from the voters. For guidance of general public and assistance to file objections, suggestions on exclusive help desk were established in the ECP. Likewise, for supply of maps separate counter was established to facilitate the public.

8. During the prescribed period from 28.09.2023 to 27.10.2023 (1327) representation were filed by the voters of the respective constituencies as per following detail.

Sr #	Province/Area	Total No. of Representations (Filed)
1	Punjab	675
2	Sindh	228
3	Khyber Paktunkhwa	293
4	Balochistan	124
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	Total	1327

9. In order to enhance transparency, all the representations filed by the voters were placed on ECP website along with their proposed maps which were accessible 24/7.

10. In order to address the objections of the petitioners and to make such amendments, alterations or modifications in the draft list of constituencies in accordance with law, the Chief Election Commissioner constituted Benches under Section 06 of the Elections Act, 2017. The district-wise dates of hearings were fixed and notices were issued to all concerned in this regard. Wide publicity regarding fixation of cases was given through print media and notices were also uploaded on ECP's website. The service of notices was also ensured through SMS besides use of conventional means. The district wise dates of hearing of representations were also uploaded on ECP's website.

11. During the hearing of representations, maps of the preliminary constituencies published by the Commission and the proposed maps of the representators were displayed on projector in juxtaposition. The state-of-the-art arrangements enabled the petitioners and their counsels to present and plead their representation and present their alternate proposals to the Commission in an elaborative manner and with high level of convenience and clarity. After conclusion of hearing objection/suggestion the benches constituted for the purpose passed speaking orders regarding acceptance, rejection or partial acceptance of the suggestions.

12. In light of the orders the corrections were made in the Preliminary list of constituencies. The Election Commission despite hectic task accomplished that job within stipulated time frame. Accordingly, final list of constituencies is hereby published for information of general public in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Elections Act, 2017 read with Rule 14 of the Elections Rules, 2017.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.


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