ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

ORDER 09-02-2024

Subject:

ORDER IN RESPECT OF CONSTITUENCY OF NA-62, GUJRAT-I AND PP-28 GUJRAT-II.

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan (hereinafter referred as the "Commission") is a Constitutional body constituted under Article 218(2) of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973 (hereinafter referred as the "Constitution"). The Election Commission of Pakistan is mandated under Article 218(3) of the Constitution to organize and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law, and that corrupt practices are guarded against.

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of the notification dated 15.12.2023 under Section 57(2) of the Elections Act, 2017 the poll has been conducted on 08.02.2024 on all the National and Provincial Constituencies.

AND WHEREAS, Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab vide his letter dated 09.02.2024 along with copy of the letters of Returning Officer NA-62 Gujrat-I and District Returning Officer Gujrat, has informed the Commission that the polling process was not started in 8 Polling Stations due to un-avoidable circumstances and poor response for the deputed subordinate polling staff.

AND WHEREAS, Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab has also informed that the Election material and ballot papers of the above mentioned Polling Stations which were handed over to the presiding officers have been retrieved.

AND WHEREAS, the detail of the Polling Stations and total number of the voters is given below:-

No. / Name of Constituency	Name of Presiding Officer	Polling Stations No. / Name	Total No. of Voters.
NA-62 Gujrat-I PP-28 Gujrat-II	Muhammad Ansar	PS No-248 Government Girls Primary School Notheih (Combined)	2208
	Munir Ahmed	PS No. 302 Basic Health Unit, Thutha Rai Bahadur.	1058
	Muhammad Ajmal	PS No. 318 Govt. Boys Primary School Sarsal (Male)-I	1897
	Shabbir Hussain	PS No327 Government Community Model School Nindowal (Combine1021d)	1554
	Rameez Mehmood	PS No. 331 Govt. Boys Primary School Sohal (Combined).	1310
	Muhammad Malik	PS No. 273 Govt. Boys Primary School Saaka (Combined)-I	2027
	Ansar Iqbal	PS No. 347 Govt. Boys Primary School Marjan (Combined)-I	1021
	Arslan Munir	PS No. 348 Govt. Model Primary School Chachowal (Combined).	866
Total			11941

AND WHEREAS, the matter has been discussed in the meeting of the Commission. The reports submitted by the Returning Officers and District Returning Officer have been perused minutely.

AND WHEREAS, in the constituency NA-62 Gujrat-I the leading candidate has a lead of 26,282/- votes as against the runner up candidate. The total votes obtained by the leading candidate in the constituency excluding above mentioned 8 polling stations are 97,436/- while 71,154/- votes have been obtained by the runner up candidate.

AND WHEREAS, in the Provincial Assembly constituency PP-28 Gujrat-II the leading candidate has obtained 48,271/- votes whereas the runner up candidate has obtained 35,268/votes. The margin of victory is 13,003/-.

AND WHEREAS, the total number of registered voters at the above mentioned 8 Polling Stations are 11,941/-. If all the votes of the 8 Polling Stations in National and Provincial Assembly seats are treated as cast in favour of losing candidate even then the runner up candidate cannot get the lead as the margin of victory is very high between the leading and runner up candidate.

AND WHEREAS, the conduct of poll in the above mentioned 8 Polling Stations will be a futile exercise as it will not materially affect the result of the candidates.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission in exercise of powers under Article 218(3) of the Constitution read with Section 4, 5 and 8(c) of the Elections Act, 2017 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf decides that the result of the constituencies i.e. NA-62 Gujrat-I and PP-28 Gujrat-II may be announced due to higher margin of victory and having no affect on the result of elections in the constituencies even if all the remaining votes are treated as cast in favour of runner up candidate.

The District Returning Officer and Returning Officer are directed to take follow up action accordingly.

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