

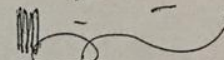


Election Commission Secretariat
Gilgit-Baltistan

No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020
Gilgit, dated the 21st July, 2020

SUB: CIRCULAR

I am directed to enclose herewith Circular bearing No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020 dated 21st July 2020 regarding involvement of Government servants in political activities for strict compliance and implementation, please.


(TARIQ ABBAS)
Election Officer
Gilgit-Baltistan

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1. The Secretary Kashmir Affairs & GB Islamabad.
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15. The Secretary Law & Prosecution, Gilgit-Baltistan.
16. The Secretary Health, Gilgit-Baltistan.
17. The Secretary Forest, Wildlife & Environment, Gilgit-Baltistan.
18. The Secretary Local Government & Rural Development, Gilgit-Baltistan.
19. The Secretary Food Department, Gilgit-Baltistan.
20. The Secretary Minerals, Industries, Commerce & Labor GB.

21. The Secretary Revenue, Zakat & Usher, Excise & Taxation & Cooperatives.
22. The Secretary Social Welfare, Population Welfare & Woman Development, Gilgit-Baltistan.
23. The Secretary Tourism Sports and Culture, Gilgit-Baltistan.
24. The Secretary Water & Power, Gilgit-Baltistan.
25. The Secretary Works, Gilgit-Baltistan.
26. The Secretary Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries Department, Gilgit-Baltistan.
27. The Secretary Information, Gilgit-Baltistan.
28. The Secretary Implementation & Coordination Department, Islamabad.
29. The Secretary, Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly, Gilgit.
30. The Commissioner Gilgit/ Diamer-Astore/Baltistan Division
31. The I.G Prisons Gilgit-Baltistan.
32. The Director General, GBDMA, Gilgit.
33. The Director General, Chairman's Inspection Team GB,
34. The Managing Director, NATCO, Gilgit.
35. The Director General Gilgit Development Authority, Gilgit.
36. The General Manager, GBRSP, Gilgit.
37. The Registrar Services Tribunal, GB, Gilgit.
38. All Deputy Commissioners 1. Gilgit 2. Skardu 3. Diamer 4. Ghizer 5. Ghanche 6. Astore 7. Hunza 8. Nagar 9. Shigar 10. Kharmang.
39. District Returning Officer, Gilgit/ Skardu /Diamer/ Ghizer/ Ghanche / Astore/ Hunza/ Nagar/ Shigar/ Kharmag
40. The Returning Officer _____.
41. The Director General, NADRA Gilgit.
42. The Deputy Director Press Information Department GB,
43. The Station Director Radio Pakistan Gilgit / Skardu
44. PS to the Hon'able Chief Election Commissioner, GB, Gilgit

ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARIAT GILGIT-BALTISTAN



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Gilgit, dated the 21st July, 2020

SUB: INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

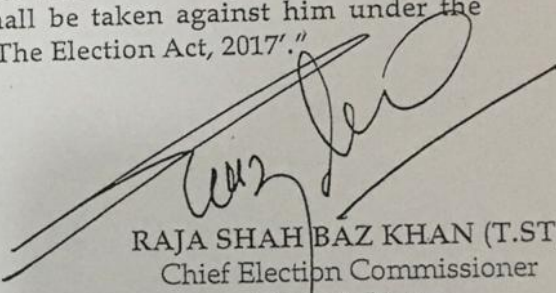
As provided under Rule 24 of Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no government servant is allowed to take part in any political activity. The restrictions placed on civil servants in relation to politics and political activity are designed to ensure that their actions (and the perceptions of those actions) are compatible with the requirements to serve the government to the best of their ability in a way which maintains political impartiality, but it has been observed with great concern that a significant number of government servants (both officers and officials) from various districts of Gilgit-Baltistan are actively participating in political activities.

It has come into the notice of the Commission that material pertaining to political matters is being posted and discussed by the government servants on social media platforms (i.e Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Whatsapp groups). Besides, several complains have also been received regarding participation of government servants in corner meetings arranged by the Political parties. There are reports from some constituencies that the government servants are actually canvassing on behalf of the candidates, which is not only a violation of the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964 but it also amounts to 'corrupt practices', 'bribery' and 'undue influence' as provided under section 167, 168, and 170 respectively of the Elections Act, 2017.

Furthermore, it has also come into the notice of the Commission that the government servants are expressing views and opinions on social media regarding matters relating to the care-taker setup.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 8 (c) of the Election Act 2017, I Raja Shah Baz Khan (T.St), Chief Election Commissioner Gilgit-Baltistan do hereby direct as under:-

"No government officer or official shall take part in any political activity. In case any government servant is found involved in any political activity, strict action shall be taken against him under the provisions of 'The Election Act, 2017'."



RAJA SHAH BAZ KHAN (T.ST)
Chief Election Commissioner
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