



ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARIAT
GILGIT-BALTISTAN


No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020

Gilgit, dated 9th Sep, 2020.

"ORDER"

In the light of the joint declaration passed in the all parties conference held at the Election Commission Gilgit-Baltistan on 26th August, 2020, the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan had passed an Order vide No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020, dated 26th August, 2020 whereby the number of days provided for publication and display of preliminary electoral rolls under section 28 of the Elections Act, 2017 were reduced from 30 days to 15 days in order to hold general elections in Gilgit-Baltistan before the start of deep winter season and attendant snowfalls and rains in rural and mountainous areas of Gilgit-Baltistan.

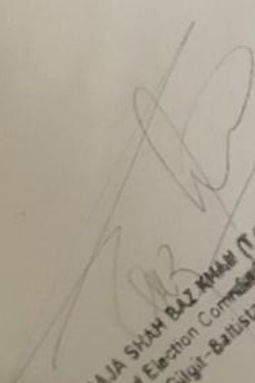
As per the Order dated 26th August, 2020 passed by the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan, the last date for publication and display of preliminary electoral rolls was 9th September, 2020, however, on the appointed date, it was brought into the notice of this Commission by general public/civil society through various verbal complaints and posts on social media that there is apprehension of deprivation of several voters (from different constituencies) from their right to vote partly due to the errors in the electoral rolls and partly because names of several voters have not been reflected in the preliminary electoral rolls, and the time provided for correction of names and entry of new voters is not sufficient.


RAJA SHAH BAHADUR
Chief Election Commissioner
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Hafiz Hafeez-ur-Rehman, President Pakistan Muslim League (N) Gilgit-Baltistan, Mr. Amjad Hussain Advocate President Pakistan Peoples Party Gilgit-Baltistan, Central Imamia Council Gilgit-Baltistan through their General Secretary, Raja Haider Ali Khan Amacha, President PPP District Shigar, and Mr. Shafiq-ud-Din Senior Vice President PML (N) Gilgit-Baltistan have submitted their separate applications for extension of time provided for publication and display of preliminary electoral rolls on the grounds that the time provided for correction of names, and entry of new voters is not adequate given the amount of errors/mistakes in the electoral rolls, huge number of effected voters, slowness of procedure at NADRA centers due to poor online system and strict observation of SOPs of COVID-19.

Furthermore, independent candidates contesting from different constituencies and different delegations from civil society also visited the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan and requested to extend the date provided for publication, display (alongwith the notice inviting claims, objections and applications for corrections) of preliminary electoral rolls.

The concerns shown and the requests made by the above named Political parties, and civil society are reasonable and genuine, and I deem it just and proper to allow the request made by Hafiz Hafeez-ur-Rehman, President Pakistan Muslim League (N) Gilgit-Baltistan, Mr. Amjad Hussain Advocate President Pakistan Peoples Party Gilgit-Baltistan, Central Imamia Council Gilgit-Baltistan through their General Secretary, Raja Haider Ali Khan Amacha, President PPP District Shigar, and Mr. Shafiq-ud-Din Senior Vice President PML (N) Gilgit-Baltistan, and to extend the date provided for publication and display of preliminary electoral rolls.


RAJA SHAH BAZ KHAN (T.S.)
Chief Election Commissioner
Gilgit-Baltistan

In wake of the special circumstances as discussed above, and in partial modification of Order dated 26th August, 2020 passed by the Election Commission, Gilgit-Baltistan, I, **Raja Shah Baz Khan (T.St)**, Chief Election Commissioner, Gilgit-Baltistan, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 49 read with enabling sections of the Elections Act, 2017, do hereby direct that the number of days provided for publication and display of preliminary electoral rolls under section 26 of the Election Act, 2017 shall be read as 18 instead of 30 to the extent of general elections to the Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly.

ANNOUNCED
9th September, 2020

Raja Shah Baz Khan
9.9.2020
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