

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, CONTESTING CANDIDATES, ELECTION AGENTS AND POLLING AGENTS DURING BYE-ELECTION IN CONSTITUENCY NO.PP-218 MULTAN-VIII.

No.F.8(1)/2019-Cord.— In pursuance of Article 218(3) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Section 233 of the Elections Act, 2017 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to hereby issue and publish the Code of Conduct for political parties, contesting candidates and election agents (Part-I) and the Code of Conduct for polling agents (Part-II) for bye-election in Constituency No.PP-218 Multan-VIII with the direction that in pursuance of sub-section (3) of the section 233 of the Elections Act 2017, all political parties, candidates, election agents and polling agents shall follow the Codes of Conduct during the conduct of bye-election:

PART-I **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, CONTESTING CANDIDATES AND ELECTION AGENTS**

(a) GENERAL CONDUCT

- 1- The political parties, candidates and election agents shall at all times uphold the rights and freedom of the people of Pakistan as guaranteed by the Constitution and law.
- 2- The political parties, candidates and election agents shall not propagate any opinion, or act in any manner prejudicial to the ideology of Pakistan, or the sovereignty, integrity or security of Pakistan, or morality or public order, or the integrity or independence of the judiciary of Pakistan, or which defames or brings into ridicule the judiciary or the Armed Forces of Pakistan.
- 3- The political parties, candidates and election agents shall abide by all directions, instructions and regulations issued by the Election Commission, from time to time, relating to smooth conduct of elections, the maintenance of public order and morality and refrain from maligning the Election Commission in any form whatsoever, violation whereof would entail contempt as contemplated in Section 10 of the Elections Act 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").
- 4- The political parties, contesting candidates, election agents and their supporters shall not indulge in offering gifts or gratifications or inducements to any person to contest or not to contest as a candidate, or to withdraw or retire or not to withdraw or not to retire from the election. Violation will be treated as corrupt practice.
- 5- The political parties, contesting candidates, election agents and their supporters shall extend cooperation to law enforcement agencies for ensuring the safety and security of election material, election officials and polling agents on polling day.