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NOTIFICATION

No.SOR(LG)38-12/2013.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 144 of the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

CHAPTER-I PRELIMINARY

- 1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Local Governments (Conduct of Elections) Rules 2013.
(2) They shall come into force at once.
- 2. Definitions.-** (1) In these rules:
 - (a) "Act" means the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013);
 - (b) "appellate authority" means an appellate authority appointed by the Election Commission;
 - (c) "ballot paper" means a ballot paper of such colour and design as may be prescribed by the Election Commission;
 - (d) "ballot paper account" means a ballot paper account prepared under the rules;
 - (e) "candidate" means a person nominated for an election under the rules;
 - (f) "constituency" means a constituency delimited under the Act;
 - (g) "contesting candidate" means a validly nominated candidate who has not withdrawn his candidature;
 - (h) "election agent" means an election agent appointed by a candidate under these rules and, where no such appointment is made, the candidate acting as his own election agent;

- (i) "electoral roll" means electoral rolls prepared, adapted or adopted under section 21 of the Act;
 - (j) "election petition" means a petition made under section 38 of the Act;
 - (k) "form" means a form appended to these rules and includes a translation thereof into any language as may be approved by the Election Commission;
 - (l) "material irregularity" means non-compliance of the Act and these rules which materially affect the result of an election;
 - (m) "non-Muslim" means a non-Muslim as defined in paragraph (b) of clause (3) of Article 260 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
 - (n) "nomination day" means the day appointed for nomination of candidates under these rules;
 - (o) "polling agent" means a polling agent of a candidate appointed under these rules;
 - (p) "polling day" means the day on which poll is taken for an election under these rules;
 - (q) "polling officer" means a polling officer appointed under section 24 of the Act for a polling station;
 - (r) "polling station" means any place or premises notified as polling station under section 23 of the Act for holding a poll;
 - (s) "presiding officer" means a presiding officer appointed under section 24 of the Act and includes an Assistant Presiding Officer exercising powers and performing the functions of a Presiding Officer;
 - (t) "publish" with its grammatical variations, includes exhibition at a place accessible to the public;
 - (u) "returned candidate" means a candidate who has been declared elected;
 - (v) "Returning Officer" means a Returning Officer appointed under section 22 of the Act and includes an Assistant Returning Officer exercising powers and performing the functions of Returning Officer;
 - (w) "rules" means the Punjab Local Governments (Conduct of Elections) Rules 2013;
 - (x) "tribunal" means an election tribunal appointed by the Election Commission under section 39 of the Act for trial of election petitions;
 - (y) "validly nominated candidate" means a candidate whose nomination has been accepted; and
 - (z) "withdrawal day" means a day fixed on or before which candidature is withdrawn.
- (2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them under the Act.

CHAPTER-II

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION

3. Powers and functions of the Election Commission.– (1) The Election Commission, for the conduct of elections in pursuance of section 19, may:

- (a) specify the local areas wherein any of its officers so authorized under section 22 shall exercise the powers and perform functions for purposes of elections under the Act;
- (b) require any person or authority to perform such functions or render such assistance for purposes of elections as is deemed fit;
- (c) cause the preparation, adaption or adoption of electoral rolls under subsection (2) of section 21 in the manner as deemed appropriate and the electoral rolls shall not be invalid by reason of an erroneous description therein of any person listed or of an omission of the name of any person entitled to be enrolled or of inclusion of the name of any person not so entitled;
- (d) appoint appellate authorities as may be necessary to decide appeals against the decisions of the Returning Officer, accepting or rejecting the nomination papers;
- (e) appoint election tribunal for hearing and disposal of election petitions; and
- (f) issue orders in terms of sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act.

(2) The Government or an officer authorised by it in this behalf, on the request of the Election Commission or an officer appointed or authorized by it under the Act or the rules, may by an order in writing, requisition any vehicle, vessel or animal as is needed or is likely to be needed for purposes of transporting to and from any polling station, ballot boxes, election material, ballot papers or any officer or a person engaged for the performance of any duties in connection with the elections.

(3) No vehicle, vessel, animal, which is being used by a candidate or his election agent for any purpose connected with the election of such candidate, shall be so requisitioned.

(4) Where any vehicle, vessel or animal is requisitioned under sub-rule (2), the owner thereof shall be paid compensation, the amount of which shall be determined by the officer authorized by the Government to requisition the vehicle, vessel or animal on the basis of prevailing fare rates.

CHAPTER-III ELECTORAL ROLLS

4. Supply of electoral rolls to the Returning Officer.– (1) The Election Commission shall provide the electoral rolls of all the electoral areas within a constituency to the Returning Officer.

(2) The Returning Officer shall, provide to the Presiding Officer of each polling station, with copies of electoral rolls containing the names of the electors entitled to vote at that polling station.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall split up the electoral rolls for use at the polling booths within a polling station.

5. Supply of electoral rolls to the contesting candidates.– A contesting candidate may, at his own expense, obtain a copy of the electoral rolls of his constituency from the District Election Commissioner or the Registration Officer.

6. Authenticity of electoral rolls.– The District Election Commissioner shall provide the authenticated electoral rolls of all the electoral areas of each constituency to the Returning Officer before the date of scrutiny to determine the registration and electoral area of candidate as voter and the candidate shall not be required to provide voters' extract along with his nomination paper.

CHAPTER-IV CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

7. Assistance to the Election Commission.– The Election Commission or an officer authorized by it in this behalf may require any person or authority to perform such functions or render such assistance in connection with an election to the local governments as it or he may direct.

8. Appointment of District Returning Officer.– The Election Commission shall appoint a District Returning Officer for each District who shall coordinate and supervise all work in the District in connection with the local government elections and shall also perform such other duties and functions as entrusted to him by the Election Commission.

9. Polling stations.– (1) The Returning Officer shall, before such time as the Election Commission may fix, submit to the District Returning Officer, a list of polling stations, he proposes to provide in a constituency for purposes of election of members, Chairman and Vice Chairman of that constituency.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Election Commission, the District Returning Officer may make such alterations in the list of polling stations submitted under sub-rule (1), as he deems necessary and shall, within fifteen days before the polling day, publish in the official Gazette the final list of polling stations specifying the electoral area and the electors who will be entitled to vote at a polling station.

(3) No polling station shall be established outside the limit of the constituency.

(4) The Returning Officer shall establish in each constituency polling stations according to the final list published under sub-rule (2).

(5) No polling station shall be located in any premises owned or under direct or indirect control of any candidate.

10. Presiding Officers, Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers.– The Presiding Officers, Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers shall be appointed who shall perform their functions in the manner as provided under section 24 of the Act.

11. Election Schedule.– (1) The Election Commission shall announce the Schedule for conduct of local government elections, hereinafter referred to as "Election Schedule", and shall publish it in the official Gazette for the information of general public.

(2) The Election Commission may at any time before the date of poll rescind or alter the Election Schedule published under sub-rule (1) and shall issue a revised Election Schedule.

12. Nomination for elections.– (1) A Returning Officer shall, as soon as may be, after the announcement of the Election Schedule under rule 11, give a public notice in Form-I, in respect of the constituency or constituencies for which he has been appointed as Returning Officer, inviting nominations, specifying the date(s), time and the place at which nomination papers shall be received by him.

(2) Any voter of a constituency may propose or second the name of any duly qualified person to be a candidate for an election of a member or, as the case may be, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of that constituency.

(3) Every nomination shall be made by separate nomination paper which shall be signed both by the proposer and seconder and shall, on solemn affirmation made and signed by the candidate or, as the case may be, the candidates for an election of:

- (i) the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of a Union Council as joint candidates in Form-II(A);
- (ii) general seats of a Ward of a Union Council or a Municipal committee in Form-II(B);
- ¹[(iii) Omitted * * * ;]
- ²[(iv) Omitted * * * ;]
- (v) a member of ³[a Union Council,] a District Council, a Municipal Committee, a Municipal Corporation or Metropolitan Corporation against reserved seats in Form-II(E); and
- (vi) the Chairman and the Vice Chairman or Vice Chairmen of a District Council or, as the case may be, a Municipal Committee, and the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor or Mayors of a Municipal Corporation or Metropolitan Corporation, as joint candidates, in Form-II(F):

Explanation.– For purposes of sub-rule (3)(v) and (vi), the proposer and seconder shall be the members of the local government for which the candidate or joint candidates seek an election.

(4) Every nomination paper made under sub-rule (3) shall be accompanied by the following declarations, signed by the candidate or the candidates:

- (i) that he/they have consented to the nomination and that he/they fulfill the qualifications specified in section 27(1) of the Act and is/are not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in section 27(2) of the Act or any other law for being elected as a member;
- (ii) that he/they will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Pakistan would be democratic state based on Islamic principles of social justice and

¹ Omitted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

² Omitted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

³ Inserted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that will strive to preserve the Islamic ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan;

- (iii) that he/they shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission; and
- (iv) in case of Muslim candidates, a declaration as provided in the Ninth Schedule of the Act.

(5) A statement of the assets and liabilities of the candidate and that of his spouse and dependents as on the preceding thirtieth day of June shall be annexed with the nomination papers.

(6) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate or his proposer or seconder to the Returning Officer, who shall assign a serial number to every nomination paper and endorse thereon the name of the person presenting it and acknowledge the receipt of the nomination paper specifying the date and time of receipt, and inform such person of the time, date and place at which he shall hold scrutiny.

(7) A person may be nominated for a seat in the same constituency by not more than five nomination papers.

(8) If any voter subscribes as a proposer or a seconder to more than one nomination papers in the same category of seats, all such nomination papers, except the one received first by the Returning Officer, shall be void.

(9) The Returning Officer shall publish or cause to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office a notice in Form-III of every nomination paper of all categories of seats, received by him.

(10) The objection, if any, shall be taken into consideration at the time of scrutiny of nomination papers.

13. Candidature fee.— (1) The nomination papers received under rule 12 shall not be accepted unless the amount specified in Schedule-II is paid in cash or in the form of a bank draft or pay order in favour of the Election Commission by or on behalf of the candidate and the fee so paid by or on behalf of the candidate shall be non-refundable.

(2) The cash deposit or a bank draft or a pay order, as the case may be, received by the Returning Officer shall be deposited by him in the State Bank of Pakistan or National Bank of Pakistan or Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury under the Head of Account "C03- Miscellaneous Receipts, C038- Others, C038700-Others (Election Receipts)".

(3) The receipt for the payment of the candidature fee shall be issued in Form-IV and the particulars, entered in the Register in Form-V.

(4) Not more than one candidature fee under sub-rule (1) shall be required in case of a person who has been nominated as a candidate for the same seat by more than one nomination papers.

14. Scrutiny.— (1) The scrutiny of nomination papers shall be open to the candidates, their election agents, proposers and seconders, or the persons who made objections against the nomination papers, and any voter of the constituency with the permission of the Returning Officer, before the

commencement of the scrutiny, and the Returning Officer shall give all those present reasonable opportunity for examining all nomination papers delivered to him under rule 12.

(2) The Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the persons attending the scrutiny under sub-rule (1), examine the nomination papers and decide an objection raised by any such person to a nomination.

(3) The Returning Officer may, either on his own accord or on an objection, conduct such summary inquiry as he may think fit and reject a nomination paper if he is satisfied that:

- (a) the candidate is not qualified to be elected as a member, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, or a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor;
- (b) the proposer or the seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper;
- (c) any provision of rule 12 or rule 13 has not been complied with; or
- (d) the signature or thumb impression of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine.

(4) The rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a candidate by any other valid nomination paper.

(5) The Returning officer may, for purposes of scrutiny, require any agency or authority to produce any document or record.

(6) In case of joint candidacy, the rejection of the nomination of either a Chairman or a Vice Chairman or a Mayor or a Deputy Mayor shall be construed as rejection of nomination of all those joint candidates.

(7) The Returning officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial nature and may allow such defect to be remedied forthwith, including an error with regard to the name, serial number in the electoral roll or other particulars of the candidate or his proposer or seconder so as to bring them in conformity with the corresponding entries in the electoral rolls.

(8) The Returning Officer shall not enquire into the correctness or validity of any entry in the electoral roll.

(9) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting it and, in case of rejection, record brief reasons therefor.

(10) An appeal against the decision of the Returning Officer rejecting or accepting the nomination paper of the candidate(s) may be preferred by any person present at the time of scrutiny under sub-rule (1) to the appellate authority, who shall be the District and Sessions Judge or any other judicial officer, appointed for the purpose by the Election Commission.

(11) The appeal under sub-rule (10) shall be summarily decided within such time as may be notified by the Election Commission and any order passed thereon shall be final.

(12) An appeal not disposed of within the period as notified by the Election Commission shall be deemed to have been rejected.

15. Publication of list of candidates.– (1) The Returning Officer shall, after the scrutiny of nomination papers, prepare in Form-VI, a list of validly

nominated candidates and publish the same at a conspicuous place in his office. The list of validly nominated candidates shall be prepared for each category of seats separately.

(2) In case, an appeal is accepted by the Appellate Authority under sub-rule (10) of rule 14, the Returning Officer shall revise the list of the validly nominated candidates accordingly.

(3) A copy of the list of validly nominated candidates, prepared under sub-rule (1) or revised under sub-rule (2) shall be furnished by the Returning Officer to the District Returning Officer and the Election Commission or to such other officer as may be authorized by it in this behalf.

16. Withdrawal and retirement.— (1) Any validly nominated candidate, or as the case may be, joint candidates may, by notice in writing signed by the candidate(s) and delivered to the Returning Officer on or before the withdrawal day, either by the candidate in person or by an agent, duly authorized in this behalf in writing by such candidate(s), withdraw his candidature, as the case may be, and such notice shall not be open to recall or cancellation.

(2) The authorisation in favour of an agent shall be attested by the Oath Commissioner or a Notary appointed under the Notaries Ordinance, 1961 (XIX of 1961).

(3) On receiving a notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall, if he is satisfied that the signatures on the notice are that of the candidate(s), cause a copy of the notice to be affixed at a conspicuous place in his office.

(4) The Returning Officer shall, on the day next following the withdrawal day, if the number of candidates is more than the seats fixed for each category, allocate symbols and prepare in Form-VII, a list of contesting candidates for each category of seats separately, and publish the same at a conspicuous place in his office and shall immediately provide a copy thereof to District Returning Officer and the Election Commission or such other officer as may be authorized by it in this behalf.

(5) A contesting candidate may, in the manner specified in sub-rule (1), retire from the contest on any day not later than four days before the polling day.

(6) As far as possible, the provisions of sub-rules (1), (2) and (3) shall apply to the retirement from contest under sub-rule (5), and a contesting candidate so retired shall be deemed to have withdrawn his candidature under sub-rule (1).

(7) The Returning Officer shall delete the name of the candidate who has retired from the contest under sub-rule (5) from the list of contesting candidates already prepared in Form-VII and shall revise the list in the manner laid down in sub-rule (4).

17. Death of candidate after nomination.— (1) If a contesting candidate dies before the day fixed for poll, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, terminate the proceedings relating to that election.

(2) The proceedings terminated under sub-rule (1) shall confine to the category of seat for which the deceased was a contesting candidate.

(3) Where proceedings relating to an election have been terminated under sub-rule (1), fresh proceedings shall be commenced in accordance with the provisions of these rules as if it would have been a new election.

(4) It shall not be necessary for other contesting candidates to file fresh nomination papers or to deposit fresh candidature fee.

18. Postponement of election proceedings.— Where the proceedings relating to nomination, scrutiny or withdrawal of any category of seat cannot, for reasons beyond the control of the Returning Officer, take place on the day appointed therefor, he may postpone or adjourn such proceedings of such category of seat and shall, inform the District Returning Officer and the Election Commission of his having done so, whereupon, the Election Commission shall fix another day for the proceedings so postponed or adjourned and, if necessary, also the day or days for any subsequent proceedings.

19. Uncontested election.— (1) Where, after withdrawal or retirement under rule 16, there remain only such number of contesting candidate or candidates as are equal to the number of seat or seats to be filled in each category, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, declare such candidate or candidates elected to the respective seat or seats.

(2) The Returning Officer shall submit to the District Returning Officer and the Election Commission, a return of the election in Form-XV in respect of which he has made a declaration under sub-rule (1).

(3) The Election Commission shall, after such inquiry as it may deem necessary, publish in the official Gazette the name or names of the candidate or candidates declared elected under sub-rule (1).

20. Contested election and allotment of symbols.— (1) In every constituency where election is contested, a symbol shall be allotted to a contesting candidate in accordance with the provisions of these rules and different symbols shall be allotted to different candidates at an election in the same constituency.

(2) A candidate nominated by a political party at an election in any constituency shall be allotted the symbol reserved for that political party by the Election Commission.

(3) The symbol reserved for a political party by the Election Commission shall not be allocated to any candidate in any constituency other than the candidate nominated by the political party.

(4) A candidate not nominated by any political party shall be considered an independent candidate and shall be allotted a symbol in the manner prescribed in Schedule-I.

(5) The Returning Officer shall, immediately after allotment of symbols:

- (a) publish at a conspicuous place in his office, the names of contesting candidates of all the categories of seat separately, arranged in Urdu alphabetical order specifying against each candidate the symbol allotted to him in Form-VII;
- (b) provide a copy of Form-VII to the District Returning Officer and the Election Commission or such other officer as may be authorized by it in this behalf; and
- (c) give a public notice of the hours of poll in Form-VIII.

(6) The Returning Officer shall arrange to exhibit prominently at each polling station the name and symbol of each contesting candidate of all categories of seats.

21. Election agent.– (1) A candidate may appoint a person, qualified to be elected as a member, to be his election agent.

(2) The appointment of an election agent may, at any time, be revoked in writing by the candidate and, when it is so revoked or the election agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate to be his election agent.

(3) When an election agent is appointed, the candidate shall send to the Returning Officer a notice in writing of the appointment, containing the name, father's name, address and specimen signatures of the election agent along with a copy of his National Identity Card.

22. Polling agent.– (1) The contesting candidates nominated by a political party for election to more than one category of seats in a Union Council and an independent contesting candidate, before the commencement of the poll, may appoint a polling agent for each polling booth of a polling station and shall give notice thereof in writing to the presiding officer.

(2) The political party and an independent candidate may at any time revoke the appointment of a polling agent made under sub-rule (1), and where it is so revoked, or in the event of death of the polling agent, another person may be appointed as polling agent in the manner as provided under sub-rule (1).

23. Absence of candidates and their agents not to invalidate election process.– Where any act or thing is required to be done under these rules in the presence of the candidate, an election agent or a polling agent, the failure of such person to attend at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not invalidate any act or thing otherwise validly done.

24. Hours of the poll.– The Election Commission shall fix the hours which shall not be less than eight hours, during which the poll shall be held and the Returning Officer shall give a public notice of the hours so fixed in Form-VIII and hold the poll accordingly.

25. Stopping of poll.– (1) The Presiding Officer of a polling station shall stop the poll and inform the Returning Officer that he has done so if:

- (a) the poll at the polling station is, at any time, so interrupted or obstructed for reasons beyond the control of the Presiding Officer that it cannot be resumed during the polling hours fixed under rule 24; or
- (b) any ballot box used at the polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Presiding Officer, or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost, or is damaged or tampered with, to such an extent, that the results of the poll at the polling station cannot be ascertained.

(2) Where a poll has been stopped under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall immediately report the circumstances to the District Returning Officer who shall inform the Election Commission in writing and the Election Commission shall direct a fresh poll at that polling station and fix a date for such poll, unless it is satisfied that the result of the election has been determined on the basis of the polling that has already taken place at that polling station,

taken into account the results of the polling at other polling stations, in the same Union Council or Ward as the case may be.

(3) Where an order is made under sub-rule (2), the Election Commission shall notify the day for a fresh poll and fix the place at which and the hours during which such fresh poll shall be held, and the Returning Officer shall give notice of day so appointed and the place and hours so fixed.

(4) Where a fresh poll is held under sub-rule (3) at a polling station, all voters entitled to cast vote shall be allowed to vote and the votes cast earlier at the poll so stopped under sub-rule (1) shall not be counted; and, the provisions of the Act and these rules shall apply to such poll.

26. Ballot boxes.– (1) The Election Commission shall provide each Returning Officer with such number of ballot boxes, as may be necessary, of such material and design as may be approved by it.

(2) The Returning Officer shall provide each Presiding Officer with such number of ballot boxes as may be necessary for each polling station.

(3) Not more than one ballot box shall be used at a time for the purpose of the poll at each polling booth of a polling station.

(4) The Presiding Officer, before the time fixed for the commencement of the poll, shall:

- (a) ensure that every ballot box to be used is empty;
- (b) show the empty ballot box to the contesting candidates, their election agents and polling agents, whoever may be present and record their statements in this behalf and obtain their signatures thereon;
- (c) after the ballot box has been shown to be empty, close and seal it with the seals provided for the purpose; and
- (d) place the ballot box so as to be conveniently accessible to the voters, and at the same time within his view and within the view of such candidates or their election or polling agents as may be present.

(5) If one ballot box is full or cannot further be used for receiving ballot papers, the Presiding Officer shall seal that ballot box and keep it in a secure place and use another ballot box in the manner laid down in sub-rule (4).

(6) A Presiding Officer shall make such arrangements at the polling station that every voter may be able to mark his ballot paper in secret before the same is folded and inserted in the ballot box.

27. Admission to polling station.– The Presiding Officer shall, subject to such instructions as the Election Commission may give in this behalf, regulate the number of voters to be admitted to the polling station at a time and exclude from the polling station all other persons except:

- (a) any person on duty in connection with the election;
- (b) the contesting candidates, their election agents and polling agents; and
- (c) such other persons as may be specifically permitted by the Election commission or the Returning Officer.

28. Maintenance of order at the polling station.– (1) The Presiding Officer shall keep order at the polling station and may remove or cause to be removed any person who commits misconduct at the polling station or fails to obey any lawful orders of the Presiding Officer.

(2) Any person removed under sub-rule (1) from a polling station shall not, without the permission of the Presiding Officer, again enter the polling station during the poll and shall if he is accused of an offence in a polling station, be liable to be arrested without warrant by a police officer.

(3) The powers under sub-rule (2) shall be so exercised not to deprive a voter of an opportunity to cast his vote at the polling station at which he is entitled to vote.

29. Ballot Paper.– A ballot paper of such colour and design as may be prescribed by the Election Commission for the election of a Union Council and wards of a Municipal Committee and it shall bear the names of contesting candidates along with symbols allotted to them.

30. Voting procedure.– (1) Where a voter presents himself at the polling station to vote, the Presiding Officer shall issue a ballot paper to the voter after satisfying himself about the identity of the voter, and shall, for that purpose, require the voter to produce his national identity card.

(2) Before the ballot paper or ballot papers are issued to a voter:

- (a) the number and name of the voter as entered in electoral roll shall be called out;
- (b) the entry relating to the voter on the electoral roll shall be struck off to indicate that the ballot paper or ballot papers has or have been issued to him;
- (c) he shall be required to receive a personal mark, made with indelible ink, on any finger of either hand as indicated by the Election Commission;
- (c) the ballot paper shall be stamped on its back with the official mark and signed by the Presiding Officer; and
- (d) the Presiding Officer shall record on the counterfoil of the ballot paper the number of the voter on the electoral roll, the number of National Identity Card of the voter, stamp it with the official mark, sign it and obtain on it the thumb impression of the voter.

(3) A ballot paper shall not be issued to a person who:

- (a) fails or refuses to produce his National Identity Card;
- (b) refuses to put his thumb impression on the counterfoil or whose thumb bears traces of its having already been used for putting an impression; and
- (c) refuses to receive the personal mark with indelible ink or who already bears such a mark or traces of such a mark.

(4) If a contesting candidate or his election or polling agent alleges that a voter to whom a ballot paper is about to be issued already has one or more ballot papers in his possession, the Presiding Officer may require the voter to satisfy him that he does not have any other ballot paper in his possession and

may also take such measures as he thinks fit to ensure that such voter does not insert more than one ballot paper for each category of seats in the ballot box.

- (5) The voter, on receiving the ballot paper shall –
- (a) forthwith proceed to the place reserved for marking the ballot paper;
 - (b) put the prescribed mark on the ballot paper at any place within the space containing the symbol of contesting candidate for whom he wishes to vote; and
 - (c) after he has so marked the ballot paper fold and insert it in the ballot box.

(6) Where a voter is blind or otherwise so incapacitated that he cannot vote without the assistance of a companion, the Presiding Officer shall allow him such assistance and thereupon such voter may do with such assistance anything which a voter is required or permitted to do under these rules.

(7) The voter shall vote without undue delay and shall leave the polling station immediately after he has inserted his ballot paper(s) in the ballot box.

31. Tendered ballot paper.– (1) If a person representing himself to be a voter applies for a ballot paper when another person has already represented himself to be that voter and has voted under the name of the person so applying, he shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this rule, to receive a ballot paper (hereinafter referred to as "Tendered Ballot Paper") in the same manner as any other voter.

(2) A ballot paper issued under sub-rule (1) shall, after it has been marked and folded by the voter, be placed in the same condition in separate packet bearing the label "Tendered Ballot Papers" instead of being placed in the ballot box, and shall not be included in the count by the Presiding Officer or the Returning Officer.

(3) The name of the person applying for a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) and his number on the electoral roll shall be entered in a list (hereinafter referred to as the "Tendered Votes List") to be prepared in Form-IX by the Presiding Officer.

32. Challenge of voters.– (1) If, at the time a person applies for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting, a candidate or his polling agent declares to the Presiding Officer that he has reasonable cause to believe that the person has already voted at the election, at the same or another polling station, or is not the person against whose name entered in the electoral roll he is seeking to vote, and undertakes to prove the charge in a court of law and deposits with the Presiding Officer in cash a sum of fifty rupees for each such challenge, the Presiding Officer may, after warning the person of the consequences and obtaining on the counterfoil his thumb impression and, if he is literate, also his signature, issue a ballot paper (hereinafter referred to as "challenged ballot paper") to that person.

(2) If the Presiding Officer issues a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) to such person he shall enter the name and address of that person in a list to be prepared by him (hereinafter referred to as the "Challenged Votes List") in Form-X, and obtain thereon the thumb impression and, if he is literate, also the signature of that person.

(3) A ballot paper issued under sub-rule (1), shall, after it has been marked and folded by the voter, be placed in a separate packet bearing the label "Challenged Ballot Paper", instead of being inserted in the ballot box.

33. Spoilt ballot paper.– (1) A voter who has inadvertently so spoilt his ballot paper that it cannot be used as a valid ballot paper may, upon proving the fact of inadvertence to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and returning the ballot paper to him, obtain another ballot paper and cast his vote by such other ballot paper.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall forthwith cancel the ballot paper returned to him under sub-rule (1), make a note to that effect on the counterfoil over his own signature and sign the cancelled ballot paper and place it in a separate packet labeled "Spoilt Ballot Papers".

(3) If a ballot paper issued to a voter has not been inserted by him into the ballot box and is found anywhere in or near the polling station, it shall be cancelled and also accounted for as "Spoilt Ballot Paper".

34. Voting after close of poll.– No person shall be given any ballot paper or be permitted to vote after the hour fixed for the close of the poll, except the persons who at that hour are present within the building, room, tent or enclosure in which the polling station is situated and have not voted but are waiting to vote.

35. Proceedings at the close of the poll.– (1) The Presiding Officer shall count the votes immediately after the close of the poll, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates, election agents and polling agents as may be present.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall give such of the contesting candidates, election agents and polling agents as may be present, reasonable facility of observing the count and give them such information with respect to the count as can be given consistent with the orderly conduct of the count and the discharge of his duties in connection therewith.

(3) No person other than the Presiding Officer, the Polling Officer, any other person on duty in connection with the poll, the contesting candidates, their election agents and polling agents shall be present at the count.

(4) Subject to the directions of the Election Commission, the Presiding Officer shall:

- (a) open the used ballot box(s) and count the entire lot of ballot papers taken out therefrom;
- (b) open the packet labeled "Challenged Ballot Paper" and count them; and
- (c) count the votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate excluding from the count the ballot papers, which bear:
 - (i) no official mark and signature of the presiding officer;
 - (ii) any writing or any mark other than the official mark, the signature of the presiding officer and the prescribed mark or to which a piece of paper or any other object of any kind has been attached;
 - (iii) no prescribed mark to indicate the contesting candidate for whom the voter has voted; or

- (iv) any mark from which it is not clear for whom the voter has voted; provided that a ballot paper shall be deemed to have been marked in favour of a candidate if the whole or more than half of the area of the prescribed mark appears clearly within the space containing the symbol of that candidate; and
- (v) where the prescribed mark is divided equally between two such spaces, the ballot paper shall be deemed to be invalid.

(5) The Presiding Officer may recount the votes:

- (a) of his own motion if he considers it necessary; or
- (b) upon the request of a contesting candidate or an election agent present, if, in his opinion, the request is reasonable.

(6) The valid ballot papers cast in favour of each contesting candidate shall be put in separate packets and each such packet shall be sealed and shall contain a certificate as to the number of ballot papers put in it and shall also indicate the nature of the contents thereof, specifying the name and symbol of the contesting candidate to whom the packet relates.

(7) The ballot papers excluded from the count shall be put in a separate packet indicating thereon the total number of ballot papers contained therein.

(8) The packets mentioned in sub-rules (6) and (7) shall be put in a principal packet which shall be sealed by the Presiding Officer.

(9) The Presiding Officer shall, immediately after the count, prepare a statement of the count in Form-XI showing therein the number of valid votes polled by each contesting candidate and the ballot papers excluded from the count.

(10) The statement of the count shall be prepared by the Presiding Officer for each category of seats separately.

(11) The Presiding Officer shall also prepare in Form-XII, for each category of seats, a ballot paper account showing separately the number of:

- (a) ballot papers entrusted to him;
- (b) ballot papers taken out of the ballot box or boxes and counted;
- (c) tendered ballot papers;
- (d) challenged ballot papers;
- (e) spoilt ballot papers; and
- (f) un-issued ballot papers.

(12) The Presiding officer shall, if so requested by any candidate or election agent or polling agent present, deliver a certified copy of the statement of the count and the ballot paper account and obtain a receipt for such copy.

(13) The Presiding Officer shall seal in separate packets:

- (a) the un-issued ballot papers;
- (b) the spoilt ballot papers;
- (c) the tendered ballot papers;
- (d) the challenged ballot papers

- (e) the marked copies of the electoral rolls;
- (f) the counterfoils of the used ballot papers;
- (g) the tendered votes' list;
- (h) the challenged votes' list; and
- (i) such other papers as the Returning Officer may direct.

(14) The Presiding Officer shall obtain on each statement and packet prepared under this rule, the signatures of such contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents as may present and if any such person refuses to sign, the Presiding Officer shall record that fact.

(15) After the close of the proceedings under the foregoing sub-rules, the Presiding Officer, shall, in compliance with such instructions as may be given by the Election Commission, cause the packets, the statement of the count and the ballot paper account prepared by him to be sent to the Returning Officer together with such other record as the Election Commission may direct.

36. Consolidation of results.— (1) The Returning Officer shall give the contesting candidates and their election agents a notice of the day, time and place fixed for the consolidation of the results and publish the same at a conspicuous place in his office.

(2) Before consolidating the results of the count, the Returning Officer shall examine the ballot papers excluded from the count by the Presiding Officers and if he finds that any such ballot paper should not have been so excluded, count it as a valid ballot paper cast in favour of the contesting candidate for whom the vote had otherwise been cast.

(3) The ballot papers rejected by the Returning Officer under sub-rule (2) shall be shown separately in the consolidated statement.

(4) The Returning Officer shall consolidate in Form-XIII, separately for each category of seats, the results of the count furnished by the Presiding Officers.

(5) The Returning Officer may recount the valid ballot papers before consolidation of results: -

- (a) upon the request or challenge in writing made by, a contesting candidate or his election agent and if, the Returning Officer is satisfied that the request or the challenge is reasonable; or
- (b) if so directed by the Election Commission.

37. Equality of votes.— (1) Where, after consolidation of the results of the count under rule 36, it appears that there is equality of votes between two or more contesting candidates and the addition of one vote for one such candidate would entitle him to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith draw a lot in respect of such candidates, and the candidate on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to have received the highest number of votes, entitling him to be declared elected.

(2) The lot shall be drawn in the presence of such contesting candidates and their election agents as may be present.

(3) The Returning Officer shall keep a record of the proceedings in writing, and obtain thereon the signatures of such candidates and election

agents, as have been witness to the proceedings and if any such person refuses to sign, such fact shall be recorded.

38. Declaration of results.– (1) The Returning Officer shall, immediately after the consolidation of results under rule 36 or drawal of lot under rule 37 shall submit to the District Returning Officer, a return of the election in Form-XIV together with a copy of the consolidated statement in Form XIII, the name or names of the returned candidate or candidates of each category of seats.

(2) The Returning Officer shall also send a copy of Form-XIII and Form-XIV to the Election Commission or any of its officer authorised in this behalf.

(3) Subject to the directions of the Election Commission, the District Returning Officer shall arrange the names of returned candidates of all the Union Councils, or as the case may be, wards, for each local area of the District separately and forward the same to the Election Commission for publication in the official Gazette.

(4) The Election Commission shall publish in the official Gazette the names of the returned candidates.

39. Independent returned candidate may join a political party.– An independent candidate elected under the Act and these rules may join a political party within seven days of publication in the official gazette of the names of returned candidates.

CHAPTER-V

⁴[RESERVED SEATS IN METROPOLITAN CORPORATION, MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, DISTRICT COUNCILS, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND UNION COUNCILS]

40. Election against reserved seats.– ⁵[(1) Subject to the rules, the Election Commission shall organize and conduct the election to the seats reserved for women, peasants or workers, technocrats, youth and non-Muslims in Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporations and District Councils, and election to the seats reserved for women, peasants or workers, youth and non-Muslims in the Municipal Committees and Union Councils.]

(2) For the conduct of elections under this Chapter, the provisions of Chapter IV in so far as, are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter shall, as far as possible, apply.

⁶[(3) A contesting candidate or candidates obtaining the highest number of votes in a category shall be declared as elected against the seat or seats specified for that category.]

41. List of voters.– The list of elected members eligible to vote and constituting an electoral college for the election of the members under this Chapter shall be provided to the Returning Officer by the Election Commission.

⁷**[42. Election schedule.**– As soon as the electoral college for purposes of election under this Chapter is constituted, the Election Commission shall notify

⁴ Substituted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

⁵ Substituted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

⁶ Inserted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

⁷ Substituted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

in the official Gazette, election schedule for election to fill the seats reserved for women, peasants or workers, technocrats, youth and non-Muslims in Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporations and District Councils, and for election to fill the seats reserved for women, peasants or workers, youth and non-Muslims in Municipal Committees and the Union Councils, and shall call upon:

- (a) the directly elected members from the wards of a Municipal Committee to elect members against reserved seats of the Municipal Committee;
- (b) the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and general members of a Union Council to elect members against reserved seats of the Union Council; and
- (c) the Chairmen of the Union Councils to elect members against reserved seats of the District Council, Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Corporation.]

43. Nomination for election.– (1) A member of an electoral college may propose or second the name of any person who is registered voter of any electoral area forming part of the respective local government to be a candidate for the election under this Chapter.

(2) Any member of an electoral college may propose or second the nominations in more than one category but not more than one nomination in the same category of reserved seats.

44. Ballot Paper.– A ballot paper of such colour and design as may be prescribed by the Election Commission for the election under this Chapter shall bear the name of a contesting candidate along with the symbol allotted to him.

45. Polling scheme.– For the election under this Chapter ⁸[as far as practicable], the official premises of the respective local government shall be the polling station in a ⁹[Union Council,] Municipal Committee, District Council, Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Corporation, as the case may be.

46. Declaration of results.– The Returning Officer shall forward to the Election Commission, the names of the returned members against reserved seats in Form-XIV for publication in the official Gazette.

CHAPTER-VI

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

47. Election to be held on joint candidacy.– (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and these rules, the Election Commission shall organise and conduct the elections of a Chairman and Vice Chairman or as the case may be Vice Chairmen of a District Council and a Municipal Committee, and a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor, or as the case may be Deputy Mayors of a Municipal Corporation and a Metropolitan Corporation on the basis of joint candidacy, in the manner

⁸ Inserted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

⁹ Inserted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

provided under this Chapter, after the administration of oath to the returned candidates against reserved seats of the local governments.

(2) For the conduct of elections under this Chapter, the provisions of Chapter IV in so far as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter shall, as far as possible, apply.

48. List of voters.— The list of elected members eligible to vote and constituting an electoral college for the election of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman or as the case may be, Vice Chairmen of a District Council and a Municipal Committee, and a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor, or as the case may be, Deputy Mayors of a Municipal Corporation and a Metropolitan Corporation, shall be provided to the Returning Officer by the Election Commission.

49. Nomination for Election.— (1) A member of an electoral college may propose and second the name of any other member of the respective local government to be a candidate for the election under this Chapter.

(2) Any member of an electoral college may propose or second not more than one nomination papers of joint candidates.

50. Election schedule.— The Election Commission shall notify an Election Schedule and call upon the members of a District Council, a Municipal Committee, a Municipal Corporation and a Metropolitan Corporation to elect Chairman and Vice Chairman or, as the case may be, Vice Chairmen, and Mayor and Deputy Mayor or Deputy Mayors of their respective local governments.

51. Ballot Paper.— A ballot paper of such colour and design as may be prescribed by the Election Commission for the election under this Chapter shall bear the names and symbol of joint candidates, contesting election.

52. Polling scheme.— For the election under this Chapter, the official premises of the respective local government shall be the polling station.

53. Declaration of results.— The Returning Officer shall forward to the Election Commission, the names of the returned candidates in Form-XIV, for publication in the official Gazette.

CHAPTER-VII OATH OF OFFICE

54. Oath of Office.— (1) After the notification of the names of the returned candidates to the seats of Union Councils and wards of Municipal Committees, they shall take oath of office before such judicial officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

(2) After notification of the members elected against reserved seats of the local governments, ¹⁰[* * *] they shall take oath of office before such judicial officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

(3) After the notification of the election of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of District Councils and Municipal Committees, and Mayors and Deputy Mayors of Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation, they shall take oath of office before such judicial officer as the Election Commission may nominate.

¹⁰ Omitted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

(4) The officer nominated to administer oath shall notify to the elected members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of District Councils, Municipal Committees, Union Councils and Mayors and Deputy Mayors of Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation of the date, time and place of the oath.

(5) The Chairmen of District Councils, Municipal Committees, Union Councils and Mayors of Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation shall take oath in the form specified in Schedule-III.

(6) The Vice Chairmen of District Councils, Municipal Committees, Union Councils and Deputy Mayors of Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation shall take oath in the form specified in Schedule-IV.

(7) The members-elect shall take oath in the form specified in Schedule-V.

(8) Any person who was unable to take oath under the aforesaid sub-rules, may take oath of office before the nominated officer on such date, time and place as may be appointed by him.

(9) After taking the oath of office of every member, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall affix his signature on the form of oath and it shall be signed by the nominated Officer.

(10) The officer administering oath shall forward to the Election Commission a list of persons who have taken oath.

(11) All forms of the oath of office shall be kept in record of the local government and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Election Commission.

CHAPTER-VIII

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AFTER THE POLL

55. Resealing of packets and supply of copies. – The Returning Officer shall:

- (a) immediately after preparing the consolidated statement and the return of elections, re-seal packets and statements opened by him for the purpose of consolidation, permitting such of the candidates and their election agents as may be present to sign the packets and affix their seals to such packets if they so desire; and
- (b) supply duly attested copies of the consolidated statement and the return of elections to such of the candidates and their agents as may desire to obtain them.

56. Election record.– (1) The Returning Officer shall forward to the Election Commission or an officer authorized by him in that behalf:

- (a) packets containing the ballot papers each of which shall be sealed with the seal of the Presiding Officer, or, if opened by the Returning Officer, with the seal of the Returning Officer;
- (b) packets containing the counterfoils of issued ballot papers;
- (c) the packets containing the marked copies of the electoral rolls;
- (d) the packets containing the ballot paper account;

- (e) a packet containing the tendered ballot papers, the challenged ballot papers, the tendered votes list and the challenged votes list; and
- (f) such other papers as the Election Commission may direct.

(2) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each packet forwarded under sub-rule (1) the description of its contents, the date of the election to which the contents relate, the name of the constituency for which the election was held.

(3) The Election Commission shall retain the documents contained in the packets received under sub-rule (1) for a period of one year from the date of their receipt, and thereafter shall, unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal or any court of competent jurisdiction, cause them to be destroyed.

(4) The documents received under sub-rule (3) shall be kept in safe custody at such place as is directed by the Election Commission.

57. Public inspection of documents.— The documents retained under rule 56, except the ballot papers, shall be open to public inspection at such time and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Election Commission, upon an application made in this behalf and on payment of such fee as may be fixed by the Election Commission and the copies thereof, or extracts therefrom may be obtained by any voter of the local area, on written application and payment of fee as determined by the Election Commission.

58. Order for production of documents.— (1) A tribunal may order the opening of packets of counterfoils and certificates or the inspection of any accounted ballot papers.

(2) An order under sub-rule (1) may be made subject to such conditions as to persons, time, place and mode of inspection, production of documents and opening of packets as the tribunal making the order may think expedient.

(3) Where an order is made under sub-rule (1) the production by the Returning Officer of any document in such manner as may be directed by the order shall be conclusive evidence that the document relates to the election specified in the order, and any endorsement or any packet of ballot papers so produced shall be *prima facie* evidence that the ballot papers are according to the endorsement made thereon.

(4) The production from proper custody of a ballot paper purporting to have been used at an election, and of a counterfoil having a number, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the voter whose vote was given by that ballot paper was the voter whose National Identity Card number was written on the counterfoil.

(5) Save as provided in this rule, no person shall be allowed to inspect any rejected or counted ballot paper.

CHAPTER-IX ELECTION EXPENSES

59. Election expenses.— (1) In this Chapter, “election expenses” means any expenditure incurred or payment made, whether by way of gift, loan, advance, deposit or otherwise, for the arrangement, conduct or benefit of, or in connection with, or incidental to the election of a candidate including the expenditure on account of issuing circulars or publications or otherwise presenting to the electors, the candidate or his views, aims or objects; but does not include the deposit made under rule 13.

(2) No candidate shall incur expenses on his elections exceeding the amount specified in Schedule-VI.

60. Statement of election expenses.– (1) Every contesting candidate shall, within thirty days of the publication of names of the returned candidates in the official Gazette, submit to the Returning Officer a statement of election expenses in Form-XVI containing an account of all payments made by the contesting candidate together with all the bills and receipts.

(2) The statement, submitted under sub-rule (1), shall be accompanied by an affidavit sworn by the contesting candidate.

61. Inspection of statements.– (1) The statement and documents submitted under rule 60 shall be kept by the Returning Officer in his office or at such other convenient place as he may think fit and shall, during one year from the date of their receipt, keep open to inspection by any person on payment of fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Election Commission.

(2) The Returning Officer shall, on an application made in this behalf and on payment of fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Election Commission, give any person copies of any statement or document kept under sub-rule (1) or of any part thereof.

CHAPTER-X ELECTION PETITIONS

62. Election petition.– (1) No election shall be called in question except by an election petition made by a candidate for that election (hereinafter referred to as the "petitioner").

(2) An election petition shall be presented to the tribunal appointed by the Election Commission within thirty days of the publication in the official Gazette of the names of the returned candidate and shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that the petitioner has deposited in a scheduled bank in favour of the Election Commission a sum of rupees two thousand as fee for the petition.

(3) An election petition shall be presented by a petitioner and shall be deemed to have been presented, when it is delivered in person by the petitioner, or by a person authorized in this behalf by him, to the tribunal appointed by the Election Commission for the purpose.

63. Parties to the petition.– (1) The petitioner shall join all contesting candidates as respondents to his election petition and shall serve personally or by registered post (acknowledgement due) on each respondent a copy of his petition.

(2) The Election Commission, its Officer, District Returning Officer, Returning Officer and a person appointed in connection with conduct of an election shall not be impleaded as parties in the election petition.

64. Contents of petition.– (1) Every election petition shall contain:

- (a) a precise statement of the material facts on which the petitioner relies;
- (b) full particulars of any corrupt or illegal practice or other illegal act alleged to have been committed, including as far as possible a statement of the names of the parties alleged to have committed such corrupt or illegal practice or illegal act and the date and place of the commission of such practice or act; and

(c) the relief claimed by the petitioner.

(2) A petitioner may claim as relief any of the following declarations:

(a) that the election of the returned candidate is void and that the petitioner or some other person has been duly elected, or

(b) that the election as a whole is void.

(3) Every election petition and every schedule or annex to that petition shall be signed by the petitioner and verified in the manner laid down in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908), for the verification of pleadings.

65. Appointment of tribunal.— For the trial of election petitions under these rules, the Election Commission may appoint as many tribunals as may be necessary under section 39 of the Act.

66. Place of trial.— The trial of an election petition shall be held at such place or places as the tribunal may think fit.

67. Appearance before tribunal.— (1) Any appearance, application or act before a tribunal may be made or done by a party in person or through an authorised agent or advocate.

(2) The tribunal may, if it considers necessary, direct any party to appear in person.

68. Procedure before tribunal.— (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules, every election petition shall be tried, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the procedure for the trial of suits under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908):

(2) The tribunal may:

(a) where the election petition claims relief for a declaration that the election of the returned candidate is void on the ground that the returned candidate was not, on the nomination day, qualified for, or was disqualified from being elected as a member, decide the question of such qualification or disqualification as preliminary issue;

(b) require the parties to file within fifteen days of the date on which the case is fixed for evidence, a list of witnesses whom they propose to produce to give evidence or to produce documents, mentioning against the name of each witness a precise of the evidence that each witness is expected to give;

(c) make a memorandum of the substance of the evidence of each witness as his examination proceeds unless it considers that there is a special reason for taking down the evidence of any witness in full;

(d) refuse to examine a witness if it considers that his evidence is not material or that he has been called on a frivolous or vexatious ground, for the purpose of delaying the proceedings or defeating the ends of justice; and

(e) refuse to issue any summons for the appearance of any witness unless, within three days following the date on which the parties are called upon to produce their evidence, any party intimates the tribunal that it desires a witness to be summoned through the tribunal and the tribunal is satisfied that it is not possible or practicable for such party to produce the witness.

(3) The tribunal may permit the evidence of any witness to be given by means of an affidavit.

(4) If the tribunal deems fit, it may call such witness for the purpose of examination before it.

(5) The tribunal may, at any time, on such terms and on payment of such costs as it may direct, allow a petition to be amended in such a manner as may, in its opinion, be necessary for ensuring a fair and effective trial and for determining the real questions in controversy, provided that no new ground of challenge to the election is permitted to be raised.

69. Decision on the petition.– The tribunal may, on conclusion of trial of an election petition, make an order in accordance with the provisions of sections 41 to 45 of the Act.

70. Dismissal of petition during trial.– The tribunal may dismiss an election petition if-

- (a) the provisions of rules 67 and 68 have not been complied with; or
- (b) the allegations contained therein are vague or do not disclose the commission of any corrupt practice, material irregularity or any other illegal act.

71. Abatement on death of petitioner.– An election petition shall abate on the death of a sole petitioner or of the sole survivor of several petitioners.

72. Death or withdrawal of respondent.– If, before the trial of an election petition, a respondent dies or gives notice in writing that he does not intend to contest the petition, and no respondent remains to contest the petition, the Tribunal shall without any further hearing or after giving such person as it may think fit an opportunity of being heard, decide the case ex parte.

73. Failure of petitioner to appear.– Subject to rule 72, where at any stage of the trial of an election petition, the petitioner fails to appear either in person or through authorized agent, the tribunal may dismiss the petition for default and make such order as to costs as it may think fit.

74. Order as to costs.– (1) The tribunal shall, when making an order under rule 73 also make an order determining in its discretion the costs and specifying the persons by and to whom such costs are to be paid.

(2) If, in any order as to costs under sub-rule (1) there is a direction for the payment of costs by any party to any person, such costs shall, if they have not already been paid, be payable in full and shall, upon application in writing in that behalf made to the tribunal within sixty days of the order by the person to whom costs have been awarded, be paid as far as possible, out of costs deposited by such party.

(3) Any order for costs may be enforced upon an application in writing made to the principal civil court of original jurisdiction of the district in which the local government to which the disputed election relates is situated, as if such order were a decree passed by that court.

(4) No proceeding shall be brought under sub-rule (1) except in respect of costs which have not been recovered through an application under sub-rule (2).

75. Withdrawal of petition.– (1) An election petition may be withdrawn by leave of the tribunal.

(2) Where leave is granted by the tribunal, the petitioner shall be ordered to pay the costs incurred by respondents to the election petition or such portion thereof as the tribunal may direct.

76. Supply of copies of decision on petition.– (1) Copies of any interim or final orders passed by the tribunal on any election petition may be furnished to the parties to the petition by the tribunal on application in writing.

(2) The fee for supply of copies under sub-rule (1), shall be ten rupees for each page.

(3) Every application for the supply of copies under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by court fee stamps of the requisite value.

77. Retention of the record.– The tribunal shall, after an election petition has been disposed of, forward the record thereof to the Election Commission which shall retain such record for a period of one year from the date of its receipt and shall thereafter cause it to be destroyed except the record of those petitions which are *sub judice* before any court of competent jurisdiction.

CHAPTER-XI MISCELLANEOUS

78. Powers of Election Commission.– Save as otherwise provided, the Commission may:

- (a) stop the polls at any stage of the election if it is convinced that it shall not be able to ensure the conduct of the election justly, fairly and in accordance with law due to large scale malpractices, including coercion, intimidation and pressures, prevailing at the election;
- (b) review an order passed by an officer under the Act or the rules, including rejection of a ballot paper; and
- (c) issue such instructions and exercise such powers, and make such consequential orders, as may in its opinion, be necessary for ensuring that an election is conducted honestly, justly and fairly, and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules.

79. Report by the District Returning Officer.– Within a month of the holding of the election, the District Returning Officer shall submit to the Provincial Election Commission a detailed report about the conduct of the election specifying:

- (a) all the arrangements made for the election;
- (b) total number of the voters and the actual number of votes cast;
- (c) any incident which affected or could have affected smooth polling; and
- (d) such other information as may be required by the Election Commission.

80. Report by the Provincial Election Commission.– The Provincial Election Commission on receipt of reports from the District Returning Officers shall draw up a comprehensive report on the elections held in the Province and send to the Election Commission for printing and publication.

81. Repeal.– The Punjab Local Governments (Conduct of Elections) Rules 2013, notified vide notification SOR(LG)38-12/2013, dated 06.11.2013 are hereby repealed.

¹¹[**SCHEDULE-I**
[see rule 20(4)]]

LIST OF SYMBOLS
(FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES)
(Part-A)

1. Subject to the directions of the Election Commission, a candidate not nominated by any political party for direct election shall be considered as an independent candidate and shall be allotted one of the symbols specified by the Election Commission for independent candidates.
2. The Returning Officer shall, as far as possible, have regard to any preference indicated by the candidate.
3. If in any constituency, the number of contesting candidates exceeds the number of symbols specified by the Election Commission for independent candidates, the Returning Officer may, with the approval of the Election Commission, introduce additional symbols before the date fixed for allotment of symbols.

(Part-B)

1. For election to the reserved seats in a local government, as well as election to the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Mayor and Deputy Mayor as joint candidates in District Councils, Municipal Committees, Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation, subject to the direction of the Election Commission, the Returning Officer shall allot the symbols as specified in this Part.
2. If in any constituency, the number of contesting candidates exceeds the number of the following available symbols, the Returning Officer may, with the approval of the Election Commission, introduce additional symbols before the date fixed for allotment of symbols.

Category-I (Chairman and Vice Chairman / Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as joint candidates) of District Councils, Municipal Committees, Municipal Corporations and Metropolitan Corporation

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Audio cassette | 2. Air Conditioner |
| 3. Refrigerator | 4. Flower Vase |
| 5. Goat | 6. Guitar |
| 7. Transformer | 8. Jar |
| 9. Calculator | 10.Screw |

Category-II (Women seats)

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Almirah | 2. Bangles |
| 3. Pressure Cooker | 4. Dressing Table |
| 5. Diamond | 6. Gramophone |
| 7. Roller of Wood | 8. Tongs |

¹¹ Substituted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

Category-III (Peasants/Workers seats)

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bottle | 2. Drum |
| 3. Energy Saver Bulb | 4. Electric Heater |
| 5. Tiffin | 6. Tooth Brush |
| 7. Anchor | 8. Brick Wall |

Category-IV (Youth seats)

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Calendar | 2. Hanger |
| 3. Hut | 4. Giraffe |
| 5. Laptop Computer | 6. Suit Case |
| 7. Triangle | 8. Tub |

Category-V (non-Muslims seats)

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Corn | 2. Rope |
| 3. Moustaches | 4. Oil Stove |
| 5. Lamb | 6. Ice Cream |
| 7. Coconut | 8. Geyser |

Category-VI (Technocrats seats)

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Duck | 2. Saddle |
| 3. Keyboard of computer | 4. Mushroom (Khumbi) |
| 5. Spoon | 6. Cake |
| 7. Walking Stick | 8. Zebra] |

Schedule-II
[See Rule 13]

CANDIDATURE FEE

Candidature fee to be paid along with nomination form under Rule 13:

| | | |
|----|---|-------------|
| 1. | Mayor and Deputy Mayor as joint candidates | Rs.20,000/- |
| 2. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of District Council as joint candidates | Rs.20,000 |
| 3. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of Municipal Committee as joint candidates | Rs.10,000/- |
| 4. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of Union Council as joint candidates | Rs.5,000/- |
| 5. | Members against reserved seats in District Council, Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Corporation | Rs.3,000/- |
| 6. | General members of wards of Union Councils & Municipal Committees and members against reserved seats in Union Councils. | Rs.2,000/- |

SCHEDULE-III

[see rule 54(5)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Chairman and Mayor

I, _____ S/O, W/O, D/O _____ elected as _____ of _____ District hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslims) affirm;

That I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strengthen its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through good governance, effective delivery of services, participatory and transparent decision making.

That I shall discharge my duties and functions under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013, rules and bye-laws honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That I shall act in accordance with law and rules, and that as Head of the Local Government, I shall ensure that the business of the Local Government within the scope of my responsibility is carried out lawfully, diligently and consistent with the policy goals of the Government.

That I shall observe and obey all lawful directions given to me by the Government.

That I shall not allow any personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions.

That I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

Signature of Declarant

**Signature and seal
of Presiding Officer**

SCHEDULE-IV

[see rule 54(6)]

OATH OF OFFICE**Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor**

I, _____ S/O, W/O, D/O _____ elected as Vice Chairman / Deputy Mayor of _____ hereby solemnly (In case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslims) affirm;

That as Vice Chairman / Deputy Mayor of _____ and whenever, I shall be called upon to act as Chairman / Mayor of _____ discharge my duties and functions under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013, rules and bye-laws honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That I shall not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or absolute impartiality.

That I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

Signature of Declarant

**Signature and seal
of Presiding Officer**

SCHEDULE-V
[see rule 54(7)]

OATH OF OFFICE

Members

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O _____
_____ elected as member of _____ (Name of Local Government) do hereby solemnly (in case of Muslims) swear, or (in case of Non-Muslims) affirm:

That, I shall bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and strengthen its ideology, integrity, solidarity and prosperity through discharge of my duties and perform functions in accordance with the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013, rules, bye-laws and regulations honestly, efficaciously and efficiently to the best of my ability.

That I shall always work in the interest of the people.

That I shall promote fiscal discipline and, to the best of my ability, prevent misuse, misappropriation and pilferage of public money.

That in all circumstances I shall do right to all people according to law without fear or favour, ill will, or discrimination.

That I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me in my official capacity, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

Countersigned

Signature of the Declarant

**Signature and seal
of Presiding Officer**

SCHEDULE-VI
[see rule 59(2)]

ELECTION EXPENSES

The following maximum election expenses shall be allowed to contesting candidates for elections.

| | | |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1. | Mayor and Deputy Mayor as joint candidates | Rs.200,000/- |
| 2. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of District Council as joint candidates | Rs.200,000/- |
| 3. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of Municipal Committee as joint candidates | Rs.50,000/- |
| 4. | Chairman and Vice Chairman of Union Council as joint candidates | Rs.100,000/- |
| 5. | Members of Union Councils and Wards of Municipal Committees (direct election). | Rs.30,000/- |
| 6. | Members against reserved seats in ¹² [Union Council,] District Council, Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Corporation (indirect election). | Rs.20,000/- |

¹² Inserted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM-I
[see rule 12(1)]

NOTICE INVITING NOMINATION PAPERS

WHEREAS the voters of of District..... (Name of Local Government)

have been called upon by the Election Commission to elect their *Chairman/ Vice Chairman/ Mayor/Deputy Mayor/members. I,..... Returning Officer, in pursuance of the provisions of Rule 12 of the Punjab Local Government (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2013, do hereby give public notice, that the following dates have been appointed by the Election Commission for election:-

| S. # | Activity | Date (s) |
|------|---|----------|
| 1 | Last date for the filing of nomination papers | |
| 2 | Scrutiny of nomination papers | |
| 3 | Last date for filing of appeals before the Appellate Authority against the rejection / acceptance of nomination papers by the Returning Officer | |
| 4 | Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authority | |
| 5 | Last date for withdrawal of candidature | |
| 6 | Allocation of Symbols to Contesting Candidates | |
| 7 | Publication of revised list of candidates alongwith symbols | |
| 8 | Polling day | |

2. Notice is also hereby given under Rule 12 of the Punjab Local Government (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2013, that the nomination papers shall be received by me in my office at..... (place) between the office hours (from.....am .to.....p.m) on all working days from..... to20.....

Place.....

Returning Officer,

Date

**strike-out which is not applicable.*

FORM-II(A)

[see rule 12(3)(i)]

**NOMINATION FORM
(ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN
OF UNION COUNCIL AS JOINT CANDIDATES)**

A: Candidature:

1. No. and Name of Union Council: _____
2. District Council/Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____

B: Particulars of Joint Candidates:**(I) Chairman:**

- (I) Name of the candidate _____
- (II) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (III) NIC No. _____
- (IV) Sr.No. of Vote _____ in the electoral area _____ of Union Council
_____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation

- (V) Address _____

2. Vice Chairman:

- (I) Name of the candidate _____
- (II) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (III) NIC No. _____
- (IV) Sr.No. of Vote _____ in the electoral area _____ of Union Council
_____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____
- (V) Address _____

C. Declaration by the Proposer:

I, _____ S/O, W/O, D/O _____ registered as voter at Sr.No. _____ in the electoral roll of the electoral area _____ of Union Council _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____ do hereby propose the names of M/S. _____ and _____ whose particulars are given above for election as Joint Candidates, respectively, for the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Union Council _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____.

Signature of Proposer**D. Declaration by the Seconder:**

I, _____ S/O, W/O, D/O _____ registered as voter at Sr.No. _____ in the electoral roll of the electoral area _____ of Union Council _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____ do hereby second the names of M/S. _____ and _____ whose particulars are given above for election as Joint Candidates, respectively, for the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Union Council _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____.

Signature of Seconder**E. Declaration by the Joint Candidates:**

We, the above named candidates, do hereby declare on oath that: -

1. (i) We have consented to the above nomination and that we fulfill the qualifications specified in Section 27(1) of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and we are not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in Section 27(2), *ibid* or any other law for the time being in force from being elected as the member of a Local Government.
(ii) We belong to the Political Party _____.
OR
We are independent candidates.
2. We will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Pakistan would be democratic state based on Islamic Principles of social justice. We will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that we will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.
3. We have not ceased to be a citizen of Pakistan nor have acquired the citizenship of a foreign state.
4. We do hereby assure that we shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission.
5. The statements of assets & liabilities of our own, spouse(s), and dependents as on the 30th June, _____, are enclosed.

Name of Candidates

- (i) _____ **Signature**_____
- (ii) _____ **Signature**_____

(Only for Muslim candidates)

6. I/we, the above named candidate(s), do solemnly swear that I/we believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and that I am/we are not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I/we do neither recognise such a claimant to be Prophet or religious reformer, nor do I/we belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself/ourselves an Ahmadi.

Name of Candidates

- (i) _____ **Signature**_____
- (ii) _____ **Signature**_____

Statement of Assets & Liabilities of the Candidate for Chairman

| <u>ASSETS</u> | Mode of acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <p>1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)</p> <p>2. MOVABLE ASSETS</p> <p>(a) Business (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount</p> <p>(b) Investments (i) (ii)</p> <p>(c) Motor Vehicles** Make Model Reg.No. (i) (ii)</p> <p>(d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description</p> <p>(e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank</p> <p>Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name.</p> <p>(f) Any other assets</p> <p>Total</p> | | | |

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |

| | | |
|--------------|--|--|
| Total | | |
|--------------|--|--|

*Details to be Annexed ** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

Statement of Assets & Liabilities of the Candidate for Vice Chairman

| <u>ASSETS</u> | Mode of acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) | | | |
| 2. MOVABLE ASSETS (a) Business (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount (b) Investments (i) (ii) (c) Motor Vehicles**Make Model Reg.No. (i) (ii) (d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description (e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name. (f) Any other assets Total | | | |

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
|------------------|---------------|----------------|

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |
| Total | | |

*Details to be Annexed ** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

F: For official use only:

Serial No. of nomination paper _____.

Fee received in cash / bank draft/Pay order of Rs._____. This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at _____hours on _____by _____who is a candidate/proposer/seconded.

G: Decision of Returning Officer:

(Brief reasons if the nomination paper is rejected)

Signature of Returning Officer

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial Number of Nomination Paper_____.

The Nomination Paper of M/S_____ and _____ as joint candidates for election of Chairman & Vice Chairman of Union Council _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan Corporation _____ was delivered to me at my office at_____(hours),on _____ (date) by _____ (Candidate/proposer/seconded)

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ (hours), on _____(Date) at _____(Place)

Signature of Returning Officer

Date:_____

FORM-II(B)
[see rule 12(3)(ii)]

NOMINATION FORM
(ELECTION TO GENERAL SEATS OF WARDS IN
UNION COUNCILS /MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES)

A: Candidature:

1. Number & Name of Ward _____
2. Number & Name of Union Council/Municipal Committee _____

B: Particulars of Candidate:

1. Name of the candidate _____
2. Father/Husband's Name: _____
3. NIC No. _____
4. Sr.No. of Vote _____ in the electoral area _____ of Ward No. _____ of Union Council/Municipal Committee _____ of district _____.
5. Address _____

C. Declaration by the Proposer:

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O _____ registered as a voter at Sr. No. _____ of electoral roll for the electoral area _____ of Ward No. _____ of Union Council/Municipal Committee _____ of District _____ do hereby propose the name of Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ whose particulars are given above as Candidate for election from Ward No. _____ of Union Council/Municipal Committee _____ of district _____.

Signature of Proposer

D. Declaration by the Seconder:

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O _____ registered as a voter at Sr. No. _____ of electoral roll for the electoral area _____ of Ward No. _____ of Union Council /Municipal Committee _____ of District _____ do hereby second the name of Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ whose particulars are given above as Candidate for election from Ward No. _____ of Union Council/Municipal Committee _____ of district _____.

Signature of Seconder

E. Declarations by the Candidate:

I, the above named candidate, do hereby declare on oath that: -

1. (i) I have consented to the above nomination and that I fulfill the qualifications specified in Section 27(1) of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and I am not subject to any of the

disqualifications specified in Section 27(2), *ibid* or any other law for the time being in force from being elected as the member of a Local Government.

- (ii) I belong to the Political Party _____, OR
I am an independent candidate.
2. I will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Pakistan would be democratic state based on Islamic Principles of social justice. I will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.
 3. I have not ceased to be a citizen of Pakistan nor have acquired the citizenship of a foreign state.
 4. I do hereby assure that I shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission.
 5. The statement of assets & liabilities of my own, spouse(s), and dependents as on the 30th June, _____, is enclosed.

Signature of Candidate

(Only for Muslim Candidates)

6. I, the above named candidate, do solemnly swear that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do neither recognise such a claimant to be Prophet or religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

Signature of Candidate

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

| <u>ASSETS</u> | Mode of acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) | | | |
| 2. MOVABLE ASSETS (a) Business | | | |

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount (b) Investments (i) (ii) (c) Motor Vehicles** Make Model Reg.No. (i) (ii) (d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description (e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name. (f) Any other assets Total | | | |
|--|--|--|--|

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |
| Total | | |

*Details to be Annexed ** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

F: For official use only:

Serial No. of nomination paper _____ Fee received in cash / bank draft /pay order of Rs._____. This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at _____hours on _____ by _____ who is a candidate/proposer/secondar.

G: Decision of Returning Officer.

(Brief reasons if the nomination paper is rejected)

Signature of Returning Officer

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial Number of Nomination Paper _____.

The Nomination Paper of _____ as a candidate for election from Ward No. _____ of Union Council / Municipal Committee _____ of District _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____ (hours), on _____ (date) by _____ (Candidate/proposer/seconded).

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ (hours), on _____ (Date) at _____ (Place)

Signature of Returning Officer

Date: _____

¹³[Form-II(C) Omitted * * *]

¹⁴[Form-II(D) Omitted * * *]

¹⁵[**FORM-II(E)**

[see rule 12(3)(v)]

**NOMINATION FORM
(INDIRECT ELECTION TO RESERVED SEATS)**

A: Candidature:

1. Number and Name of Constituency (if any) _____
2. Name of the Local Government: _____
3. Category of seat for which a candidate: _____

- 1) Women
- 2) Peasant/ Worker
- 3) Youth
- 4) Technocrat
- 5) Non-Muslim



Pick one Category of Seats

B: Particulars of Candidate:

- (i) Name of the candidate _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (iv) Sr.No. of vote: _____ in electoral area _____ of _____
- (v) Address: _____

C. Declaration by the Proposer:

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O _____ Member of Union Council/ District Council/ Municipal Committee/ Municipal/ Metropolitan Corporation _____ of District _____ do hereby propose the name of aforesaid candidate (particulars are given above) for election to the _____ seats reserved for the (category of seats) _____ in the abovementioned local government.

Signature of Proposer

D. Declaration by the Seconder:

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O _____ Member of Union Council/ District Council/ Municipal Committee/ Municipal/ Metropolitan Corporation _____ of District _____ do hereby second the name of aforesaid candidate (particulars are given above) for election to the _____ seats reserved for the (category of seats) _____ in the above-mentioned local government.

¹³ Omitted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

¹⁴ Omitted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

¹⁵ Substituted vide Notification dated 06.08.2015.

Signature of Seconder

E. Declaration by the Candidate:

I, the above named candidate, do hereby declare on oath that:

1. (i) I have consented to the above nomination and that I fulfill the qualifications specified in Section 27(1) of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in Section 27(2) *ibid* or any other law for the time being in force from being elected as the member of a local government.
- (ii) I belong to the Political Party _____, OR
I am an independent candidate.
2. I will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Pakistan would be democratic state based on Islamic Principles of social justice. I will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.
3. I have not ceased to be a citizen of Pakistan nor have acquired the citizenship of a foreign state.
4. I do hereby assure that I shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission.
5. The statement of assets & liabilities of my own, spouse(s), and dependents as on the 30th June, _____, is enclosed.

Signature of Candidate

(Only for Muslim Candidates)

6. I, the above named candidate, do solemnly swear that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do neither recognize such a claimant to be Prophet or religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

Signature of Candidate

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

| ASSETS | Mode of Acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) | | | |
| 2. MOVABLE ASSETS (a) Business | | | |

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount (b) Investments (i) (ii) (c) Motor Vehicles** Make Model Reg.No. (i) (ii) (d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description (e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name. (f) Any other assets Total | | | |
|---|--|--|--|

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |
| Total | | |

*Details to be Annexed ** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

F: For official use only

Serial No. of nomination paper _____

Fee received in cash / bank draft/ Pay order of Rs. _____. This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours on _____ by _____ who is a candidate/proposer/seconded.

G: Decision of Returning Officer.

(Brief reasons if the nomination paper is rejected)

Signature of Returning Officer

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial Number of Nomination Paper _____ .

The Nomination Paper of _____ a candidate for election to the seats reserved for (category of seats) _____, in Union Council / Municipal Committee/District Council/ Municipal Corporation/ Metropolitan Corporation _____ of District _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____ (hours), on _____ (date) by _____, Candidate/proposer/seconded.

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ (hours), on _____ (Date) at _____ (Place)

Date: _____]**Signature of Returning Officer**

FORM-II(F)

[see rule 12(3)(vi)]

**NOMINATION FORM
(ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT
COUNCIL/MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE AND MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYORS OF
MUNICIPAL / METROPOLITAN CORPORATION)**

A: Candidature:

- (1) Name of the Local Government: _____
 (2) Name of District _____

B: Particulars of Joint Candidates:**(I) Chairman / Mayor:**

- (i) Name of the candidate _____
 (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
 (iii) NIC No. _____
 (iv) Sr.No. of Vote _____ in the electoral area _____ of Union Council
 / ward _____ of District Council /Municipal/Metropolitan
 Corporation / Municipal Committee _____
 (v) Address _____

(II) Vice Chairman/Vice Chairmen/Deputy Mayor(s):**(i)**

- (i) Name _____
 (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
 (iii) NIC No. _____
 (iv) Sr.No. of vote _____ of
 electoral roll _____
 (v) Address: _____

(ii)

- (i) Name _____
 (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
 (iii) NIC No. _____
 (iv) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral
 roll _____
 (v) Address: _____

(iii)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (v) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(v)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (vi) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(vii)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (vii) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(ix)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (viii) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(iv)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (iv) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(vi)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (iv) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

(viii)

- (i) Name _____
- (ii) Father/Husband's Name: _____
- (iii) NIC No. _____
- (iv) Sr.No. of vote _____ of electoral roll _____
- (v) Address: _____

C. Declaration by the Proposer:

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O
 _____ Member of District Council/Municipal
 Committee/ Municipal/ Metropolitan Corporation _____ of District
 _____ do hereby propose the names of aforesaid candidates,
 whose particulars are given above for election of Chairman & Vice Chairman or
 Vice Chairmen/Mayor & Deputy Mayor(s) of _____ as
 Joint Candidates.

Signature of Proposer**D. Declaration by the Seconder:**

I, _____ S/O,W/O,D/O
 _____ Member of District Council/Municipal
 Committee/ Municipal/ Metropolitan Corporation _____ of District
 _____ do hereby second the names of aforesaid candidates, whose
 particulars are given above for election of Chairman & Vice Chairman or Vice
 Chairmen/Mayor & Deputy Mayor(s) of _____, as Joint
 Candidates.

Signature of Seconder**E. Declaration by the Joint Candidates:**

We, the above named candidates, do hereby declare on oath that: -

1. (i) We have consented to the above nomination and that we fulfill the qualifications specified in Section 27(1) of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and we are not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in Section 27(2), *ibid* or any other law for the time being in force from being elected as the member of a Local Government.
- (ii) We belong to the Political Party _____,
 OR
 We are independent candidates.
2. We will be faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that Pakistan would be democratic state based on Islamic Principles of social justice. We will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan and that we will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan.
3. We have not ceased to be a citizen of Pakistan nor have acquired the citizenship of a foreign state.
4. We do hereby assure that we shall abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission.

5. The statements of assets & liabilities of our own, spouse(s), and dependents as on the 30th June, _____, are enclosed at Annexure 'A'.

| <u>Name of Candidates</u> | <u>Signatures</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2 | |
| (i) _____ | _____ |
| (ii) _____ | _____ |
| (iii) _____ | _____ |
| (iv) _____ | _____ |
| (v) _____ | _____ |
| (vi) _____ | _____ |
| (vii) _____ | _____ |
| (viii) _____ | _____ |
| (ix) _____ | _____ |

(Only for Muslim candidates)

6. I/we, the above named candidate(s), do solemnly swear that I/we believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and that I am/we are not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I/we do neither recognise such a claimant to be Prophet or religious reformer, nor do I/we belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself/ourselves an Ahmadi.

| Name of Candidates | Signatures |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. | |
| (i) _____ | _____ |
| (ii) _____ | _____ |
| (iii) _____ | _____ |
| (iv) _____ | _____ |
| (v) _____ | _____ |
| (vi) _____ | _____ |
| (vii) _____ | _____ |

(viii) _____

(ix) _____

F: For official use only:

Serial No. of nomination paper _____

Fee received in cash / bank draft /pay order of Rs._____. This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at _____ hours on _____ by _____ who is a _____ candidate/proposer/Seconder.

G: Decision of Returning Officer.

(Brief reasons if the nomination paper is rejected)

Signature of Returning Officer

RECEIPT

(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)

Serial Number of Nomination Paper _____.

The Nomination Paper of M/s _____ and _____ as joint candidates for election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, or, Vice Chairmen / Mayor and Deputy Mayor(s) of _____ District _____ was delivered to me at my office at _____(hours),on _____(date)by _____, (Candidate/proposer/seconder)

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at _____ (hours), on _____(Date) at _____(Place)

Date:

Signature of Returning Officer

Annexure "A"

Statement of Assets & Liabilities of Mr. _____
Candidate for Chairman/Mayor of _____

| ASSETS | Mode of acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <p>1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)</p> <p>2. MOVABLE ASSETS</p> <p>(a) Business (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount</p> <p>(b) Investments (i) (ii)</p> <p>(c) Motor Vehicles** Make Model Reg. No. (i) (ii)</p> <p>(d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description</p> <p>(e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name.</p> <p>(f) Any other assets</p> <p>Total</p> | | | |

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |
| Total | | |

*Details to be Annexed

** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

Statement of Assets & Liabilities of Mr. _____

Candidate for Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor of _____

| <u>ASSETS</u> | Mode of acquiring | Present Value | Remarks |
|---|-------------------|---------------|---------|
| <p>1. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open plots, houses, apartments, commercial buildings, under construction properties, agricultural property, etc. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)</p> <p>2. MOVABLE ASSETS</p> <p>(a) Business (i) Name of Business (ii) Capital amount</p> <p>(b) Investments (i) (ii)</p> <p>(c) Motor Vehicles**Make Model Reg.No. (i) (ii)</p> <p>(d) Jewelry, etc. (i) Weight (ii) Description</p> <p>(e) Cash and Bank Accounts* (i) Cash in hand (ii) Cash in Bank Account Nos. Bank & Branch Name.</p> <p>(f) Any other assets</p> <p>Total</p> | | | |

LIABILITIES

| Liability | Amount | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| (1) Mortgages secured on Property | | |
| (2) Bank Loans | | |
| (3) Any other liability. | | |
| Total | | |

*Details to be Annexed ** Use extra sheet if necessary

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

FORM-III

[see rule 12(9)]

NOTICE OF NOMINATION PAPERS RECEIVED

Notice is hereby given that the following persons whose particulars are given below have filed their nomination papers for election from (Category of seat)* _____ of [Name of Local Government] _____ District _____

| Sr. No. | Name, parentage and address of the candidate | Name and address of the proposer | Name and address of the seconder |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
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Date: _____**Signature of Returning Officer****Place:** _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

FORM-IV*[see rule 13(3)]***FOR CANDIDATURE FEE**

| COUNTERFOIL | RECEIPT |
|---|---|
| Sr. No.----- | Sr. No.----- |
| Name of Candidate----- | |
| Name of Local Government ----- ----- | Received a sum of Rs.----- ----- |
| Category of Seat*----- | (Rupees)----- -----in cash/Bank draft/Pay Order No.-----from----- |
| Amount Received----- | a candidate for election of *----- |
| Date:----- | in-----and entered (in the Deposit Register at Sr.No.----- |
| Signature of Returning Officer ----- | Signature and Seal of the Returning Officer |
| | Date:----- |

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

FORM-V
[see rule 13(3)]

REGISTER FOR PAYMENT OF CANDIDATURE FEE

Name of the Local Government _____

No. and Name of Union Council/Ward/Seat (Category of Seat)* _____

Particulars of Payment

| Sr. No. | Candidate's No. & Name. | Serial No. of nomination filed | Amount deposited | Particulars of the Bank Draft/pay order or cash, receipt issued in Form-IV | Signature of the Returning Officer | Treasury Challan No. date under which deposited in Government account |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
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Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

FORM-VI
[see rule 15(1)]

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Election to *(Category of Seat)_____ of Union Council /
Ward / District Council / Municipal Committee / Municipal
Corporation/Metropolitan Corporation _____

| Sr. No. | Name of Candidate | Name of Father / Husband | Address of Candidate |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
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Place:_____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim /
Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy
Mayor.

FORM-VII
[see rule 16(4)]

LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

Election to *(Category of Seat) _____ of Union Council / Ward / District Council/Municipal Committee/Municipal Corporation/Metropolitan Corporation _____.

| Sr. No. | Name of the contesting candidate in Urdu alphabetical order. | Address of the contesting candidate | Symbol Allotted |
|---------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
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Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

FORM-VIII
[see rule 24]

NOTICE OF HOURS OF POLL

Name of Local Government _____

Category of Seat * _____

Notice is hereby given that the poll shall be taken between _____ to _____
(hours) on _____

Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim /
Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy
Mayor.

FORM-IX
[see rule 31(3)]

LIST OF TENDERED BALLOT PAPERS

Ward # _____ Municipal Committee/Union Council _____ of
 _____ District _____ Number & Name of Polling
 Station _____

| Sr. No. of tendered ballot paper | Name & Address of Voter | Sr. No. in the electoral roll | Name of Electoral Area | Signature or Thumb Impression of the Voter |
|--|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
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¹⁶[Name, Designation and
Signature of Presiding Officer
CNIC No. _____]

Place: _____

Date : _____

¹⁶ Substituted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM-X
[see rule 32(2)]

CHALLENGED VOTES LIST

Ward # _____ Municipal Committee/Union Council _____ of
 _____ District _____ Number & Name of Polling
 Station _____

| Sr.No. | Name & Address of Voter | Sr. No. in the electoral roll | Name of Electoral Area | Name & address of Challenger | Amount deposited | Signature or Thumb Impression of Voter |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
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¹⁷[Name, Designation and
 Signature of Presiding Officer
 CNIC No. _____]

Place: _____

Date : _____

¹⁷ Substituted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

¹⁸[FORM-XI*[see rule 35(9)]***STATEMENT OF THE COUNT****Category of Seat * _____**

Ward# _____ Municipal Committee/Union Council _____ of _____

District _____ Number & Name of Polling Station _____

| Sr.No. | **Name of contesting candidates | Symbol of contesting Candidates | No. of votes polled in favour of each contesting candidate | No. of challenged votes polled in favour of each contesting Candidate | Total votes polled in favour of each contesting candidate (cols 4+5) |
|---------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

- B. (I) Total No. of votes (including challenged votes), polled in favour of all contesting candidates, -----
- (II) Total No. of doubtful votes excluded from the count (including the doubtful challenged votes) -----
- (III) Aggregate of (I) and (II) -----
- C. Number of votes polled: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

**Name, Designation and Signature
of Presiding Officer****CNIC No. _____****Place:** _____**Date :** _____

* General/ Woman/ Peasant/ Worker/ Youth/ Non-Muslim/ Technocrat Members, Chairman/ Vice Chairman and Mayor/ Deputy Mayor.

** Where applicable.]

¹⁸ Substituted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM-XII
[see rule 35(11)]

BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT

Category of Seat * _____

Ward# _____ Municipal Committee/Union Council _____ of _____

District _____ Number & Name of Polling Station _____

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|--|--------|--|
| (1) Ballot papers received for use at the polling station from Serial No. _____ to _____ | Total: | |
| (2) Total number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box or boxes and counted. | | |
| (3) Total number of tendered ballot papers. | | |
| (4) Total number of challenged ballot papers | | |
| (5) Total number of ballot papers spoiled and cancelled. | | |
| (6) Total number of ballot papers under items (2), (3), (4) and (5) | | |
| (7) Total number of un-issued ballot papers from Serial No. _____ to _____ | Total | |
| (8) Total number of ballot papers under items (6) and (7) | | |
| <i>[should be equal to the total of item (1)]</i> | | |

**¹⁹[Name, Designation and
Signature of Presiding Officer
CNIC No. _____]**

Place: _____

Date : _____

- * General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor.

¹⁹ Substituted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM-XIII
[See Rule 36(4)]

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE COUNT
FURNISHED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS**

Category of Seat * _____

Ward# _____ Municipal Committee/Union Council _____ of _____

District _____ Number & Name of Polling Station _____

| Sr.No. | Polling Station | Number of Valid Ballot Papers (including challenged votes) cast in favour of | | | | | | Total Per Polling Station | | | Number of Tendered Votes |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| | | 'A' | 'B' | 'C' | 'D' | 'E' | 'F' | Valid | Rejected | Total | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |

Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

* General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor

FORM-XIV
[see rule 38]

RETURN OF ELECTION

(Category of Seat)* _____

Election to Ward # _____ of Municipal Committee/Union Council _____
of District Council / ²⁰[* * *] Municipal Corporation / Metropolitan
Corporation _____ District _____

| Sr. No | Name of the Contesting Candidates | Number of Valid Votes Polled |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Total number of valid votes polled: _____

Total number of rejected votes: _____

Total number of tendered votes: _____

I hereby declare that the following contesting candidate(s) had been duly elected from the above mentioned category of seats:-

| Sr. No. | Name of Returned candidate(s) | S/O, W/O,D/O | Address |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| | | | |
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Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

- * General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim / Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor

²⁰ Omitted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM XV
[see rule 19(2)]

RETURN OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

(Category of Seat)* _____

Election to Ward # _____ of Municipal Committee/Union Council _____
of District Council / ²¹[* * *] Municipal Corporation / Metropolitan Corporation
_____ District _____.

I, Mr. ----- Returning Officer, do hereby declare that the following
candidate(s) had been duly elected un-contested:-

| Sr. No | Name of the Contesting Candidate(s) | S/O, W/O, D/O | Address |
|-----------|--|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| | | | |

Place: _____

Signature of Returning Officer

Date : _____

- * General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim /
Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy
Mayor

²¹ Omitted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

FORM-XVI
[see rule 60(1)]

RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES

(Category of Seat)* _____

Election to Ward # _____ of Municipal Committee/Union Council _____
of District Council / ²²[* * *] Municipal Corporation / Metropolitan
Corporation _____ District _____

Name of Candidate _____

Address of Candidate _____

Account of Election Expenses

| The date on which expenditure was incurred or authorized | The nature of expenditure | The amount of expenditure | | | The date of payment | The name and address of the payee | The serial number of vouchers in the case of amount paid | The serial number of bills, if any in the case of amount outstanding | The name and address of the person to whom the amount outstanding is payable |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | The amount paid | The amount outstanding | Total of 3+4 | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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* Strike off the words not applicable

Signature of the Candidate

AFFIDAVIT TO BE SWORN BY A CANDIDATE

I, the above named candidate, do hereby declare on oath that,-
(I) In the afore-mentioned elections, all expenses incurred, all moneys, securities or things of value received, all payment made, all claims settled and all accounts maintained in the course of or in connection with the

²² Omitted vide notification dated 06.08.2015.

election, were incurred, received, made settled and maintained by me or within my knowledge and under my control and direction.

- (II) All information given and all entries made in the return of election expenses and all vouchers, bills and other documents lodged by me with that return are, within my knowledge and belief, true and genuine.

Signature of candidate

Sworn/ declared on solemn affirmation before me this _____
 day of (month) _____ (year) _____ by
 _____ who is personally known to me/who has been
 identified by _____ who is personally known to
 me.

**Signature & seal of
 Oath Commissioner**

- * General / Woman / Peasant / Worker / Youth / Non-Muslim /
 Technocrat Members, Chairman / Vice Chairman and Mayor / Deputy
 Mayor.
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SECRETARY
Government of the Punjab
Local Government & Community
Development Department