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**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department**

"Muzaffarabad"

Dated 21.10.2022

**NOTIFICATION:**

No. LD/AD/2037-51/2022 Whereas it is expedient to repeal "the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Nomination of Women Members) Rules, 1997" and to make renewed statutory provisions to conduct elections of the membership in local government against seats reserved for representation from amongst youths, women or any other regnant of the society in order to ensure the process of aforesaid election indirectly to be conducted in fair, transparent and just manner;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 138 of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Elections Act, 2020 (Act XVIII of 2020), and in consultation with the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Election Commission the Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, is pleased to make the following Rules, namely:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:**- (1) These Rules may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Method for Election of Members to Reserved Seats in the Local Government Bodies Rules, 2022.
- (2) These Rules shall extend to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
- (3) These Rules shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions:**- (1) In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:
- (a) 'Act' shall be referred as Azad Jammu & Kashmir Elections Act, 2020 made applicable to the constitution, composition and Elections for the Local Government Bodies;
- (b) 'Candidate' means a person who is proposed as candidate for the election of a reserved seat, in the Local Council concerned;
- (c) 'Commission' shall be referred to the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Election Commission;
- (d) 'Duly Qualified' means a person qualified to be elected as member of Local Council according to Second Schedule of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990.



- (e) 'Election' means an election, held under these Rules to fill a reserved seat in Local Council;
- (f) 'Election Rules' means Azad Jammu & Kashmir Election Rules, 2020 as applicable to Local Government Elections;
- (g) 'Local Council' means and include Union Council, District Council, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Town Committee;
- (h) 'Local Government Act' means the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990;
- (i) 'Local Government Rules' means Azad Jammu & Kashmir Local Government Election Rules 1983;
- (j) "Polling Officer" means a polling officer to be appointed by the Returning Officer to assist Presiding Officer at the polling station;
- (k) 'Presiding Officer' means the officer to be appointed by the Returning Officer to conduct election of reserved seats in Local Councils concerned;
- (l) 'Returning Officer' means a person to be appointed by the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Election Commission to conduct election for the purpose of reserved seats in the Local Council concerned;
- (m) 'Reserved seats' means the seat or seats reserved in a Local Council for representation of women, youth or any other class of the society as specified in the Act;
- (n) 'Form' shall be referred and include set of forms set out under relevant provisions of these Rules;
- (o) 'Voter' means persons who have been directly elected as member of the Local Council concerned.

2. In addition, the words and expressions used hereinafter if not defined in these Rules shall have the same meanings as defined or construed by the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Elections Act, 2020 and Azad Jammu & Kashmir Elections Rules 2020.

3. **Returning and Assistant Returning Officers:-** The Commission shall by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint number of Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers for the purpose of election to Reserved Seats in Local Councils.

4. **Duties of Returning and Assistant Returning Officers:-** (1) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for effectively conducting an election to Reserved Seats in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules.
- (2) The Assistant Returning Officer shall provide assistance to the Returning Officer in the performance of his functions and shall abide by directions made by Returning Officer and also from time to time given by the Commission, while discharge of his duties under the control of the Returning Officer.
5. **Supply of List of Members/Voters and Polling Material:-** (1) The Commission shall provide to the Returning Officer, a list of directly elected members eligible who are to cast their votes and constituting an electoral college for election to the Reserved Seats in the Local Council concerned.
- (2) The list referred hereinabove, shall be kept in the office of the Returning Officer and shall be opened for public inspection only during office hours.
- (3) The Commission shall also provide the list of polling station, adequate number of ballot boxes and requisite polling material which needed for the conduct of the poll for Reserved Seats.
6. **Calling upon Members of Local Council to Elect Members to Reserved Seats.-** Soon, after the issuance of notification of the directly elected members of Local Council and taken the oath of their membership, the Commission shall by notification:
- (a) call upon the directly elected members of Local Councils to elect member or members against Reserved Seats in the Local Council concerned;
- (b) In the aforesaid notification the Commission shall fix,-
- (i) a day for filing nomination of candidates;
  - (ii) a day for the scrutiny of nomination papers;
  - (iii) a day not later than two days of the date of scrutiny, for filing of appeals, against rejection or as the case may be, acceptance of nominations;
  - (iv) a day for hearing of appeals and decisions thereon;
  - (v) a day on or before which candidature may be withdrawn; and
  - (vi) a day and the place for the taking of the poll.

7. **Nomination:-** (1) Any elected member of the Local Council, being notified by the Commission, may on the date fixed by the Election Commission, may propose or second the name of any person who is Duly Qualified, as a candidate to a Reserved Seat in the Local Council concerned.

(2) Every nomination shall be made by a separate nomination paper in **Form-I** of these Rules and duly signed by the proposer and seconder having signature of the candidate by making declaration that he/she has consented to his/her nomination, belong to or represents such class of the society and is not subject to any disqualification for being elected as a member of the Local Council.

(3) Every nomination paper shall be delivered by the candidate or his/her proposer to the Returning Officer on or before the date and time and at the place fixed for the receipt of nomination papers.

(4) No person shall subscribe to more than one nomination paper as a proposer for same category or class of Reserved Seat, and if any person subscribes to more than one nomination paper for the same category of Reserved Seat, all such nomination papers except the first one received by the Returning Officer shall be void:

Provided that, if total number of the reserved seats for any category, in any Local Council, is less than or equal to the seats for directly elected members, and the seconder for any candidate nominated/proposed as a candidate against reserved seat is not available, the Returning Officer shall decide the nomination by drawing lots in the presence of such candidates or their proposers as may be present, and the decision of the Returning Officer as a consequence of the drawing of lot shall, subject to review on an election petition, be final.

8. **Deposits.** (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (2), no nomination paper delivered under rule 7 shall be accepted unless;

- (a) a sum of five thousand rupees for election to a seat in a Union Council, eight thousand rupees for election to a seat in a Town Committee, ten thousand rupees for election to a seat in a Municipal Committee or Municipal Corporation and ten thousand rupees for election to a seat in

the District Council is deposited in cash by the candidate or a person on his behalf with the Returning Officer at the time of its delivery.

- (b) it is accompanied by a receipt showing that the sum as aforesaid has been deposited by the candidate or by any person on his behalf at any branch of the National Bank of Pakistan in the name of the Commission.”
- (2) Not more than one deposit under sub-rule (1) shall be required in the case of a person who has been nominated as a candidate by more than one nomination paper.
- (3) The Returning Officer shall maintain a Register in Form-II of these Rules, in which he shall enter the particulars of every deposit made to him in cash or otherwise under sub-rule (1).
- (4) The receipt of a cash deposit by the Returning Officer shall be acknowledged in Form-III and the amount shall be deposited by him at a branch of the National Bank of Pakistan.
- (5) The deposit under this rule shall be non-refundable.
9. **Scrutiny of Nomination Papers:-** (1) The candidates and their proposers or seconders may attend the scrutiny of nomination papers as per the schedule set out by the Commission for such purpose, and the Returning Officer shall give them an opportunity of examining the nomination papers.
- (2) The Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the persons attending the scrutiny under sub-rule (1), examine the nomination papers and decide any objection if raised by any such person against any nomination.
- (3) The Returning Officer may, either of his own motion or upon any objection raised by a person attending the scrutiny under sub-rule (2), conduct such enquiry summarily as he deems fit and consequently reject any nomination paper if he is satisfied that:-
- (a) the Candidate is not qualified to be elected as a member of a Local Council;
  - (b) any proposer or seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination papers;
  - (c) the signature or thumb-impression of the proposer or seconder are not genuine; or
  - (d) the provisions of Rules 7 and 8 have not been complied with, provided that:-

- (i) the rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a Candidate through other valid nomination paper; and
- (ii) Returning Officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial nature and may allow any such defect to be remedied forthwith.
- (4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision to have accepted or rejected it and in the case of rejection, shall record a brief statement thereon.
- (5) Where any or all the nomination papers of the candidate(s) have been rejected, the Returning Officer shall, on request, supply to the candidates the same day, certified copies of all orders free of cost.
- (6) The Returning Officer shall immediately send to the Commission, the rejected nomination paper or papers alongwith his decision thereof.
10. **Publication of the List of Candidates.**- (1) The Returning Officer shall, after the scrutiny of nominations, publish a list of candidates who have been validly nominated at Form-IV of these Rules.
- (2) In case an appeal against rejection of a nomination paper is accepted by the Appellate Tribunal, the list of validly nominated candidates shall be revised accordingly and be published.
11. **Withdrawals.**- (1) A validly nominated candidate by notice in writing duly signed by him may deliver on or before the withdrawal day to the Returning Officer by himself or by an advocate authorized by him in writing notice to, withdraw his candidature. The notice of withdrawal once delivered shall, in no circumstances, be revoked or withdrawn.
- (2) On receiving a notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall, if he is satisfied that the signature on the notice is that of the candidate and has been properly delivered, cause a copy of the notice to be affixed at some conspicuous place in his office.

(3) The Returning Officer shall, on the next day following the withdrawal day, prepare and publish a list of contesting candidates, with notice of the date, hour and place of the poll on Form-V of these Rules.

12. **Death of a Candidate after Nomination.**- (1) If a validly nominated candidate for the Reserved Seat, who has not withdrawn his/her candidature, dies before the completion of the proceedings relating to the election, the Returning Officer shall, by public notice, terminate proceedings for election to such reserved seat and proceed with the election to any other reserved seat and make a report to the Commission.

(2) Where the proceedings relating to an election have been terminated under sub-rule (1), fresh proceedings shall be commenced in accordance with the provisions herein as if it were a new election to the reserved seats in relation which proceedings had been terminated.

13. **Postponement of Election Process, under Certain Circumstances.**- Where, for any reason beyond the control of the Returning Officer, proceedings relating to nomination, scrutiny or withdrawal or any subsequent stage of the electoral process cannot take place on the day appointed thereof, he may postpone or adjourn such proceedings and shall, with approval of the Commission, by public notice, fix another day for the proceedings so postponed or adjourned and, if necessary, also the day or days for any subsequent stage of the proceedings.

14. **Appeals:** - The provisions of Section 125-G of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Elections Act, 2020 regarding appeal against scrutiny order shall mutatis mutandis apply for election of candidates against reserved seats in Local Councils.

15. **Uncontested Election;**- In case the number of candidates contesting for the election to Reserved Seat or Seats of any category or class in the Local Council is equal or less than the total available Seats in that particular Local Council, the Presiding Officer shall declare their/his name(s) as elected uncontested member(s) against the concerned Reserved Seat(s) in the Local Council concerned and send return of election to the Commission in Form-VI of these Rules:

Provided that the Returning Officer shall not make the declaration in respect of any such seat, if any candidate has formally signified his/her intention to file an appeal before the Appellate Tribunal and unless the period of appeal has elapsed or such appeal, has been disposed off.

16. **Contested Elections:-** (1) If after scrutiny or withdrawal of candidature if any, the number of candidates exceeds the number of the relevant reserved seats the Returning Officer shall:

(a) publish a list of contesting candidates in Form-V of these Rules in alphabetical order of their names; and

(b) on the appointed day, conduct the poll after notice to the contesting candidates and subject to any direction by the Commission, fix the hours during which poll shall be taken and give public notice of the hours so fixed.

(2) The Returning Officer shall arrange for the printing of sufficient quantity of ballot papers on paper of diverse colours for each category or class of the reserved seats naming the candidates for each category of reserved seat in Urdu language alphabetically in Form-VII of these Rules.

(3) In the event of contested election the candidate may appoint any of the member of the Local Council concerned, to be his/her election agent.

17. **Presiding Officer:-** The Returning Officer shall appoint for each Local Council a Presiding Officer to preside at the meeting of the members of the Local Council, called under Rule 6 for the purpose of electing members to Reserved Seats.

18. **Polling Officer:-** The Returning Officer shall also appoint a Polling Officer to provide assistance to the Presiding Officer concerned.

19. **Voting on reserved seats.-** For election to the Reserved Seats, irrespective of number of seats to be filled, each voter shall have one non-transferable vote for each category or class of Reserved Seat, which he would record in favour of the candidate(s) of his choice and the candidate who has secured the highest, the second highest and the third highest number of valid votes and so on, depending upon the



number of the reserved seats for such category or class, to be filled, shall be declared elected.

20. **Voting Procedure.**- (1) A voter shall vote in person and by secret ballot.

(2) Where any voter presents himself to record his vote, the Presiding Officer after satisfying himself about his identity, shall:-

(a) issue him a ballot paper in respect of seats reserved for each category or class, irrespective of the number of seats to be filled;

(b) tick mark the entry relating to the voter in the voters list for each category or class of the Reserved Seat, to indicate that ballot papers have been issued to him; and

(c) put on the reverse of each ballot paper (foil) his initials and the code stamp mark and his initial on the obverse of the counter foil.

(3) After the ballot papers are issued, the voter shall proceed to the voting booth and affix the voters mark stamp on each ballot paper, against the name of candidate of his choice within the space reserved for that purpose, fold separately each ballot paper, leave the voting booth and then insert the ballot papers in the ballot box placed within the view of the Presiding Officer.

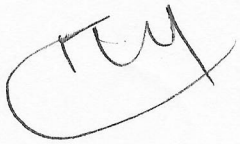
21. **Single Ballot Box.**- Single ballot box shall be used for election to the various reserved seats, contested at a time, unless the ballot box being used has been stuffed to capacity, in which case, second ballot box shall be used.

22. **Count of Votes.**- (1) Immediately after the close of poll, the Presiding Officer shall proceed with the counting of votes in the presence of such of the contesting candidates and their authorized agents as may choose to present.

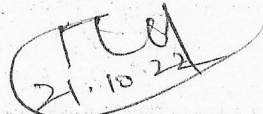
(2) The Presiding Officer shall,-

(a) count the total number of ballot papers taken out from the ballot box and record their number in a statement;

- (b) separate the ballot papers which he considers valid from those which he deems invalid and endorse on each rejected ballot paper the word "Rejected" with grounds of rejection and initial the same.
- (3) A ballot paper shall be invalid which bears,-
- (a) no official mark and initial of the Presiding Officer; or
  - (b) any writing, mark or any attached object tendered to violate the secrecy of the ballot; or
  - (c) no prescribed mark to indicate in whose favour the voter has voted, or otherwise mark being so confusing that it does not indicate clearly in whose favour the voter has recorded his vote.
- (4) After rejecting the ballot papers which in opinion of Presiding Officer are invalid, he shall,-
- a) arrange valid papers in separate parcels accordingly as the ballot papers relate to election to reserved seat of such category or class;
  - b) prepare statement relating to each parcel and the number of votes polled by each candidate;
  - c) declare the election result on the basis of simple majority, also called plurality rule.
  - (d) where after consolidation of the results of the count, it is found 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 Presiding 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. The lot shall be drawn in the presence of such of the contesting candidates and their election agents as may present. The Presiding Officer shall record the proceedings in writing and obtain thereon the signatures of such candidates and election agents as have been witnesses to the proceedings.
- (5) The Presiding Officer shall submit the result to the Returning Officer on the Form-VIII of these Rules, and the Returning Office shall, after verification and endorsement shall declare the result and submit the list of returned candidates to the Commission on the Form-IX of these Rules.
- (6) The Commission shall publish in the official Gazette the name of each returned candidate.



23. **Oath of the Office:** Elected members to the Reserved Seats shall take an oath in Form-X before the authority appointed for and as per schedule set out for the purpose by Commission.
24. **Resolution of Ambiguities & Anomalies:** Wherever any ambiguity or anomaly is faced during the process of the election to Reserved Seats, due guidance shall be sought from the Commission. The Commission shall on the request so made written guidelines or procedure clarify the procedure and also issue instruction to ensure that elections are conducted justly, transparently and fairly in accordance with Azad Jammu and Kashmir Elections Act 2020 and Azad Jammu and Kashmir Elections Rules 2020.
25. **Repeal:-** The existing Rules namely "Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Nomination of Women Members) Rules, 1997" shall stand hereby repealed forthwith.

  
 (Muhammad Ishfaq Ch.)  
 Section Officer (AD)

Copy to the:-

1. Secretary to the President, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
2. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Azad Govt. of the State of J&K.
3. Private Secretary to the Minister Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights.
4. Chief Secretary, Azad Govt. of the State of J&K.
5. Additional Chief Secretary (Gen. /Dev.)/Senior Member Board of Revenue, GoAJ&K.
6. Secretary Finance, Azad Govt. of the State of J&K.
7. Secretary, Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights.
8. Secretary Local Government & Rural Development, Azad Govt. of the State of J&K.
9. Registrar Supreme Court/High Court, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
10. Accountant General, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
11. Secretary Election Commission, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
12. Director Public Relations for information to the Press & Media etc.
13. Controller Government Printing Press for publication in extra ordinary Official Gazette.
14. All officers of Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department.
15. Master file.

  
 Section Officer (AD)

**FORM-I**

**NOMINATION FORM**

[See sub-rule (2) of Rule 7]

For election to the reserved seat for \_\_\_\_\_ in Local Council \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the seat) (Name of the Local Council)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Member  
(Name of the proposer)  
of ward \_\_\_\_\_ of Local Council \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the Ward) (Name of the Local Council)  
Tehsil \_\_\_\_\_ District, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby propose the name of  
\_\_\_\_\_ whose address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the candidate) (Address of the candidate)  
\_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate

for election from to a seat reserved for \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
(To be filled in by the seconder)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Member  
(Name of the seconder)  
of ward \_\_\_\_\_ of Local Council \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the Ward) (Name of the Local Council)  
Tehsil \_\_\_\_\_ District, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby second the name of  
\_\_\_\_\_ whose address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the candidate) (Address of the candidate)  
\_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate

for election from to a seat reserved for \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Seconder

TCU

**(Declaration and oath by the person nominated)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
 registered as a voter at Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the electoral roll for \_\_\_\_\_ ward in Local  
 Council \_\_\_\_\_ Tehsil] \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare  
 and solemnly swear that :-

(i) I have consented to the above nomination and that I am not subject to any  
 disqualification for being or being elected as a member of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Local Council)

(ii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Hazrat  
 Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) the last of the Prophets, that I am not follower of  
 any one who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of word or of any description  
 whatsoever after Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), that I do not recognize such a  
 claimant to be a Prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani  
 Group or the Lahori Group or call myself an Ahmadi;

(iii) I will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and  
 integrity of Azad Jammu and Kashmir/ Pakistan; and

(iv) I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of  
 Pakistan.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Thumb Impression  
 of the Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (to be filed in by the Returning Officer)

This nomination paper was delivered to me at my office at \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address of office)  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date) (Time) (Name of person submitting papers)  
 being the candidate / proposer / seconder.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Returning Officer

**(Decision of Returning Officer accepting or rejecting the nomination paper on the day fixed for scrutiny)**

I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with the provisions of rule 16 of the Local Government Election Rules, 1983 and decide as follows .....

*(in case of rejection state brief reasons)*

Date .....

Returning Officer

**RECEIPT**

*(To be filled in by the Returning Officer)*

S.No. of nomination paper .....

The nomination paper of a candidate for election to .....

*(Name of reserved seat)*

of .....  
*(Name of Local Council)*

was delivered to me at my office at ..... on .....

*(Location)*

*(Date)*

by the candidate/proposer/seconded.

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at .....

*(Location)*

on ..... at .....

*(Date)*

*(Time)*

Date .....

Returning Officer.

*RTI*

**FORM - II**

[See sub-Rule (3) of Rule 8]

**Fees or Deposit Register for Local Government Elections**

S.No.	Candidate's Name	Name of ward/ Council from which contesting	S.No. of Nomination filed	Particulars of Bank draft if amount deposited in the bank	No. & date of receipt of deposit if in cash	Signature of Returning Officer	Disposal of deposits
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ITEM

Nature of Deposit:-	In cash from .....
a) for nomination	on behalf of ..... 16
b) for appeal	on account of .....
c) challenged votes	Entered in deposit register under S.No .....
	Date: <b>FORM-III</b>

[See sub-rule (4) of rule 8]

Counterfoil	Receipt
S.No.....	S.No.....
Sum Received.....(in Words).....	Sum Received.....(in Words).....
Deposited By.....	Deposited By.....
Nature of Deposit:- a) for Nomination b) for appeal c) challenged votes	In cash from ..... on behalf of ..... on account of ..... Entered in deposit register under S.No ..... Date.....

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Returning Officer





**FORM - V**

[See sub-rule (3) of Rule 11]

**LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES**Election to the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Reserved Seat)In \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Local Council)

S. No.	Name of the Contesting candidates in alphabetical order determined according to Urdu language.	Address of the contesting Candidates
1	2	3
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
etc.		

Notice is hereby given that the poll shall be taken between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Location)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Returning Officer

**FORM - VI**

**RETURN OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION**

[See Rule 15]

Election to \_\_\_\_\_ in Local Council \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Reserved Seat) (Name of the Local Council)

In pursuance of rule 15 of , Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Election of Members to Reserved Seats) Rules, 2022, I \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Officer declare that after scrutiny of nominations under rule 9 and withdrawal of candidature under rule 11 of , Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Election of Members to Reserved Seats) Rules, 2022 Mr/ Mrs/ Miss. \_\_\_\_\_

Son/Wife / Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

has been declared elected uncontested to the reserved seat for \_\_\_\_\_

in Local Council \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Local Council)

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Returning Officer

**FORM-VII**

[See sub-rule (2) of Rule 16]

**Counterfoil of Ballot Paper**

Serial No.

Local Council.....

Polling Station

Serial No. of Elector on Electoral Roll.

Signature or thumb-impression  
of the elector

Seal

Signature of Presiding Officer

**Ballot Paper**

Name of Local Council.....

Name/Class of Reserved Seat.....

S.No	Name of Candidate

*TCM*

**FORM-VIII**

[See sub-rule (5) of Rule 22]

Consolidated statement of the results of the count furnished by the Presiding Officers and declaration of result in respect of election to reserved seat(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
(Class/Category of Reserved Seat(s)) (Name of Local Council)

Total Votes Polled \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected Votes \_\_\_\_\_ Total Valid Votes \_\_\_\_\_ Tendered Votes \_\_\_\_\_

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Number of valid ballot papers cast in favour of Candidate	Elected / Not Elected
1.			
2.			
3.		s	
4.			
5.			
Total			

The following candidates who has secured the highest number of votes is hereby declared elected against seat reserved for \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Local Council)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presiding Officer

Handwritten mark resembling '104' in a circle.

**FORM-IX**

[See sub-rule (5) of Rule 22]

**RETURN OF CONTESTED ELECTION**

Election to the Reserved Seat(s) in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Local Council)

Total number of directly elected members of the Council \_\_\_\_\_

S. No.	Category or Class of the Reserved Seat	Names of the contesting candidates	Total Number of Polled Votes.	Valid Votes Polled
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

I declare that the above mentioned candidate(s) have been duly elected to the seat(s) reserved in local council as given with their names (in column 2). The detail of votes polled in favor of contesting candidates for the reserved seat(s) as submitted by the Presiding Officer are attached.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Returning Officer

Handwritten initials/signature

**FORM - X**

[See Rule 23]

Oath of office as Member of a Local Council.

I, ..... having been elected as a member of .....  
(Name of Local Council)

solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to Azad Jammu and Kashmir/Pakistan and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of Azad Jammu and Kashmir/Pakistan.

That as a Member of .....  
(Name of Local Council)

I will be faithful to the declaration of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Pakistan would be a democratic State based on Islamic principles of social justice.

And that I will strive to preserve the Islamic ideology which is the basis for creation of Pakistan.

Place.....

Signature or thumb-impression

Date.....

of Member

Place.....

Signature or the Officer/

Date.....

Person administering Oath