



Constitution

Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians
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DEFINITIONS

- The Party: Hereinafter referred to as 'the Party', or “PPPP” known as Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP), registered with the ECP to pursue political aims.
- **Flag:** The official PPPP flag in green, red, and black with a crescent and star, symbolizing party identity and goals.
- **Amendment:** Any constitutional modification proposed by the President and approved by the Central Executive Committee (CEC) via majority vote.
- **Central Executive Committee (CEC):** PPPP’s highest decision-making body with authority over constitutional amendments, policy, and resolutions and maybe considered as Council body as mentioned in Elections Act, 2017.
- **Elections Act, 2017:** Adherence to ECP’s rules and regulations keeping in view the PPPP’s laws and principals as mentioned in the constitution.

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Foundation:

Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto founded Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on November 30, 1967, in Lahore, with a vision for a pro-democratic party. He became the party's first chairman, aiming to create a platform that welcomed various shades of progressive politics. Bhutto's leadership and vision played a significant role in shaping Pakistan's new dynamics in politics.

The aim to lay the foundation of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was to establish an independent and non-allied foreign policy for Pakistan, introduce parliamentary democracy, implement socialist economic reforms, and create an enlightened amongst the masses. The PPP's primary objective was to end dictatorship and end General Ayub Khan's dictatorial regime and despotism culture in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Peoples Party quickly became the first and only populist movement, that espoused policies such as land reforms to help the peasants; nationalization of industries and introduced administrative reforms to reduce the power of the bureaucrats for a progressive society.

Article 2: Formation of Political Party:

The Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP), hereinafter referred to as "the Party" or "PPPP," was registered with the Election Commission of Pakistan on August 5, 2002. It was formed in response to the Political Parties Order 2002. The Party now operates in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Elections Act 2017 and Election Rules 2017.

Article 3: Aims and Objectives:

PPPP aim is to build a society in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Quaid-e-Jamhooriyat Shaheed Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto. The Party will be an association of citizens seeking to influence public opinion by participating in elections to the national and provincial legislatures to fulfill its aims and objectives. The Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarian (PPPP) will play a pivotal role in fostering a;

- i. Constitutional Federal Democratic Culture:** Foster a democratic political culture, promoting democratic governments and sustaining democracy, aligned with the ideals of Quaid-e-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.
- ii. Transparent Governance:** Ensure transparent elections, good governance, and honest service-oriented bureaucracy at national and provincial levels, realizing the founder's vision of a strong Islamic citadel and unifying force among the Islamic Ummah.
- iii. Human Rights and Social Empowerment:** Uphold the rule of law, protect human rights in order to Protect and empower all segments of society, including the poor, peasants, workers, educators, businessmen, women, children, and the elderly, providing equal access to resources, food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and employment opportunities.
- iv. Economic Emancipation:** PPPP aims to Promote economic growth and stability to reduce poverty and income inequality by Fostering entrepreneurship and small business development so that Pakistan can compete with the global economic competitiveness.
- v. Environmental Objectives:** To Promote sustainable development and environmental protection by addressing climate change and its impacts, ensuring water security and management and make eco-friendly infrastructure to Protect our natural resources and landscapes.

Article 4: Name and Flag:

The association takes the name of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP) and therefore the flag shall be in three colors, green, red and black having a crescent and star.

Article 5: Amendments:

Members can make changes to the Constitution as long as such changes are in conformity with the aims for which the PPPP is established. To amend the Constitution the discretion lies with Central body means central executive body of the Party.

- i. An amendment to the constitution may be proposed in the Central Executive Committee by the President and shall be approved by a majority of members present, through a show of hands or secret ballot or as and may require.
- ii. Any amendments made shall be declared through a resolution adopted at a Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting, as and when deemed necessary.

CHAPTER 2: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 6: Party Structure & Office Bearers:

Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians shall have the following organizational structure. The party shall be acting under the constitution of Pakistan and act as a pro-democratic political entity. For provincial and district subjects, a President and Secretary General shall be elected to oversee areas including Azad Kashmir, ~~FATA~~, and Gilgit Baltistan. The Presidents and Secretaries of all these provinces and Azad Kashmir will serve as ex-officio members. The following office bearers will represent the party at the central level:

- a. President,
- b. Secretary General,
- c. Finance Secretary and
- d. Information Secretary

Article 7: Eligibility for a Member:

- i. A member is an individual who has formally joined the party and supports its ideology to build a society in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quaid e Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and Quaid-e-Jamhooriyat Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto.
- ii. A member can be active or ordinary, with varying levels of involvement and may participate in party activities, attend meetings in order to promote party ideology.
- iii. No person in Government Service can be a member of the party.

Article 8: Membership Fee:

- i. The member shall pay an annual fee as may be fixed determined from time to time; the fee shall be given by all the elected members including the members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC).
- ii. Each member of the Central, Provincial and District Committees will pay an annual fee except in case of exemption, failing to which he will lose his membership.

- iii. This fee shall be collected by the Finance Secretary and/or any other officer designated by the Secretary General.

Article 9: Obligation of Members:

- i. All members shall uphold the constitution of the Party.
- ii. All members will respect the inspirational figures of the PPPP acting in a parliamentary manner.
- iii. No member shall use or exploit the Party or any of its offices for his personal gains or benefits.
- iv. A member can stand for any office and vote; subject to clearing dues and qualify under aims of the Party constitution.

Article 10: Suspension or Expulsion of a member:

Each member will accept the decisions of the PPPP in a disciplined fashion even when the view may be contrary to their own opinion including differences relating to suspension and expulsion. Following are the terms and rules:

- i. Any member found in working against the party constitution, its aim and objective shall be expelled and serve a show cause notice by the President of the party.
- ii. A member is free to give their opinion in the PPPP forum remembering that differences in opinion are a matter of democratic free will, subject to subordination to the framework of the Party.
- iii. In the event of a dispute between a PPPP member and the Party, the member's membership may be revoked if deemed necessary to protect the Party's overall interests. The office bearers shall strive to resolve the dispute through reconciliation, as directed by the President. The President is empowered to establish rules and procedures for resolving disputes, including those related to suspension and expulsion.
- iv. Any member who defies the Party's decision shall be considered in violation of the membership conditions, and such indiscipline may result in membership termination.

Article 11: Duties & Powers of Office Bearers:

a) President:

- i. The President of the PPPP shall be the Head of the entire organization, exercising all the powers inherent in him and shall oversee the duties and responsibilities of all the Office-Bearers.
- ii. The President may appoint members of Central Executive Committee from the party to assist him in exercising powers, discharging functions and entrust them with specific tasks as needed.
- iii. The President may sign party tickets for elections to the Senate, National Assembly, Provincial Assembly, local government, and bye-elections, or authorize another office bearer or the Secretary General to do so.
- iv. The President has the right to examine party and Unit/Branch account books, controlling finance jointly with the Secretary General and Finance Secretary.
- v. In emergencies, the President may convene a Central Executive Committee meeting at a suitable place and time.
- vi. The President may delegate powers to the Secretary General and appoint/authorize individuals or committees to perform specific duties.

b) Secretary General:

- i. The Secretary General will record meeting minutes and oversee general party administration. He shall be responsible for ensuring party processes are align with Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) regulations, including the ECP act 2017.
- ii. He shall be in charge of the office of the Party and shall carry out all executive and administrative decisions of the party with the consultation of the President.
- iii. The Secretary General shall exercise all the powers delegated to him by the President of the party and he shall discharge all duties as prescribed in the constitution.
- iv. The Secretary General shall appoint and supervise the work of the staff of the Central Secretariat of the PPPP.
- v. He shall attend such meetings as may be necessary to carry out the aims and objectives of the Party in compliance of the decisions taken to coordinate the organizational working of the Units/Branches/Committees that may be set up from time to time.

- vi. He shall be an ex-officio member of all the special committees and sub committees of the Party in order to execute tasks of limited duration.

c) Secretary Finance:

- i. He shall ensure that all accounts and ledgers are accurately maintained, up-to-date, and readily available for annual internal and external audits, as required by the relevant organization
- ii. The Finance Secretary will conduct internal audits in lieu of the ECP rules and regulations and provide financial reports to the President and Secretary General. He shall appoint every year the External auditor to audit the Financial of the party.
- iii. The Finance Secretary will open the Party bank account, maintain accounts, and collect fees from all party members, including CEC members and special invitees and collect fee from the applications received during the general, provincial and local bodies' elections.
- iv. The Finance Secretary shall determine all sort of fees, in consultation with the party leadership, he should finalize the annual fee for all Central Executive Committee (CEC) members, application Fees for candidates contesting elections to the National Assembly, Provincial Assembly, local bodies, and Senate and the Ticket Fees for selected candidates during bye elections or local body elections.
- v. Finance Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the party budget, maintenance of the expenses, Party bank accounts, in flow and out flow of the cash, internal and external payments from the Party Bank accounts.
- vi. He shall time to time give advice on financial matters and represent the party in financial negotiations and must ensure that the financial policies are updated timely.

d) Information Secretary:

- i. The Information Secretary will communicate the views of the party and correct distortions of all the decisions made upon the approval of President and Secretary General only.
- ii. In case of any contradictory statements which are not aligning with the party aims and objectives shall be considered as his/ her personal views.

- iii. Information Secretary shall be the main spokesperson, of the party to effectively present party narrative to the media, and shall maintain appropriate contacts with the media persons.
- iv. Information Secretary shall oversee party narrative being implemented by Social Media team; liaise with media people and oversee media performance of the party leaders.

Article 12: Central Executive Committee (CEC):

The council is a governing or advisory body which shall play a crucial role in decision-making, policy formulation, and party management. The Council shall debate the political situation and liaise with the pro-democratic and pro-awam forces. The Central Executive Committee shall act as the highest council body of the Party which shall be responsible for overall decision making. Following are the roles and powers:

- i. The President shall nominate members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) from amongst the party members. Furthermore, all Central office-bearers of the party shall serve as ex-officio members of the CEC.
- ii. The President shall have the power to expand, reshuffle or reconstitute the CEC or replace any particular member thereof whenever he deems necessary.
- iii. The CEC may meet at least once a year and as often as the President desires.
- iv. All the Central Executive Committee (CEC) members, including special invitees, will pay an annual fee. This fee will be determined annually by the Finance Secretary in consultation with the party leadership.
- v. The Committee shall consider, pass, and implement resolutions on matters arising from time to time, ensuring consistency with the Party's objectives, creed, and policy.
- vi. To implement and enforce resolutions passed during meetings and undertake additional responsibilities as assigned by the President.
- vii. The CEC shall have the final authority to expel any Party member on disciplinary grounds.
- viii. The CEC shall have the power to develop/amend the party constitution and by laws and establish party think tanks and research cells as and when necessary upon the approval of the President.

Article 13: Associated Specialized Wings and Forums of PPPP:

The Specialized wings of the students, labourer's, peasants, business, intellectuals etc. affiliated to the PPPP shall be constituted as required by the Central Executive Committee or any other as and when necessary, following are the some of the affiliated forums of the party:

- i. Peoples Lawyer Forum
- ii. Peoples Labour Forum/ Bureau
- iii. Peoples Youth Organization
- iv. Peoples Student Federation
- v. Pakistan Peoples Party Women Wing
- vi. PPP Minorities Wing
- vii. PPP Overseas Forum.

CHAPTER 3: ELECTIONS & PROCEDURES

Article 14: Electoral College:

The Electoral College for the election will comprise the members who subscribe to the aims of the party in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Shaheed Quaid-e-Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Quaid-e-Jamhooriyat Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto .

Article 15: Election Procedure:

- i. Any member of the electoral college may contest election for any offices for which the electoral college is constituted.
- ii. The Rules under which the Party Elections are to be held will be prescribed from time to time by the Party or the Central executive Committee.
- iii. There will be elections to the offices of the PPPP as and when necessary, or on the resignation, death, incapacity, or removal of any of the office bearers.
- iv. Voter list will comprise of members in the particular geographic area being voted in the Federal, Provincial or District Organization.

Article 16: Procedure for Intra-Party Elections:

- i. The Pakistan Peoples Party shall hold intra-party elections at all levels in a free and fair manner.
- ii. The person nominated for the election shall be having a Party membership with a Good standing within the party and also aligns with party ideology and values.
- iii. Similarly all tiers including, PPPP Islamabad Capital Territory, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan shall be elected by their respective councils.
- iv. Voter list will comprise of members in the particular geographic area being voted in that is Federal, Provincial or District.

Article 17: Term of office:

The elections shall be held not exceeding 05 years. from the date of previous elections at Central/Provincial/Local levels either by show of hands or by secret ballot.

Article 18: Eligibility of a candidate:

- i. A candidate is nominated by the party to contest any election to represent the party's interests and ideology.
- ii. All the Candidates shall be chosen through internal party processes, such as primary elections or selection by the party leaders.
- iii. Every eligible Person by Law & Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and who is a member of the Party shall be entitled to apply for Party ticket to contest the general elections/bye-elections or Local Government Elections.
- iv. The electoral body at the Federal/Provincial/Tehsil/Union Council level shall be charged to scrutinize and recommend Party ticket and the decision shall be subject to final approval by the President or Secretary General or as the case may be.
- v. The grant of Party ticket shall be certified by the President or designated office bearer or the Secretary General of the Party.
- vi. The party will ensure at least 05% of mandatory share of women on the general seats.

Article 19: Procedure for Legislative Elections/ Elective offices:

- i. To be eligible to contest elections, members must have an active record of promoting party's aims, be in good standing, and demonstrate credibility as a winning candidate.
- ii. Their public record should align with the principles of Quaid-e-Azam, Quaid-e-Awam, and Quaid-e-Jamhooriyat. Additionally, they must remain loyal members and resist horse trading.
- iii. The Party can contest the elections in alliance with any other political party as and when necessary in accordance with the criteria mentioned in Elections Act 2017 and Election Rules 2017.

CHAPTER 4: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Article 20: Fee:

The Finance Secretary will issue notices to inform all the members regarding the fees to ensure transparency and proper record-keeping.

a) Membership Fee:

- i. The Finance Secretary, in consultation with the Party leadership, shall set the membership fees for the Central Executive Committee (CEC) and the Provincial Executive Committees and all the membership fees shall be reviewed and set annually.
- ii. The Finance Secretary will issue notices regarding membership fees to ensure that all Party members are informed in a timely manner.
- iii. All fees collected shall be properly recorded, maintained, and reported according to the financial reporting standards set by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) Act 2017 and ECP Rules 2017.

b) Application Fee:

The Finance Secretary, after consultation with the party leadership, may fix the application fee payable by candidates applying for party tickets to contest elections for the Senate, National Assembly, Provincial Assembly, Local Councils, and by-elections.

c) Party Ticket Fee:

Ticket fees for candidates who are awarded tickets after submitting applications will also be determined by the Finance Secretary and deposited through a cross cheque or pay order payable to PPPP. Additionally the Fees from winning candidates, if applicable, shall be proposed and collected by the Finance Secretary also with the approval of the President and Secretary General.

Article 21: Source of Funds:

The Party will only accept donations from the party workers and party supporters. All sort of Donations, contributions, or funds shall be gathered by the party however, any contributions prohibited by the Elections Act 2017 shall not be accepted by the Party.

a) Campaign Financing:

- i. The party shall generate funding for campaign purposes during or after elections or as and when required.
- ii. All campaign-related finances, including contributions and expenditures, shall be meticulously documented by the Finance Secretary.
- iii. The details of campaign financing shall be submitted to the ECP within the time frames prescribed by law.

b) Emergency Contributions:

- i. The Party shall establish an emergency fund to address unforeseen situations, natural disasters, or other catastrophic events, and may allocate funds as needed.
- ii. The Finance Secretary shall have the authority to issue notices for voluntary contributions from Party executive members to meet urgent or emergency expenses.
- iii. Any such contributions shall be used solely for the purposes authorized by the competent authority.

Article 22: Income:

All fees received from members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC), Provincial Executive Committees, and donations or contributions shall be properly recorded and accounted for as income of the PPPP.

Article 23: Operation of Accounts:

- i. The funds of the PPPP shall be deposited in a bank, in the name of PPPP, approved by the Central Finance Secretary of the party.
- ii. The Finance Secretary shall be authorized to operate the bank accounts, along with any other member nominated by the Party President.
- iii. There shall not be less than three signatories in any of the party authorized bank accounts.
- iv. Any two of the three signatories shall be able to pass the cheque/ issue the cheque and pass any others orders to the bank.
- v. The Manager Finance and Accounts Coordinator shall coordinate with the banks with regards to all documentations, bank statements compliance and any other paper work as and when required.
- vi. The account signatories shall solely comprise party members only approved by the Party President.

- viii. Unauthorized accounts in the name of the PPPP are strictly prohibited, and any violations will result in strict disciplinary action.

Article 24: Distribution of Funds:

All funds shall be collected into central bank accounts maintained by the Central PPPP and managed by the Central Finance Secretary. These funds shall be distributed to provincial and local bodies as agreed by the leadership.

Article 25: Annual Statement of Finance and Accounts:

- i. A proper account of income and expenditure shall be maintained by the Finance Secretaries at the Central, Provincial, and Local levels.
- ii. The annual statement of finance and accounts must be presented to the respective Working Committees within 60 days i.e. up to 29th August of every year.

Article 26: Audits and Financial Reporting:

- i. The Finance Secretary shall ensure that the Party's financial accounts are audited annually by a recognized chartered accountant firm.
- ii. The audit report, along with the annual statement of finance and accounts, shall be presented to the respective Working Committees and submitted to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as required by the ECP Act 2017.
- iii. The Finance Secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining and submitting detailed records of campaign financing in compliance with ECP rules 2017.

Article 27: Compliance with ECP Regulations:

- i. The Party shall strictly adhere to the financial regulations stipulated in the ECP Act 2017 and ECP Rules 2017.
- ii. Any updates or amendments to ECP guidelines shall be incorporated by the Finance Secretary to ensure full compliance.
- iii. The Finance Secretary shall submit the statement of finance and accounts to the President and Secretary General for approval before submitting it to the Election Commission of Pakistan, as required by the Election Act 2017.

CHAPTER 5:
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Article 28: Overseas Branches:

- i. PPPP shall establish an Overseas Forum to acknowledge and serve our diaspora abroad. The forum's priorities will include protecting their welfare and rights, ensuring representation, addressing grievances, and providing effective representation.
- ii. The PPPP shall have its branches in all the countries with highly populous Pakistan diaspora. Foreign passport holders who were born in Pakistan (dual nationals), or having Pakistan Origin will also be eligible to become members of an Overseas branch.

Article 29: Organizational Structure:

- i. The President of the party shall be the in charge of overseas organization and all International Affairs of Pakistanis residing abroad.
- ii. The President shall supervise, administrate all the organizational, executive, administrative and financial matters and shall be responsible for the entire working of the Party under the guidelines and direction of the President the party and/or a committee formed for the purpose which shall be known as the Overseas PPPP Committee.
- iii. Following shall be the office bearers of the overseas PPPP Committee.
 - a) President
 - b) Secretary General
 - c) Finance Secretary
 - d) Information Secretary

Article 30: Elections Procedure:

The office bearers of the overseas organization shall be elected in accordance with the Party's procedures. The term of these offices shall not exceed five years.