

## **General Elections 2024: 34 Political Parties Field Legally Required Women Candidates on General Seats**

ISLAMABAD, February 6, 2024: As many as 111 political parties have nominated 275 women candidates to contest the upcoming elections on general seats, making up for 4.6 percent of the total of 6,037 candidates they have fielded, reports Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN).

According to Section 206 of the Elections Act, 2017 (Selection for Elective Offices), each political party is required to ensure at least five percent representation of women candidates while selecting candidates for general seats for elective offices, including membership of the *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) and Provincial Assemblies, through a transparent and democratic procedure.

FAFEN analysis is based on the List of Contesting Candidates (Form-33) for National and Provincial Assemblies. Of 111 political parties, as many as 30 have fielded five or more than five percent women on general seats, while four political parties have fielded between 4.50 and 4.99 percent of women candidates on general seats (that is statistically rounded-up to five percent), and the remaining 77 have fielded up to 4.50 percent women candidates on general seats. The parties fielding less than 4.50 percent women candidates on general seats is higher since the applicability of this provision is technically effective only on political parties which field at least 20 candidates on general seats (as the five percent provision requires them to allocate ticket to at least one woman candidate). Only 35 political parties have fielded more than 20 candidates on general seats.

According to FAFEN, the level of adherence to the five-percent provision varies across the elective houses. For the National Assembly, 94 parties have allocated tickets for general seats to a total of 1,872 candidates, that includes 92 women, making up 4.91 percent of women out of the total candidates fielded. For the Punjab Assembly, 70 parties have allocated tickets to a total of 1,878 candidates, including 58 women (3.09 percent of the total). For the Sindh Assembly, 50 parties have allocated tickets to a total of 948 candidates, out of which 59 are women (6.22 percent of the total). For the Balochistan Assembly, 37 parties have allocated tickets to a total of 533 candidates, out of which 19 are women (3.56 percent of the total). For the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, 44 parties have allocated tickets to 806 candidates, out of which 47 are women (5.83 percent of the total).

The table below shows the distribution of candidates across political parties in each elective house, along with the corresponding percentages of women candidates for the General Elections 2024.

No.	Party Name	Overall Candidates				National Assembly				Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly				Punjab Assembly				Sindh Assembly				Balochistan Assembly			
		Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women
1	Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians	742	35	777	4.50	235	11	246	4.47	86	5	91	5.49	251	11	262	4.20	124	6	130	4.62	46	2	48	4.17
2	Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan	728	28	756	3.70	224	9	233	3.86	96	5	101	4.95	273	6	279	2.15	96	6	102	5.88	39	2	41	4.88
3	Tehreek Labbaik Pakistan	696	9	705	1.28	221	2	223	0.90	45	3	48	6.25	291	1	292	0.34	117	3	120	2.50	22	0	22	0.00
4	Pakistan Muslim League (N)	635	32	667	4.80	193	14	207	6.76	84	6	90	6.67	276	3	279	1.08	44	7	51	13.73	38	2	40	5.00
5	Pakistan Markazi Muslim League	452	36	488	7.38	136	15	151	9.93	32	3	35	8.57	216	14	230	6.09	64	4	68	5.88	4	0	4	0.00
6	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan	437	19	456	4.17	125	1	126	0.79	106	4	110	3.64	118	6	124	4.84	42	8	50	16.00	46	0	46	0.00
7	Awami National Party	194	8	202	3.96	60	2	62	3.23	85	5	90	5.56	1	1	2	50.00	28	0	28	0.00	20	0	20	0.00
8	Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan	180	11	191	5.76	71	7	78	8.97	6	0	6	0.00	13	0	13	0.00	85	4	89	4.49	5	0	5	0.00
9	Pakistan Rah-e-Haq Party	135	2	137	1.46	41	0	41	0.00	10	1	11	9.09	19	0	19	0.00	54	1	55	1.82	11	0	11	0.00
10	Pakistan Awami Tehreek	125	2	127	1.57	41	0	41	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	79	2	81	2.47	4	0	4	0.00	0	0	0	
11	Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA)	91	16	107	14.95	23	7	30	23.33	0	0	0		0	0	0		68	9	77	11.69	0	0	0	

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12	Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party	91	7	98	7.14	23	4	27	14.81	0	0	0		41	2	43	4.65	27	1	28	3.57	0	0	0	
13	Pakistan Threek-e-Insaf Parliamentarian	81	9	90	10.00	16	1	17	5.88	65	8	73	10.96	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
14	Rabita Jamiat Ulma-e-Islam	69	0	69	0.00	21	0	21	0.00	18	0	18	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	26	0	26	0.00
15	Pakistan Nazriyati Party	65	1	66	1.52	15	0	15	0.00	7	0	7	0.00	37	1	38	2.63	4	0	4	0.00	2	0	2	0.00
16	Pakistan Muslim League	59	3	62	4.84	14	1	15	6.67	3	0	3	0.00	29	2	31	6.45	9	0	9	0.00	4	0	4	0.00
17	Balochistan National Party	54	2	56	3.57	13	0	13	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	38	2	40	5.00
18	National Party	48	7	55	12.73	13	2	15	13.33	0	0	0		3	2	5	40.00	0	0	0		32	3	35	8.57
19	Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party	53	1	54	1.85	14	1	15	6.67	11	0	11	0.00	0	0	0		5	0	5	0.00	23	0	23	0.00
20	Mazloom Olsi Tehreek Pakistan	44	0	44	0.00	9	0	9	0.00	18	0	18	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	13	0	13	0.00
21	Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan (Noorani)	43	0	43	0.00	15	0	15	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	19	0	19	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	5	0	5	0.00
22	Pashtoonkhwa National Awami Party Pakistan	38	1	39	2.56	12	1	13	7.69	5	0	5	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	19	0	19	0.00

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23	Balochistan Awami Party	35	3	38	7.89	8	1	9	11.11	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		27	2	29	6.90
24	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Nazryati Pakistan	37	0	37	0.00	11	0	11	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		23	0	23	0.00
25	Barabri Party Pakistan	28	2	30	6.67	8	0	8	0.00	4	0	4	0.00	13	2	15	13.33	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00
26	Pakistan Peoples Party (Shaheed Bhutto)	26	2	28	7.14	5	1	6	16.67	0	0	0		5	0	5	0.00	15	1	16	6.25	1	0	1	0.00
27	Qaumi Watan Party	25	3	28	10.71	3	1	4	25.00	19	2	21	9.52	0	0	0		0	0	0		3	0	3	0.00
28	Sulaiman Khel Qabail Movement	27	0	27	0.00	12	0	12	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	12	0	12	0.00	0	0	0	
29	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan (S)	26	0	26	0.00	9	0	9	0.00	8	0	8	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	7	0	7	0.00
30	Balochistan National Party (Awami)	22	3	25	12.00	8	0	8	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		14	3	17	17.65
31	Tehreek Jawanan Pakistan	21	3	24	12.50	9	0	9	0.00	3	2	5	40.00	5	0	5	0.00	0	0	0		4	1	5	20.00
32	Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen Pakistan	20	4	24	16.67	7	2	9	22.22	1	1	2	50.00	4	1	5	20.00	5	0	5	0.00	3	0	3	0.00
33	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Nazriati	20	2	22	9.09	9	1	10	10.00	1	0	1	0.00	9	1	10	10.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	

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34	Mohajir Qaumi Movement Pakistan	20	2	22	9.09	7	0	7	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		13	2	15	13.33	0	0	0	
35	Jamiat Ulma-e-Pakistan (Imam Noorani)	20	1	21	4.76	7	0	7	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	5	1	6	16.67	3	0	3	0.00	4	0	4	0.00
36	Jamhoori Wattan Party	17	1	18	5.56	7	0	7	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	4	0	4	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	3	1	4	25.00
37	National Democratic Movement	16	1	17	5.88	6	0	6	0.00	6	1	7	14.29	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	3	0	3	0.00
38	Pakistan Muslim League (Zia-Ul-Haq Shaheed)	16	0	16	0.00	8	0	8	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	6	0	6	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
39	Pakistan Muslim Alliance	15	1	16	6.25	7	1	8	12.50	0	0	0		0	0	0		8	0	8	0.00	0	0	0	
40	Tehreek-e-Labbaik Islam	16	0	16	0.00	5	0	5	0.00	0	0	0		5	0	5	0.00	0	0	0		6	0	6	0.00
41	Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith Pakistan	15	0	15	0.00	5	0	5	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	7	0	7	0.00
42	Hazara Qaumi Mahaz Pakistan	13	1	14	7.14	3	0	3	0.00	3	1	4	25.00	0	0	0		7	0	7	0.00	0	0	0	
43	Pakistan Conservative Party	10	3	13	23.08	7	2	9	22.22	0	0	0		0	0	0		3	1	4	25.00	0	0	0	

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44	Saraikistan Democratic Party	12	1	13	7.69	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		9	1	10	10.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
45	Khadmeen-e-Sindh	10	1	11	9.09	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		8	1	9	11.11	0	0	0	
46	Islami Tehreek Pakistan	11	0	11	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		6	0	6	0.00	4	0	4	0.00	1	0	1	0.00
47	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Emaan	10	0	10	0.00	8	0	8	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
48	Kissan Ittehad	10	0	10	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		6	0	6	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
49	Pakistan Falah Party	10	0	10	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		6	0	6	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
50	Tehreek-e-Darveshan Pakistan	10	0	10	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	8	0	8	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
51	Tehreek-e-Tahafuz-e-Pakistan	9	0	9	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00
52	Pakistan Islamic Republican Party	9	0	9	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
53	Haq Do Tehreek Balochistan	9	0	9	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		7	0	7	0.00
54	Awami Tehreek	9	0	9	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		9	0	9	0.00	0	0	0	
55	Amun Taraqqi Party	8	0	8	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
56	Awami Workers Party	7	1	8	12.50	2	0	2	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	1	2	50.00	0	0	0	
57	Jamote Qaumi Movement	5	2	7	28.57	1	1	2	50.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		4	1	5	20.00

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58	Awami Muslim League Pakistan	7	0	7	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		5	0	5	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
59	Awami Justice Party Pakistan	6	0	6	0.00	6	0	6	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
60	Pak Defence Qoumi Movement	4	2	6	33.33	4	2	6	33.33	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
61	Pakistan Awami League	5	0	5	0.00	4	0	4	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
62	Pakistan Aam Admi Movement	5	0	5	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
63	Aam Admi Tehreek Pakistan	3	2	5	40.00	1	1	2	50.00	0	0	0		2	1	3	33.33	0	0	0		0	0	0	
64	Pakistan Kissan Ittehad (Ch. Anwar)	5	0	5	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		4	0	4	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
65	Pakistan Siraiki Party (T)	5	0	5	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		4	0	4	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
66	Hazara Democratic Party	4	0	4	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00
67	Kissan Ittehad Awami Party	4	0	4	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
68	Tehreek-e-Inqilab Political Movement	4	0	4	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	

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69	Aam Loeg Ittehad	2	1	3	33.33	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	1	1	100.00	0	0	0	
70	Haqooq Khalq Party	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
71	Pakistan Muslim League (Khan Qayyum Khan)	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
72	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Shariat Party	3	0	3	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
73	Awam League	2	1	3	33.33	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	1	2	50.00	0	0	0	
74	Nazria Pakistan Council	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
75	Pakistan Muhafiz Party (National)	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
76	Pakistan Muslim League Organization	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
77	Green Democratic Party	3	0	3	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
78	Mustaqbil Pakistan	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
79	Pakistan Aman Tehreek	3	0	3	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
80	Pasban Democratic Party	1	2	3	66.67	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		1	2	3	66.67	0	0	0	
81	Tehreek-e-Azmat Pakistan	2	0	2	0.00	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	

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82	All Pakistan Minority Movement	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
83	Istehkam-e-Pakistan Tehreek	1	1	2	50.00	0	1	1	100.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
84	Pakistan Freedom Movement	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
85	Pakistan Muslim League (Sher-e-Bangal) A.K. Fazal-Ul-Haq	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	
86	Aam Log Party Pakistan	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
87	Apni Party Pakistan	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
88	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaniyat	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
89	Sunni Ittehad Council	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
90	Tehreek-e-Tarraqi-o-Kamal	2	0	2	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
91	Awami Democratic Party Pakistan	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
92	Tehreek-e-Suba Hazara Pakistan	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	

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93	All Pakistan Kissan Ittehad	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
94	All Pakistan Muslim League (Jinnah)	2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		2	0	2	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
95	Pak League	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
96	Pakistan Awami Quwat	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
97	Pakistan Muslim League Council	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
98	Pakistan People's Alliance Party (A)	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
99	Pakistan Supreme Democratic Party	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
100	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Shadbad	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
101	Pakistan Welfare Party	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
102	Tehreek Tabdili Nizam-e-Pakistan	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
103	Tehreek-e-Difa-e-Pakistan	1	0	1	0.00	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
104	Awami Falahi Party	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	

No.	Party Name	Overall Candidates				National Assembly				Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly				Punjab Assembly				Sindh Assembly				Balochistan Assembly			
		Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women	Male	Female	Total	Percent Women
105	Islami Jamhoori Ittehad Pakistan	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
106	Pakistan Awami Inqelabi League	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
107	Pakistan Masiha Party	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
108	Pakistan Muslim League (J)	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
109	Awami Tehreek-e-Ilam Party	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
110	Front National (Pakistan)	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	
111	Pakistan Muslim Party	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0		1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0		0	0	0	