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According to a Gallup poll held a few weeks prior to the announcement of the local body elections, a majority of population favoured local body elections on party basis. The nationwide survey conducted in both rural and urban areas of the country in 100 statistically selected villages and 100 towns and cities in all the four provinces asked the question: “In your view, should the forthcoming local body elections be held on party basis (that is political parties would nominate their candidates) or on non-party basis (that is, individuals will contest elections on their individual merit)?” 53% responded in favour of party based polls while 25% favoured non-party polls. 22% did not offer any opinion. The support for party based polls was particularly pronounced among the supporters of Pakistan Peoples Party: 71% of PPP supporter’s favoured party based polls and only 13% opposed it. A majority of Muslim League supporters also favoured party based polls, but they were less keen: 52% of ML supporters favoured party based polls, and 33% opposed them.