## ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P. No. D – 4450 of 2018

Dated

Order with signature of Judge

## **FRESH CASE:**

- 1. For order on Misc. No. 19953/2018
- 2. For order on Misc. No. 19954/2018
- 3. For hearing of Main Case.

## 11.06.2018

Tyeb Hussain, petitioner present in person. Mr. Abdullah Hanjrah, Law Officer, ECP.

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- 1. Granted.
- 2. Granted subject to all just exceptions.
- The petitioner wants that the fee payable at the time of filing of 3. nomination form for Provincial Assembly be reduced to Rs.10,000/- and for National Assembly it may be reduced to Rs.20,000/-. The Law Officer, ECP points out Section 61 of Elections Act, 2017 in which it is clearly mentioned that the Returning Officer shall not accept a nomination paper unless a sum of Rs.30,000/- for election to a seat in the National Assembly and Rs.20,000/- for election to a seat in Provincial Assembly is deposited by the candidate. It is further submitted that if the candidate not being returned candidate obtains less than 1-4<sup>th</sup> of the total votes polled in the constituency, the sum deposited by him shall stand forfeited in favour of government. He further submits that today is the last date of filing of nomination papers. The petitioner in this petition has not challenged the vires of the Elections Act, 2017, but he simply wants this Court to reduce the nomination fee which is not possible at this stage when the nomination papers have already filed by various candidates and today is the last day of filing nomination. The petitioner submits that he is also filing his nomination paper, but he has approached this court for public benefit. No case is made out on merits, hence this petition is dismissed in limine.

**JUDGE**