## **ORDER SHEET**

## ELECTION APPELLATE TRIBUNAL SUKKUR.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE IRSHAD ALI SHAH)

## Election Appeal No.S-03 of 2024

(Gul Hassan Vs Federation of Pakistan & others)

DATE OF HEARING	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

For hearing of main case.

Date of hearing05-01-2024.Date of Order.09-01-2024.

Mr. Muhammad Zubair Malik, advocate for the appellant. Mr. Ghulam Shabbir Shar advocate for private respondent. Mr. Dareshani Ali Hyder "Ada" DAG, Pakistan. Mr. Zeeshan Haider Qureshi Assistant Director (Law) ECP. \*\*\*\*\*\*

The appellant by way of instant election appeal has impugned the order of the Returning Officer whereby he has accepted the nomination paper of private respondent to contest election from PS-24 (Sukkur-III).

It is contended by learned counsel for the appellant that the private respondent has filed misstatement with regard to his assets and income; therefore, he is not qualified to contest the election. By contending so, he sought for rejection of nomination paper of the private respondent.

Learned DAG, learned Law Officer EPC and learned counsel for the private respondent have sought for dismissal of the instant election appeal by supporting the acceptance of nomination paper of the private respondent.

Heard arguments and perused the record.

The objections to the nomination paper of the private respondent so filed by the appellant impliedly were disowned by his counsel. If for the sake of arguments, it is believed that those were not disowned, no cogent evidence is brought on record which may suggest that the assets and income of the private respondent carry with it misstatement. No illegality is committed by the Returning Officer concerned while accepting the nomination paper of the private respondent, which may justify this Court to reverse the same by way of instant appeal, it is dismissed accordingly.

## Judge/Appellate Tribunal

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