

**ORDER SHEET**  
**ELECTION APPELLATE TRIBUNAL SUKKUR.**  
*(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE IRSHAD ALI SHAH)*  
**Election Appeal No.S-13 of 2024**  
*(Abdul Sattar Manganhar Vs Federation of Pakistan & others)*

DATE OF HEARING	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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1. For Orders on CMA No. 19/2024 (Ex./A)
2. For hearing of main case.

**08-01-2024.**

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1. Deferred.
2. The appellant by way of instant appeal has impugned the order of returning officer whereby his nomination paper to contest election from NA-198 (Ghotki-I) has been rejected for the reason that his father being his dependent is defaulter of WAPDA. As per section 60 (2) (d) of Election Act-2017, the nomination paper of the candidate could be rejected for the liabilities of his spouse and dependent children. In election laws the father of a candidate is not defined to be his dependent. As such the Order rejecting the nomination paper of the appellant by the Returning Officer could not be sustained; consequently the instant appeal is allowed, the nomination paper of the appellant shall be deemed to have been accepted.

The instant Election Appeal is disposed of accordingly.

**Judge/Appellate Tribunal**