

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Original Jurisdiction)

Present:

Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, CJ

Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed

Mr. Justice Sh. Azmat Saeed

C.M.A. NO.64 OF 2013 IN CONST.P.87 OF 2011

AND

C.R.P. NO.191 OF 2012 IN CONST. P.NO.87 OF 2011

Workers Party Pakistan, etc.

... Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

Federation of Pakistan, etc.

... Respondent (s)

For the Applicant/
Petitioner

: Mr. Bilal Hassan Minto, ASC

For the Federation

: Mr. Irfan Qadir,
Attorney General for Pakistan
Mr. Dil Muhammad Alizai, DAG

For the ECP

: Mr. Muhammad Munir Piracha, Sr. ASC
Mr. Abdul Rehman,
Additional Director General (Elections)

Date of Hearing

: 30.04.2013

ORDER

Learned counsel for the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) stated that the ECP has already incorporated directions, observations and suggestions of the Court in the Code of Conduct or the Rules framed under the Representation of the

People Act, 1976 (ROPA). However, we have noticed that the Executives who are bound to assist the ECP for holding honest, free and fair general elections are required to ensure protection to the life and property of the citizens, voters and candidates throughout the country because a peaceful and congenial atmosphere persuades the voters, citizens and the candidates to show their full participation in the process of general elections throughout the country. There are certain areas where the life and property of the citizens, voters and the candidates, *prima facie*, seem to be not protected, as has been reported in the media about the incidents of bomb explosions, suicides and murders, etc. Therefore, we direct to the Chief Secretaries of the Provinces and the Chief Commissioner, ICT to ensure complete control of law and order situation throughout the country so the process of the general elections is completed peacefully.

2. The learned counsel stated that the ECP is already focusing on this subject and on its behalf it is being ensured that all possible efforts/steps shall be taken to provide peaceful and congenial atmosphere to the voters, citizens and the candidates so they may run their campaign for the forthcoming General

Elections and also ensure their attendance at the Polling Stations on the day of polling for exercising the Right of Adult Franchise.

3. Adjourned to a date in Office after two (02) weeks.

CJ.

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Islamabad
30th April, 2013.
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