IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

MR. JUSTICE MUNIB AKHTAR MR. JUSTICE SHAHID WAHEED MR. JUSTICE IRFAN SAADAT KHAN

C.P.L.A.244/2024

(Against judgment dated 12.01.2024 passed by the Lahore High Court, Lahore in W.P. No.2435/2024.)

Malik Ahmad Usman Nawaz ... Petitioner

Vs

The Appellate Tribunal (Elections Act, ... Respondents

2017) for PP-254 (Bahawalpur-X)

Bahawalpur and others

For the Petitioner : Mr. Umair Majeed Malik, ASC

Assisted by

Mr. Abdullah Sajid, Adv.

Syed Rifaqat Hussain Shah, AOR

For the Respondents : Mr. Khurram Shehzad, Addl. D.G.

Law

Mr. Falak Sher, Legal Consultant

Date of Hearing : 30.01.2024

ORDER

Munib Akhtar, **J**.: We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned Addl. DG (Law) and learned Legal Consultant.

2. For detailed reasons to be recorded later and subject to such amplification and/or explanation therein as may be deemed appropriate, this leave petition is converted into an appeal and allowed. The impugned judgment of the learned High Court as well as the orders of the fora below are set aside with the result that the nomination papers of the petitioner, now appellant, for PP 254 (Bahawalpur) are deemed accepted and his name is deemed included in the final list of candidates for the General Elections of

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2024. This candidate shall immediately and forthwith, and it shall be the duty of the Election Commission to ensure that this is done, be allocated an election symbol.

3. The name of the candidate and his election symbol must appear on the ballot papers used in and for the general election to the constituency aforementioned and the said election for this constituency must be held on 08.02.2024, as scheduled.

Judge

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Islamabad, the 30th January, 2024 Naveed/*

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