

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.255 of 2024

(On appeal from the judgment dated 11.01.2024 passed by the Lahore High Court, Lahore in WP No.1802 of 2024)

Shahbaz Ahmad Khan	...	Petitioner
Vs		
Learned Election Appellate Tribunal and others	...	Respondents

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Shaukat Rauf Siddiqi, ASC Mr. Haroon Irshad Janjua, ASC Ch. Akhtar Ali, AOR
For the respondents	:	Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Special Secy, ECP Mr. Muhammad Arshad, DG (Law) Mr. Masood Akhtar Sherwani, D.G. (Political Finance) Mr. Falak Sher, Legal Consultant
Date of Hearing	:	31.01.2024

ORDER

Munib Akhtar, J.: We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned Special Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan as well as DG (Law) and the 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 NA-144 (Khanewal) are deemed accepted and his name is deemed included

in the final list of candidates for the General Elections of 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
31st January, 2024
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