

**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.183/2024**

(Against judgment dated 12.01.2024 passed by the  
Lahore High Court, Lahore in W.P. No.2361/2024.)

Shaukat Mahmood ... **Petitioner**  
Vs  
Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) ... **Respondents**  
through its Secretary ECP Building,  
Islamabad and others

For the Petitioner : Mr. Shazib Masud, ASC  
Mr. Moiz Tariq, ASC  
Assisted by:  
M/s Mian Ali Ashfaq,  
A. Ahad Khokhar,  
M. Fiaz Kandwal, Advocates  
Ch. Akhtar Ali, AOR

For ECP : Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Spl. Secy.  
Mr. M. Arshad, D.G. (Law)  
Mr. Mansoor Akhtar Sherwani, DG  
(Political Finance)  
Mr. Khurram Shahzad, Addl. Dir.  
Mr. Falak Shar, Legal Consultant  
(On Court's call)

Date of Hearing : 26.01.2024

**ORDER**

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

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-163

(Bahawalnagar) 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  
26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024  
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