

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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CASE No.F.2(31)/2015-Confidential

Subject: CONDUCT OF INTRA PARTY ELECTIONS "JAMIAT ULMA-E-PAKISTAN (IMAM NOORANI)"

On Commission's Notice

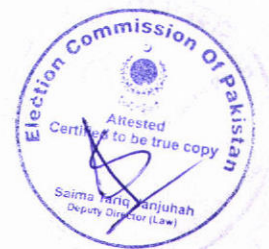
Pir Ijaz Ahmed Hashmi : Hassan Kamran, AHC.
For ECP : DG Political Finance

Date of hearing : 04-01-2024

ORDER

Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chairman- Brief background of the instant matter is that intra-party elections of JamiatUlma-e-Pakistan (Imam Noorani) were due on or before 25.08.2023. The Party President vide letter dated 25-08-2023 filed intra-party details wherein deficiencies were found and the same were communicated to the party president vide letter dated 12-09-2023. No response was received and was issued reminder vide letter dated 17.11.2023. A Show Cause Notice dated 14.12.2023 under Section 215(4) of the Elections Act, 2017, was issued to the said party with advice to submit a reply within 14 days. In response, reply of Show Cause notice was received on 22-12-2023 alongwith documents of intra-party Elections. The response was found unsatisfactory. As a result, the matter has been fixed for a hearing before the Commission on 04-01-2024 with notice to the party.

2. DG political finance appeared and stated that according to Article 07 of party Constitution, the Election of President, Senior Vice President and Secretary General was required to be conducted by the Political Party at all levels and rest of the office bearers are to be appointed by the President in consultation with the Senior Vice President and General Secretary. However the party has submitted the documents in which elections are conducted on 19 positions contrary to the Party Constitution.



3. Mr. Hassan Kamran, Advocate appeared on behalf of Political Party JUP (Imam Noorani) and submitted that the previous list whereby names of 21 office bearers were shown was due to the mistake and he added that in response to the Show Cause Notice dated 14-12-2023 the list has been corrected. He further submitted that the intra party election is only conducted by the party for three seats i.e President, Senior Vice President and Secretary General. He further clarified that all the other office bearers are appointed unopposed by the president in the process of consultation. The counsel further requested that as the "office observations" have been complied with and revised/ corrected documents have been given, therefore by accepting the same party symbol "Chitrali Topi" may be allocated to JUP (Imam Noorani) for General Elections 2024.

4. We have heard the arguments and gone through the constitution of JUP (Imam Noorani) its Article "7", provisions of Elections Act, 2017, Election Rules 2017 and record provided by the concerned branch.


5. From the perusal of record it is revealed that president Jamiat Ulma-e-Pakistan (Imam Noorani) submitted details of intra-party elections i.e Certificate regarding intra-party elections (Form-65) on 25.08.2023. Certain observations were made by the office and those observations were conveyed to the party vide office letter dated 12.09.2023. No response was received from the party and a reminder dated 17.11.2023 was also issued to re-submit the intra-party documents after removing the deficiencies. Subsequent to it Show Cause Notice dated 14.12.2023 was issued. In response to the Show Cause Notice the Political Party submitted its reply vide letter dated 22-12-2023 in which revised list of 21 office bearers was also provided to the Commission. from the perusal of the list it is observed that president, Senior vice president and Secretary General are declared elected on the basis of conduct of intra party election however, rest of the office bearers are declared unopposed which according to the counsel are appointed after the process of consultation by the president with senior vice president and secretary General. The representative from the office of Election Commission of Pakistan has also shown satisfaction in this regard.

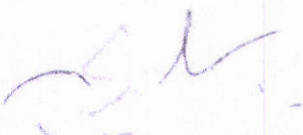
6. As the Political Party (Jamiat Ulma-e-Pakistan Imam Noorani) has removed the observations of the office and complied with the provisions of Section 208 & 209, therefore in exercise of power under Article 218 (3) read with Article 17 of the Constitution and further read with Section 208 and 209 of the Elections Act, 2017, the details of intra party election of JUP (Imam Noorani) are accepted and the party is declared eligible to obtain the election Symbol for General Elections 2024.





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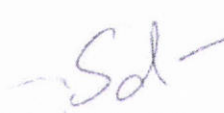
Office is directed to take necessary action accordingly.


Sikandar Sultan Raja
Chairman


Nisar Ahmed Durrani
Member


Shah Muhammad Jatoi
Member


Babar Hassan Bharwana
Member


Justice (R) Ikram Ullah Khan
Member

