ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

MR. SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA, CHAIRMAN MR. JUSTICE (R) IKRAM ULLAH KHAN, MEMBER

CASE No.F.7(98)/2024-Law-III

Subject: <u>APPLICATION FOR RE-POLLING IN CONSTITUENCY</u> <u>PP-284 TAUNSA-I (DERA GHAZI KHAN)</u>

Sardar Meer Badshah Khan Qaisrani

.....Applicant(s)

For the applicant	:	Rao Muhammad Akram Khurram, AHC.
Date of hearing	:	<u>13-02-2024</u>
		<u>O R D E R</u>

Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chairman- Brief facts of the matter is that petitioner namely Sardar Meer Badshah Khan Qaisrani contested the General Election 2024 for the seat of Provincial Assembly from constituency PP-284, Taunsa-I. As per Form-47 uploaded on the website of the Commission, the Petitioner has obtained 48633 votes and the returned candidate has obtained 52574. Petitioner being aggrieved with the result issued by the Returning Officer has filed instant application.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant appeared and contended that he contested election from PP-284 Taunsa-I. He further added that he has obtained 48,883 votes while the returned candidate as per Form-49 has obtained 52,620 votes. The margin of victory between the petitioner and the returned candidate is 3737 votes. He further added that his agents were not allowed to attend the proceedings of formation of Form-47. He also pointed out that the poll was not conducted at four polling stations i.e PS-276, total voters 1779, PS-81 Total Votes 1688, PS-266 total votes 2059 and PS 247 total votes 1928 which is violation of fundamental rights of the voters. He also highlighted that at polling station no. 90, 275 and 317 bogus votes have been polled and Form-45 have been changed. He prayed that the total number of the voters in the above mentioned polling stations i.e 7454 are higher than the margin of victory between the petitioner and the returned candidate. Therefore, he requested that re-polling in the above mentioned four polling stations may be ordered by the Commission.

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Arguments heard and record perused.

4. It is observed that the counsel contended that poll was not conducted on four polling stations on 08-02-2024. Right to vote is the fundamental right of the citizen

as provided under Article 17 of the Constitution. For just and fair decision in the matter, it is directed that notice be issued to the Returning Officer alongwith copy of application/ petition for his comprehensive report discussing all the aspects and points raised by the petitioner in his petition in respect of polling at four polling stations, number of the votes polled in the constituency, number of rejected votes and preparation of Form-47, Form-48 and Form-49 within seven days which shall reach to this office before the next date of hearing. Furthermore, in the meanwhile, the notification of the returned candidate shall remain suspended.

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Sikandar Satan Raja Chairman

Justice (R) IkramUllah Khan Member

