## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

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MR. SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA, CHAIRMAN MR. NISAR AHMED DURRANI, MEMBER MR. SHAH MUHAMMAD JATOI, MEMBER MR. BABAR HASSAN BHARWANA, MEMBER JUSTICE (R) IKRAMULLAH KHAN, MEMBER

## CASE No.F.3(10)/2002-Confd.Vol-V

Subject: <u>SUBMISSION OF DOCUMETNS RELATING TO INTRA-PARTY ELECTION OF PAKISTAN TEHREEK-E-INSAF (PTI)</u>
<u>HELD ON 03-03-2024</u>

## On Commission's Notice

- 1. Mr.Barrister Gohar Ali Khan
- 2. Mr. Raoof Hasan

.....Respondent(s)

For the Respondents

Barrister Gohar Ali Khan

Akbar S. Babar (Complainant)

In person

Mehmood Khan (Complainant)

In person

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In person

Muhammad Sandhu (Complainant)

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Bilal Azhar Rana (Complainant)

In person

Naveed Anjum Khan (Complainant)

In Person

For the ECP

Special Secretary Law, ADG PF & DD Confidential

Date of hearing

08-04-2025

## ORDER

Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chairman- The matter was fixed for intimation regarding the latest status of Writ Petition No. 34140/2024 pending before the Lahore High Court, Lahore. The respondent, Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, ASC, appeared in person before the Commission and submitted that an injunctive order was passed by the Lahore High Court on 18-10-2024, restraining the Commission from passing any final order until the disposal of the aforementioned writ petition. He further submitted that the matter is sub judice and may be appropriately decided following the judgment of the larger five-member bench of the Lahore High Court. On this ground, he requested adjournment. In response to a query by the Commission, the respondent clarified that proceedings may continue before the Commission, but he was unable to argue the matter due to non-availability of case files and again sought adjournment.

- 2. Conversely, Mr. Akbar S. Babar appeared in person and submitted that the rights of PTI workers are being adversely affected and emphasized the need for expeditious proceedings.
- 3. Upon perusal of the record, it is observed that notice was initially issued to the respondent on 23-04-2024, and the matter was first fixed for hearing on 30-04-2024. To

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date, twelve (12) hearings have been held before the Commission, and on eight (08) occasions, adjournments were sought by the respondent on various grounds, which were allowed in the interest of justice. It is further noted that the respondent himself approached the Lahore High Court by filing Writ Petition No. 34140/2024 and obtained an injunctive order dated 18-10-2024. One year has nearly passed, and it is also pertinent to note that the Lahore High Court has not stayed the proceedings pending before the Commission. Hence, the Commission may proceed with hearing the matter; however, the final order shall be passed after the disposal of the said writ petition.

4. In light of the above, all parties are directed to conclude their arguments on the next date of hearing. The Office is also directed to submit a concise brief of the matter. The case is adjourned to 22-04-2025 at 10:00 AM for final arguments and rebuttal.

Sikandar Sultan Raja Chairman

Nisar Atimed Durrani Member

Shah Muhammad Jatoi Member

Babar Hassan Bharwana Member Justice (R)Ikram Ullah Khan Member

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