

BEFORE THE ELECTION APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR SINDH AT SUKKUR

Election Appeal No. S-23 of 2024

Muhammad Sulleman son of Dhani Bux
Muslim adult by caste Deeper
r/o Village Khair Muhammad Deeper
PS Dhareja Taluka Thari Mir Wah, District Khairpur

----- Appellant

V E R S U S

1. Federation of Pakistan through Chief Election Commission,
Election Commission of Pakistan
2. Provincial Election Commission,
Sindh, Karachi
3. District Election Commissioner,
District Khairpur
4. Returning Officer NA-204 District Khairpur

----- Respondents

Mr. Abdul Qadeer Khoso, Advocate for appellant

Mr. Zeeshan Hyder, Law Officer, Election Commission of
Pakistan

Mr. Dareshani Ali Hyder 'Ada' DAG

Mr. Umair Ali Election Officer

Mr. Shan Ali Returning Officer PS-NA 204 Khairpur-III

Date of hearing; 08.01.2024

Date of order; 08.01.2024

ORDER

Zulfiqar Ali Sangi J;- Through this Appeal, the appellant has challenged the impugned order dated 29.12.2023 passed by the Returning Officer NA-204 Khairpur-III, whereby his nomination form was rejected on the ground that he is a defaulter of the SEPCO for amount of Rs. 2,44,412/- The plea of appellant is that he has filed a suit for settlement of accounts in respect of false bill issued by SEPCO authorities. Since the amount alleged is admitted by the appellant to be dues against him. He has given opportunity by the Returning Officer so also by this Tribunal to clear the liability but such opportunity has not been availed by the appellant. Under such circumstances, the case of

appellant falls under Article 63 (1) (o) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973. Hence, his nomination form was rightly rejected by the Returning Officer. Appeal fails and is hereby dismissed.

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