# <u>ORDER SHEET</u>

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI C.P.No.D-687 of 2024 a/w

C.P.Nos.D-688, 698 to 712 of 2024, 714 to 721 of 2024, 724 & 725 of 2024, 732 to 748 of 2024 C.P. Nos.D-756 to 759, 765 to 768, 773 of 2024

Date

Order with signature of Judge

## 13th February 2024

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After hearing the learned counsel for the parties at some length and keeping in view the statement alongwith comments filed on behalf of the Election Commission of Pakistan dated 13.02.2024, as well as in view of the fact that alternate remedy is available to the petitioners under Sections 8 and 9 alongwith other relevant provisions of the Elections Act, 2017 read with Elections Rules, 2017 as well as Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, the aforesaid Constitutional Petitions are disposed of in the following terms: -

1. All the petitioners before us, who have expressed their common grievance to the effect that there has been violation of the provisions of Sections 92 and 95 of the Elections Act, 2017, while preparing consolidated results in the shape of Form-47 issued by the Returning Officers, do not tally with the results in the shape of Form-45 issued by the Presiding Officers of the Polling Stations, shall be considered as complaint(s) in terms of Sections 8 and 9 of the Elections Act, 2017 before the Election Commission of Pakistan, copies of which have been supplied/sent through email, etc. to Election Commission of Pakistan, who shall decide such complaint(s) after hearing all the necessary parties expeditiously, however, before the cut of date for issuance of Notification in terms of Section 98(1) of the Elections Act, 2017 i.e. **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** through speaking order(s).

- 2. The issue regarding consolidation of the results and the discrepancy, if any, in Form-45 and Form-47 either made in the presence or absence of the petitioners or their representatives, shall be resolved by the Election Commission of Pakistan after scrutiny of the records i.e. Form-45 and Form-47 available with the Election Commission of Pakistan or as may be produced by the petitioners, however, subject to verification, whereafter, the decision(s) shall be made in terms of Articles 218 and 224 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, after complying with all the relevant provisions of the Elections Rules, 2017.
- 3. In case of any further grievance, the aggrieved parties will be at liberty to seek their remedy as available to them under the Elections Act, 2017 by approaching the relevant

forum, including Tribunal, etc. constituted for such purposes in accordance with law.

Instant Constitutional Petitions stand disposed of in the above terms alongwith listed applications.

## **CHIEF JUSTICE**

### JUDGE

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