IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, AT KARACHI

C.P. No. D-549 of 2024

PRESENT:

MR. JUSTICE AQEEL AHMED ABBASI CHIEF JUSTICE MR. JUSTICE ABDUL MOBEEN LAKHO

Taufeeq Uddin Siddiqui

Versus

Election Commissioner of Pakistan and others

Date of hearing 01.02.2024

M/s. Muhammad Sharif Bhutto, Saad Bhutto and Zafarullah Bhutto, Advocates for the Petitioner.

ORDER

<u>Abdul Mobeen Lakho, J.</u> The Petitioner has invoked the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court by filing captioned petition with the following common prayers:-

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- "1. To direct the respondent No. 1, 2 and 03 to correct the name of polling station for NA 232, korangi, Karachi in the updated list of polling stations for General Election 2024.
- 2. To direct the respondent 1,2 and 3 to mention correct name for NA 232, korangi, Karachi Polling station namely as Foundation School in the updated list of polling stations for general election 2024

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2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner argued that the petitioner is a candidate of NA 232 Korangi, Karachi. He further argued that the Respondent No. 03/District Returning Officer selected the Polling

Station for NA-232 Korangi, Allama Iqbal College, which is one kilometer distance from electoral area, whereas, due to disturbance, the Petitioner proposed two names one of Foundation School and second Contemporary Schooling System for Polling Station of NA 232. Per learned counsel, the Respondent No.3 visited and updated the final list of polling station and mentioned at Sr.No.17 the name of Foundation School Tank Chowk, Model Colony, which is also more than 4 kilometers distance from electoral area, which may cause disturbance for voters and public. Learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Respondent No.3 deliberately, mentioned the Name of Polling Station in final list the Foundation School Tank Chowk Model Colony, the Petitioner moved an application for correction of Polling Station to Election Commission of Pakistan and filed at the office of the Provincial Election Commission but no response has been received, therefore, the Petitioner has no adequate remedy available except to approach this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution seeking protection of their fundamental rights.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the record of instant case. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner was asked to point out any infirmity in the updated list of Polling Stations for General Election, 2024 made by Respondents, but the learned counsel for the petitioner could not satisfy this Court on the aforesaid query, however, submits that through instant petition the petitioner has challenged the updated list of Polling Stations for

General Election, 2024 in the light of aforementioned facts. After perusal of such facts and grounds, we are of the opinion that no case requiring any interference under constitutional jurisdiction by this Court is made out, however, the petitioner accordingly may approach the Election Tribunal for redressal of his grievance.

4. For the foregoing reasons, we have *dismissed* instant petition along with listed application[s] in limine by our short order dated 01.02.2024.

Judge

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