

ET issues notices to ECP, Aamir Liaquat on Sattar's plea

KARACHI: A Sindh High Court (SHC)'s judge-led Election Tribunal on Monday issued notices to Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain, winner in NA-245 Karachi after Dr Farooq Sattar sought the election on the said constituency be declared null & void.

Dr Farooq Sattar, who lost the election in NA-245 against Dr Amir Liaquat Hussain of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), contended in the petition that the results on the said constituency of the metropolis were engineered. The petition is being heard by Justice Yousaf Ali Saeed of the SHC, who is heading one of the two election tribunals constituted for election related petitions for the last general elections.

The office of election tribunal earlier raised objections to the petition of Dr Farooq Sattar pointing out missing of required certified documents with the petition.

Sattar, however submitted the required documents with the certified documents about witnesses as well as hundreds of documents about the irregularities committed during polling and during the counting of votes.

Tribunal issued notices to Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain and ECP to submit their replies by October 19, 2018.

Dr Farooq Sattar in the petition pleaded that notification about the success of Dr Aamir Hussain should be declared null & void because his victory was engineered.

Sattar also alleged that twenty thousands ballot papers were missing whereas Form-45 was not handed over to the polling agent at the polling stations. He also referred to expelling the polling agents from the polling stations during counting of votes.

Sattar alleged that disappearing of twenty two thousands ballot papers are evident from the figures mentioned in Form-46. He also pleaded the tribunal to issue directives for suspending the notification of victory of Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain till the verdict on the petition was announced.

Meanwhile, the election tribunal headed by Justice Omar Sial of the SHC put off the hearing of the petition against victory of Capt Jameel Ahmed (Rtd) on NA-237, Karachi for October 15, 2018.

The petition was filed by Abdul Hakim Baloch, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)'s candidate in NA-237 in the last general election, who lost against Capt. Jameel Ahmed (Rtd) of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

The petition pleaded for recounting of votes on all the polling stations of NA-237 and stated that polling agents on his behalf at polling agents were expelled as well as the announcement of results of the election in this constituency was made very late.

The tribunal adjourned the hearing of the petition after counsels for MNA Jameel Ahmed didn't appear in today's proceedings.