

## **DECISION**

### **of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

#### **on consideration of the appeal # 53 submitted to the Central Election Commission on October 7, 2015 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015**

In his written apply addressed to the Central Election Commission on October 7, 2015, Ramin Nizami Huseynov nominated to deputy on its own initiative on Narimanov-Nizami Con.EC # 18 challenged the decision of Con.EC on refusal to register as a candidate and requested to restore violated rights by adopting appropriate decision in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015.

The complaint was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 112-1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration", relevant opinion was provided on this issue by a member of the Expert Group under CEC and considered at the Commission session upon the investigation of the appeal by the Expert Group member.

During investigation it was kept in touch with applied candidate, he was informed on his rights to submit additional documents and materials, participate in meeting and investigation but he said that it was impossible for reasonable excuse.

The candidate R.N. Huseynov noted in his appeal that, he was nominated on its own initiative on Narimanov-Nizami Con.EC # 18 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015, collecting signatures of voters in the territory of the same constituency he submitted to the Con.EC signature sheets and other important documents attached to it, but being invalid registration of his candidacy was rejected by appropriate decision of the Con.EC, during the process of checking of signature sheets by working group and in relevant session of commission his participation was not ensured, the copy of schedule on results of this investigation was not submitted to him.

Con.EC substantiated the decision on rejection for nomination of the candidacy of R.N. Huseynov that numbers of faithful voters' signatures were not sufficient for registration of his candidacy.

During investigation for registration of candidate by Working Group acting under Central Election Commission at the result of examination of the necessary documents from composed protocols and opinions are seen that for the registration of R.N. Huseynov as a candidate voters' signatures in the signature sheets submitted by him were collected in accordance with rules defined in the Election Code. Thus, from 550 voters' signatures collected by candidate, 480 signatures are considered to be valid and this is sufficient for the registration of a candidate.

Pursuant to Article 147.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan at least 450 voters' signatures should be collected in support of a candidate within the territory of the constituency for which he/she has been nominated.

Pursuant to the mentioned complaint being valid it should be ensured, decision # 18/43 (dated October 6, 2015) on rejection for registration R.N. Huseynov as a candidate on the Narimanov-Nizami Con.EC # 18 shall be cancelled and he shall be registered as a candidate in the same Con.EC.

Taking the above mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 28.2, 28.4, 56, 59, 60, 112, 112-1, 147 and 148 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 of the" Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration" the Central Election Commission decides:

1. The appeal # 53, dated October 7, 2015, on nomination of Ramin Nizami Huseynov nominated to deputy on its own initiative on Narimanov-Nizami Con.EC # 18 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015 shall be implemented due to validity, decision # 18/43 of Con.EC, dated October 6, 2015 shall be cancelled.

2. Ramin Nizami Huseynov nominated on its own initiative on Narimanov-Nizami Con.EC # 18 shall be registered as a candidate to the deputy on the same Con.EC.

3. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication

CEC Chairman

Mazahir Panahov

CEC Deputy Chairman

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