

DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on consideration of the appeal # 26 submitted to the Central Election Commission on August 10, 2024 in the early Elections to the Milli Majlis in September 1, 2024

By applying to the Central Election Commission (CEC) on August 10, 2024, Mahabbat Orujov, authorized representative of Azerbaijan Hope Party in the early Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to September 1, 2024 argued the decision # 14/37, dated August 7, 2024 by Lachin Con.EC #121 on the refusal from the approval of Aghayev Elkhan Shukur's candidacy to deputy nominated by that party and requested to annul that decision and to register his candidacy.

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.

The applicant was contacted in connection with the investigation, was told to participate in the investigation and the session, and was told that he had other rights, and that his participation in the investigation and the session was ensured.

Constituency election commission based its Decision No. 14/37 dated August 7, 2024 of refusal to register E.Sh.Aghayev nominated by Azerbaijan Hope Party as a candidate for deputy on the fact that 10 signature sheets with 500 voters' signatures and other election documents attached to them were submitted to the constituency election commission and taking into account that some signatures raised doubts during the verification of signature sheets by the working group operating under the commission, and the necessity of conducting a related inspection arose, thus working group has applied to the Central Election Commission for the allocation of calligrapher experts to verify the signatures on the signature sheets submitted by the candidates. For this purpose, calligrapher experts were selected from among the specialists of the Working Group operating under the Central Election Commission, and from the opinions of those experts, it is obvious from the protocol of the Working Group on checking the correctness of signatures on the signature sheets that submitted 300 signatures out of 500 signatures in 10 signature sheets were checked, so 151 voter signatures were considered incorrect. As the number of (correct) voter signatures submitted is less than the required number, it was the basis for refusal of registration of the candidate.

During the research process, the signature sheets submitted by the candidate E.Sh.Aghayev and the election documents attached to it were taken by request from the Con.EC and submitted to the working group operating under the Central Election Commission for repeated verification. Disputed and registered the voter's signatures, which were the basis for rejection, were repeatedly checked by other calligrapher experts, it was once again confirmed by the expert opinion.

