

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION – FPCCI

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**SUBJECT: APPEAL TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE FPCCI BY MR. KHAMAS SAEED, MEMBER DESIGNATED ON EC & GB FROM M/S ALL PAKISTAN PAPER MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AGAINST THE DECISION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FPCCI AGAINST INCLUSION OF THE NOMINEE OF M/S WOMEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY PESHAWAR DIVISION IN THE PROVISIONAL LIST OF VOTERS FOR THE FPCCI ELECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2019**

The appellant aggrieved with the decision of the Secretary General of the FPCCI, under Rule 18(6) of the TOR 2013 made written representation to the Election Commission of the FPCCI vide letter No. Nil dated November 12, 2018.

## Written Statement by the Appellant

The Appellant, vide his letter dated November 12, 2018, aggrieved with the decision of the Secretary General on the acceptance of the nominations of Ms. Fitrat Ilyas Bilour, EC & GB Nominee representing Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Peshawar Division, made appeal to the Election Commission on the following grounds:

- i. That the Secretary General's decision is bad on rules and facts.
- ii. That the Secretary General's decision is totally unjustified and incorrect.
- iii. That the Secretary General's decision is an illegal decision based on prejudices and is inconsistent, incoherent, and contradictory and is liable to be cancelled.
- iv. That rejection of my Objection is totally unwarranted, unjustified, illegal, unprecedented and a proof of incompetence/ partiality of the Secretary General.
- v. That Secretary General willfully and deliberately ignored the facts and rules.
- vi. That MRS. FITRATH ILYAS BILOUR is not a bona fide member of WOMEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (PESHAWAR DIVISION).

- vii. That MRS. FITRATH ILYAS BILOUR does not meet the criteria of woman entrepreneur as laid down in Article 2 R (IV) of Trade Organizations Rules 2013 (reproduced below).  
( r ) "woman entrepreneur" means-  
-a sole proprietorship where the proprietor is a female; or  
-a partnership where the majority partners are female; or  
-an association of any kind where majority of its persons are female; or  
-a company where majority shares are held by female.
- viii. That she is not a 50% or more shareholder in the business, Bilour Industries (Pvt) Ltd, therefore, she cannot be classified as a woman entrepreneur. Hence as per Trade Organization Rules 2013, she is not eligible to be member of the Chamber.

**Decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI**

The Secretary General rejected the initial representation made by the appellant on the following reasoning:-

*"The objections raised are without any credible evidence, whereas the nomination of Mrs. Fitrath Ilyas Bilour, fulfills the laid down requirements for the EC & GB of the FPCCI for the year 2019.*

*It is further observed that your signatures on the objection letter differ from the specimen signatures sent by concerned Association for our record and also from the copy of CNIC. However, even otherwise, as per the available record his objection is not maintainable."*


**Decision of the Members of the Election Commission of FPCCI:**

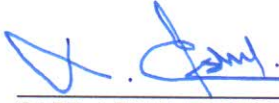
While concluding the matter the Members of the Election Commission of FPCCI decided as under:


That, the appellant had leveled certain allegations on the EC nominee of the Women CC& Peshawar Division, but had failed in furnishing any cogent evidences in order to substantiate the leveled allegations. The nominations received from the respective Women CC&I were also found to be in order.

**Thus, in the light of the above the said representation is hereby declined, and the decision of the Secretary General is hereby upheld.**

The Election Commission did not consider it necessary to summon the party for pleading the representation in person.

  
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**MUHAMMAD ZUBAIR CHHAYA**  
Member of the Election Commission

  
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**CAPT. ABDUL RASHID ABRO**  
Member of the Election Commission

  
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**MASOOD NAQI**  
Member of the Election Commission

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Copy to: Regulator, Trade Organizations, Islamabad  
Secretary General FPCCI