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### **DECISION # 29 (047 - 159)**

# PASSED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Consequent upon Appellants written representation / appeal to the Election Commission of FPCCI, received on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Waqar Zafar Bakhtawari, nominee of Chakwal CCI, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI, as follows:

#### Decision of the Secretary General:

"After going through the said arguments and the documents referred/ submitted, my finding are as follows;

- The learned Council for the Respondent, Mr. Waqar Zafar Bakhtawari has submitted the NTN and copy of Return for the year 2021-2022 which shows that the Mr. Bakhtawari owns number of entities including owner of D-Watson Pharmacy and Cash and Carry. Beside the said return a Partnership Deed of D-Watson Chemist has also been submitted which shows the Company "D-Watson Chemist".
- 2. Whereas, the NTN of Mr. Khurram Kamran, nominee on Associate of the Chakwal Chamber, showing RTO Rawalpindi, but business exists in Chakwal. The membership certificates shows the Company as "Shaukat Brothers Forwarding Agency".

In view of the objections raised by the objector and the available documents, the decision of the undersigned is as follows:

- 1. The nomination on Corporate Class i.e. Mr. Waqar Zafar Bakhtawri is not maintainable and be removed from the Provisional list.
- 2. The nomination on Associate Class i.e. Mr. Khurram Kamran, is allowed to be in the provisional list."

#### **Hearing Proceedings:**

It is mainly contented that said Chamber nominee, on Corporate Class, has validly been nominated on Corporate Class. In support of his contention he produced Tax Return of the year 2020-2021 & 2021-2022. He has also produced a Partnership Deed of D-Watson Chemist, dated: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Whereas the learned Counsel for the Respondent has pointed out that as per nomination papers the nominee company is M/s. D-Watson Pharmacy & Cash & Carry, whereas his NTN profile does not mention the said company. Neither the NTN Return submitted by the learned Counsel for the Appellant shows the name of the said company nor the partnership deed produced shows the name of said company. M/s. D-Watson Pharmacy and Cash & Carry appears to be a branch office of the firm opened in Chakwal, and not the main business.

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

In the light of above, this appeal is devoid of any merits and is hereby declined.

This order is passed on Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

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