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NOMINEES FROM RAWALPINDI CHAMBER OF SMALL TRADERS

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## **DECISION # 46 (070 - 198)**

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

Consequent upon Appellant's written representation / appeal to the Election Commission of FPCCI, received on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Siddiqui, nominee of Peshawar Chamber of Small Traders, 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 Council for the Respondent for submitted has provided two years valid membership certificate along with the NTN return, which was shows that the said nominee is fully competent to be nominated by the said Chamber.

In the light of above the said complaint seems to be invalid. The Complaint is declined."

#### Hearing Proceedings:

This appeal has been instituted by Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Siddiqui CEO M/s. Siddiqui Fabrics.

In order to provide both the parties an equal right of representation and plead their respective stances, the Election Commission of FPCCI granted both parties with the hearing opportunity on 20th November, 2023 at FPCCI Head Office Karachi.

Mr. Asad Ullah Jan, Advocate High Court, appeared for the Appellant while the Respondents nominees appeared on Zoom call. The main contention(s) of the Appellant are:

The nominations sent by the Chamber do not satisfy the condition of the small trader, business or industry and the Chair merely relied upon superficial documents.

In response, both Respondents have provided copies of their income tax returns to prove that their turnover is within the parameters of small traders/business/industry. They also showed copies of electricity bills and referred to the withholding tax on electricity to prove that the annual electricity bill was also within prescribed limit.

### Decision of the Election Commission of FPCCI:

As the Respondents have provided proof of falling within the parameters of small trader/business/industry, the instant appeal is not maintainable and is hereby dismissed.

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

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