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DECISION # 77 (116 – 289)

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 17th November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Abid Ali and Mr. Arif Mehmood, nominees of Skardu CCI, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI, as follows:

Decision of the Secretary General FPCCI

"This is continuation of FPCCI Order No. 116 (289), No. FPCCI.EL2024-25/2023/12145 dated 15th November 2023, in which FPCCI informed that the Complainant has withdrawn objection. However, the complainant did not withdrawn from his petition/objection, which was wrongly signed on the objection papers by Mr. Ghulam Sabir Malik (Advocate) Consul appeared on behalf of the Respondent, during the hearing on the subject objection papers, submitted by Mr. Ehtesham Zaman, nominee of Attock CCI as Complainant.

In view of the above explanation, the objection received in FPCCI Head Office Karachi on 10th November 2023, filed by the Complainant, Mr. Ehtesham Zaman, Nominee of Attock CCI against the nominees of Skardu CCI is still in the field and under decision.

Important to note, that the hearing was held in this case at FPCCI Head Office Karachi and the Consuls of Complainant(s) and the Respondent(s) also attended and represented on their behalf. Arguments were advanced by both the parties. Therefore, after going through the said arguments and the documents referred / submitted; the findings are as follows;

1. That the nominee Mr. Abid Ali, Managing Director, Abid Ali & Co. (Nominee on EC&GB Corporate Class) having FBR NTN 33202-42815083, showing Company "Abid Ali & Co." and showing Income Tax Active. However, the active Sales Tax status is not showing on FBR Certificate.
2. That the Corporate Class nominee i.e. Mr. Abid Ali has not provided the evidence of 50 Million annual turnover.
3. That the nominee Mr. Arif Mehmood, CEO, Al-Hassan Trading Company (Nominee on GB Corporate Class) having FBR NTN 2178729-8, showing Company "Al-Hussan Trading Company" and showing Income Tax Active. However, the active Sales Tax status is not showing on FBR Certificate.
4. That the Corporate Class nominee i.e. Mr. Arif Mehmood has not provided the evidence of 50 Million annual turnover.
5. The Chamber has provided a list of 151 Members of Skardu CCI, while the membership threshold as per Rule 10(2)a is 300 Members.
6. Reviewed the Resolution provided by the Skardu CCI with the nomination papers, showing that both the nominees representing corporate class i.e. Mr. Abid Ali on EC&GB and Mr. Arif Mehmood on GB of FPCCI, , which is against the Rule 20(2)c of TOR 2013.
7. The Website of Skardu CCI is active, however, the mandatory requirements of contents are not shown as per TOR 2013.

In view of the above documentary evidences, FPCCI apprise to inform you that the aforementioned nominations are not in order for inclusion in the Provisional List of Voters issued on 4th November 2023. Therefore, both the nominees i.e. Mr. Abid Ali, Nominee on EC&GB Corporate Class and Mr. Arif Mehmood, Nominee on GB Corporate Class, are excluded from the provisional list of voters and the objections raised by the complainant are hereby accepted."

Hearing Proceedings:

The Appellant has preferred this appeal on the ground that their name has been wrongly taken out as their Chamber is situated in remote area and also there is tax exemption.

The hearing was conducted through Zoom. During the said hearing the said Appellant were directed to produce any documents showing their entitlement to be nominees of the said Chamber. Despite giving ample opportunity to show any documents in support of their valid nomination none has been submitted or provided till today.


Decision of the Election Commission of FPCCI:

In the light of above, the said appeal is devoid of any merit and same is hereby declined.

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


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Member of the Election Commission


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