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HEARING # 28 (053 - 170)

HEARING CALLED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Please refer to the Appeal dated Nil received on 18th November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Ms. Mumtaz Akhtar, representing Islamabad Women CCI, to the Election Commission of FPCCI, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI.

The Election Commission of FPCCI is pleased to grant the appellant(s) and the respondent(s) a hearing opportunity in person or through their authorized representative (with letter of authorization from the Appellant(s) / Respondent(s)) before the Election Commission of FPCCI alongwith all original / relevant documents, as per following schedule:

Day & Date: Time: Monday, 20th November 2023

Venue:

Between 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Basement 2, FPCCI Head Office Karachi FPCCI has arranged special Zoom link facility for the outstation Appellant(s) / Respondent(s). Those who are unable to attend physically may avail the hearing via Zoom Link, by the following link:

Zoom ID:

764 276 3799

Password:

fpcci1214

Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7642763799

Punctuality of time is requested. Also you are requested to be precise and brief.

In case of non-appearance, the case shall be decided ex-parte.

ARSHAD KHURSHID

Member of the Election Commission

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Copy to:

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Secretary General FPCCI

53 (170)

BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Mumtaz Akhtar, Proprietor M/s Ahmed International, House No. 84 Street No. 29, I-9/1. Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Islamabad.

APPELLANT

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- Ms. Sharmin Younas (Corporate) as EC & GB as Director M/s Shairy Bushi Consultancy Services (Pvt) Ltd, nominee of Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Quetta.
- 2. Ms. Farzana Ali Ahmed (Associate) as GB as Proprietor of M/s Al-Basit Enterprises, nominee of Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Quetta.
- Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation House, Main Clifton, Block-5, Abdullah Shah Ghazi, Road, Karachi, Through, its Secretary General.

RESPONDENTS

APPEAL UNDER RULE 18(6) OF THE TRADE ORGANIZATIONS RULES, 2013 AGAINST THE ORDER PASSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FPCCI.

Respectfully Sheweth:

 That through the instant appeal the appellant respectfully seek to impugn the Order dated 05-11-2023 ("the Impugned Order"). Through the impugned order the Secretary General of the FPCCI, rejected the objection/appeal filed by the Appellant. 2). That the Appellant filed the objection before the Secretary General of the FPCCI that for purposes of enrolling or renewal of membership of the FPCCI it is condition precedent that the Trade Organization have valid licence under section 3 of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013.

That the licence issued to the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Quetta ("WCCI QUETTA") has been cancelled/expired therefore according to Article 3 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the FPCCI read with Article Section 10 of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 the WCCI QUETTA is not eligible to be enrolled/admitted as member of the FPCCI, consequently is not eligible to participate in the elections of the FPCCI for the year 2023. It is further submitted that the conduct of the Secretary General and the other staff of the FPPCI be inquired regarding issuance of the renewal of the WCCI QUETTA with FPCCI in violation of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 as well as the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

That further objection against the Respondent No.1 namely Ms. Sharmiin Younas (Corporate) as EC & GB as Director M/s Shairy Bushi Consultancy Services (Pvt) Ltd. The NTN profile of the said business concern reflects that above said individual has no business concern with name and style of M/s Shairy Bushi Consultancy Services (Pvt) Ltd and also not registered as a Sales Tax Manufacturing concern or as Sales Tax Registered having turnover of more then 50 million hence does not fulfill the criteria being the corporate member of the WCCI Quetta Division, hence the said nominee under Rule 11(5) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 is not eligible to be a member corporate member of the WCCI Quetta Division. to represent the corporate class of WCCI Quetta Division or participate in the FPCCI's election resultantly his nomination is liable to be rejected.

The Appellant also filed objection against Ms. Farzana Ali Ahmed (Associate) as GB as Proprietor of M/s Al-Basit Enterprises. The said business concern is being forwarded by the expired Trade Organizations therefore the said nominee is also not eligible to be represented in the FPCCI's election resultantly his nomination is liable to be rejected.

Section 3(2) (c) read with section 7(3) of the 2013, Act and Rule 2(g) of the 2013 Rules provides that a Chamber is organized to represent trade, industry or services. The above said nominees are not valid members of the WCCI Quetta Division are also not eligible to be nominated as representative of the WCCI Quetta Division for the FPCCI's election for 2023.

3). That the Secretary General of FPCCI through the impugned order failed to appreciate the vital question of law and facts that were urged before the Secretary General Respondent and is liable to be set aside on the following amongst other grounds:-

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- a). That the impugned order is against the law, facts and circumstances of the case available on record.
- b). That the Secretary General while passing the impugned order did not apply its judicial mind and rendered the order contrary to the law hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- c). That the impugned order was passed without application of mind and reasoning while deciding the objection, thus the same is non speaking order and cannot be sustained in the eyes of law.

The Secretary General also not appreciated the order passed by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in CMA's No. 32-Q of 2022 and CMA's No. 37 to 45-Qin Civil Petitions No. Nil of 2022 dated 07-11-2023 through which it was held that the licence of the WCCI QUETTA has been expired and the WCCI QUETTA has no valid licence therefore the nominees of WCCI QUETTA cannot participate in the FPCCI election as being expired Trade organization.

- d). That the impugned order was passed out side of the scope and limitations of the law and is not sustainable.
- e). That the Secretary General FPCCI passed the impugned order in sheer violation of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and the Trade Organization Act, 2013, which provides the complete mechanism for the inclusion/exclusion/deletion of any entry in the Provisional/Final voter list hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- f). That the impugned order was passed in violation of Fundamental Rights and Principles of natural justice. That Rule of Justice demands that before any adverse order, penalty or liability was passed or imposed upon a party, it should be afforded full opportunity to meet the case and rebut the evidence used against it hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- g). That the learned Secretary General while passing the impugned order overlooked the factum that the Trade Organization Act,2013 which stipulates the procedure in case of contravention of any provision of the Act or any rule

or order or instruction, the impugned order was passed by the learned Election Commission arbitrarily, illegally and tantamount to abuse of law, authority as well as the infringement of constitutional and fundamental rights of the appellant ensured under the constitution of Pakistan, hence the impugned order is void, unfair, unjust, unwarranted, arbitrary, malafide, illegal and ineffective qua the rights of the petitioner.

- h). That the impugned order was passed without application of his independent mind and without even realizing that the impugned order not only illegal but also against the Article 17 of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, hence the Secretary General failed to discharge his duties as per exigencies of his statutory responsibilities and acted in excess of their statutory responsibilities and acted in violation of his lawful authority and in violation of law and constitutional mandate. Therefore, the conduct of the respondent no.1 & 2 is violative of the dictates of the Honble Superior Court and needs to judicially reviewed by this Learned Authority.
- i). That the impugned order is based on conjectures and surmises which is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- j). That while deciding the case and passing the impugned order, the Secretary General did not properly appreciate the documents/evidence on record hence the impugned order is the result of misreading and non-reading of the evidence.

Prayer

In view of the foregoing, it is therefore, most respectfully prayed that while accepting the present appeal the impugned order may kindly be set aside in the interest of justice and the name of the Respondent No.1 and 2 may kindly be excluded/deleted in the Final Voter List of the FPCCI.

Any other relief that this Authority Court deem fit and proper may also be granted to the Appellant Company.

APPELLANT

Through

MALIK GHULAM SABIR Advocate High Court