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RESPONDENTS

# HEARING # 33 (065 - 188)

# 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 Mr. Shakir Ullah, representing Khyber 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 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 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

ASHFAQ AHMED TUNIO Member of the Election Commission

ANJUM RASHEED BAWA
Member of the Election Commission

Copy to:

Directorate General of Trade Organizations, Islamabad Secretary General FPCCI

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

Shakir Ullah, CEO Sarhad Engineering and Electric Company House No.24, Street No.2, Defence Colony, Khyber Road Cantt Peshawar.

. APPELLANT

#### Versus

- 1. Mr. . Fazal Muhammad (Associate) as GB of CEO, Shahani Garh Drosh District Lower Chitral.
- 2. Mr Meraj Hussain CEO, M/s Meraj Construction Company JUGHOOR, Tehsila and District, Chitral
- 3. 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 filed by the appellant.
- 2). That the Appellant filed the objection before the Secretary General of the FPCCI against the Respondents that the license of the Chitral Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("CCCI") 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 CCCI 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 CCCI with FPCCI in violation of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 as well as the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

That the Chitral Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("CCCI") is a defunct Trade Organizations and is running in violation of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and Trade Organizations Act, 2013 therefore is a non-compliant Trade Organizations and is not being validTrade Organizations not eligible to be admitted as member of the FPCCI, consequently is not eligible to participate in the elections of the FPCCI for the year 2023.

That the CCCI nominated Mr. Fazal Muhammad (Associate) as GB of CEO Mairaj Construction Company. The NTN profile of the said nominee reflects that it was registered on 08-6-2021 but the above mention business is not reflected. The so called business of the nominee is being a body corporate is not eligible to be member an Associate member of the CCCI, because it does not fulfill the criteria of Associate Member as per Trade Organizations Rules 2013. therefore, is not being a valid Associate member could not be could not be nominated to such a business concern., hence the nomination sent by the CCCI is not eligible to participate in the FPCCI's election and is liable to be rejected.

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:-

# **GROUNDS**

- 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.

but the Secretary General dishonestly not given finding upon the said facts. The counsel for the Respondent failed to provide any documents at the time of hearing and sought time for submission of document but not provided any documents.

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.

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- 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 respondent 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 names of the Respondent No. 1 & 2 may kindly be excluded 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