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Islamabad, the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 36/2023

Passed by Mr. Umar Dad Afridi, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Waheed Ahmed nominee of All Pakistan Fruit Vegetable Exporter and Merchants Association

Versus

Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI)

Present in the hearing.

1. **Malik Ghulam Sabir**, Advocate (on behalf of appellant)

.....Appellant/Complainant

2. **Malik Sohail**

1. **Ms. Mahreen Razzak** (on behalf of Secretary General FPCCI)

.....Respondents

2. **Mr. Arshad Khurshid**  
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

3. **Mr. Anjum Rasheed Bawa**  
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

4. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharral**, Advocate (on behalf of Respondents)

Date of Hearing: 30-11-2023

Place of Hearing: OFFICE OF REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,  
STATE LIFE BUILDING NO.7, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, BLUE AREA,  
ISLAMABAD.

Date of issuance of Order: 06-12-2023

**UMAR DAD AFRIDI**  
Regulator of Trade Organizations  
Directorate General of Trade Organization  
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Waheed Ahmed nominee of All Pakistan Fruit Vegetable Exporter and Merchants Association against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of nominee of Seed Association of Pakistan. The case was fixed for hearing on 30-11-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Election Commission, FPCCI included nominees of Seed Association of Pakistan vide decision No.25 dated 23-11-2023, upheld the decision of the Secretary General, FPCCI and also declined the appeal of the appellant.

3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that the license of the Association is already expired. Therefore, nominees of the SAP are non-eligible to be included in the voter list. Furthermore, Salman Mehmood neither qualifies to be a member of SAP as his business is not related to Seed Sector nor he crosses the threshold of corporate membership as per law.

3. The counsel of the Respondent submitted that the renewal of license of the Seed Association of Pakistan is under process in DGTO Office. Furthermore, both the nominees are valid tax payers and qualify to be corporate members of SAP.

#### **FINDINGS: -**

- i. The renewal of license of SAP is under process at DGTO subject to completion of codal formalities by the Association.
- ii. Despite being a very old TO, it has failed to show substantial growth of the Sector. Furthermore, no documentary evidence has been submitted by the counsel of the Respondent which could prove corporate membership of the nominee.


#### **ORDERS:-**

Arguments heard, record perused and relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above the following orders are passed:

- i) The instant appeal is allowed and decision of the Election Commission is set aside. The Secretary General FPCCI is directed to exclude both the nominees of SAP from the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.

  
**UMAR DAD AFRIDI**  
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