

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

F. No. 6(24)/2023-TO



**Government of Pakistan  
Directorate General of Trade Organizations  
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)  
Ministry of Commerce,  
State Life Building No. 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Blue Area,  
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**ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 45/2023**

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

Ms.Saeeda Bano nominee of Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
District East

Versus

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

**Present in the hearing.**

1. Ms. Saeeda Bano
2. **Malik Ghulam Sabir**, (on behalf of appellant)

.....Appellant/Complainant

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

.....Respondents

**Date of Hearing:** 01-12-2023

**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

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Ms. Saeeda Bano nominee of Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry District East against decision



of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding exclusion of nominees of Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry District East. The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2023, which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Secretary General, FPCCI vide letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has rejected the nomination of Ms. Saeeda Bano, sent on behalf of Karachi Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

3. The Counsel for the appellant has argued that she is a valid member of the Chamber and no case is pending at any appellate forum against the Chamber. Furthermore, renewal of the license of the Chamber is under process with DGTO Office. She has requested for inclusion her name in the voter list on behalf of the Chamber.

4. The Counsel of the respondent submitted that the appellant has not filed objection before the Election Commission of FPCCI as per the Rule 18 (6) of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, hence the appeal is non-maintainable at this stage before the Regulator (TOs). The Chamber is non-functional and is non-compliant under the law. Therefore, the instant appeal may be dismissed.

#### **FINDINGS:-**


As per record with this office, the Chamber has been declared defunct and non-functional by Honorable High Court Sindh vide order dated 07-11-2022 passed in constitution petition no D-8520/2017. Therefore, it has lost its representative character due to non-compliance of mandatory provisions of the ToA 2013 and ToRs 2013. Furthermore, the appellant is not a valid member of the Chamber. Therefore, the instant appeal is liable to be dismissed.

#### **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 dismissed.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

Announced Dated:06-12-2023

  
(Umar Dad Afridi)  
Regulator (TOs)

**UMAR DAD AFRIDI**  
Regulator of Trade Organizations  
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