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F. No. 6(83)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 46/2023

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

Muhammad Ali Farooq nominee of Pakistan Electronics Manufacturers Association Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

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

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)

......Appellant/Complainant

.....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, 2ND FLOOR, BLUE AREA,

ISLAMABAD.

Date of issuance of Order: 06-12-2023

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By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Muhammad Ali Farooq nominee of Pakistan Electronics Manufacturers Association against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of name of Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Chaudhry nominee of Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association 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 vide decision No. 44, dated 23-11-2023, included the name of Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Chaudhry, nominee from Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association, upheld the decision of the Secretary General, FPCCI and dismissed the appeal of appellant.
- 3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that PCMA forwarded the name of Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Chaudhry (Associate), from M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd. The NTN profile of the individual reflects that no such business is registered with the name and style of M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd and being a body corporate could not be nominated as Associate Member for the FPCCI elections, 2024-25.
- 4. The counsel of the respondent has submitted that Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Chaudhry is a bonafide member of the Association and he is one of the Directors of M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd and fulfills the membership criteria of the Association as per Section 3(2)(d) of ToA 2013 and Rule 3(2)(d)(iii) of ToRs 2013. Therefore, the instant appeal may be dismissed.

FINDINGS:-

- i. The counsel for respondent failed to substantiate any relevancy of business of the nominee Mr. Ahmad Iftikhar Chuadhry M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd with that of the PCMA with documentary evidence. Furthermore, no documents were provided which could show that the said nominee has any relation even with M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd.
- ii. Hence, for want of record, the instant appeal is liable to be allowed and decision of Election Commission is liable to be set aside.

ORDERS:-

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

- i) For lack of record, the instant appeal is allowed and decision of the Election Commission is hereby set aside. The Secretary General is directed to exclude the name of Mr. Ahmed Iftikhar Chaudhry M/s Shaheen Grinding Mills Pvt Ltd nominee of Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association from the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

(Umar Dad Afridi) Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.

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