

# 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,

F. No. 6(59)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 06th, 2023

### ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 48/2023

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

Haji Muhammad Afzal nominee of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Versus

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

#### Present in the hearing.

Malik Ghulam Sabir, (on behalf of appellant)
 Ms. Mahreen Razzak (on behalf of Secretary General FPCCI)

......Appellant/Complainant
......Respondents

Mr. Arshad Khurshid (Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

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

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

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 Muhammad Afzal nominee of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of nominees of Kohat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). 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. 38, dated 23-11-2023, included the both nominees of M/s Kohat Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the provisional voters list with the remarks that as the appellant has missed the first forum of appeal to the Secretary General, FPCCI, therefore, appeal cannot be maintained before the Election Commission, FPCCI, hence, dismissed.
- 3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that the subject TO nominated Mr. Muhammad Shaheen (Corporate) as GB as CEO of M/s Shaheen CNG Station. The NTN profile of the said nominee reflects that the business concern is sole proprietor. It is further submitted that the business concern is neither a body corporate nor a sales tax registered manufacturing concern as well as its annual turnover is not Rs. 50 million, hence not eligible to become a valid voter. That Syed Faiq Shah (Associate), M/s North Pakistan, whose NTN profile is not showing business name and style of M/s North Pakistan in his business profile. Furthermore, the license of the Chamber has been expired.
- 4. The counsel of respondents submitted that that both the nominees are valid members / voters of the Chamber. The instant appeal is non-maintainable, as the objector missed to avail the remedy before the Secretary General, FPCCI under the law.

#### FINDINGS:-

Mr. Muhammad Shaheen (corporate) failed to prove his corporate class membership as per Rule 2(1)(g) of TORs 2013 in the Chamber. Therefore, his name is liable to be excluded from the voter list.

#### **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 as regards nominee Mr. Muhammad Shaheen (corporate) is hereby excluded 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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