

Government of Pakistan Directorate General of Trade Organizations (Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations) Ministry of Commerce,



State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor, Blue Area,

F. No. 6(57)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 54/2023

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

Mumtaz Akhtar nominee of Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry 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)
- 2. Malik Sohail
- 3. Mumtaz Akhtar
- 1. **Ms. Mahreen Razzak** (on behalf of Secretary General FPCCI)
- 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)

......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

UMAR DAD AFRIDI
Regulator of Trade Organizations
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By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Ms. Mumtaz Akhtar nominee of Islamabad Women 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 Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Karachi South. 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. 47, included the names of nominees of Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Karachi South in the provisional voters list, upheld the decision of the Secretary General, FPCCI, dated 15-11-2023, and appeal of the appellant was dismissed.
- 3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that, the license of the subject Chamber has been expired, therefore, as per Article 3 of the MAOA of the FPCCI, both the nominees are not eligible to participate in the elections of FPCCI, 2024-25. Ms. Uroosa Badar, UTS Rice Company, nominated on Corporate Class does not fulfill the criteria of Rule 2(1)(g) of TORs, 2013. Ms. Farida Qureshi, nominated on Associate Class is also not eligible due to expiry of license of the Chamber.
- 4. The counsel of the Respondent submitted that renewal of the license is under process in DGTO Office and both the nominees are eligible in their respective classes of memberships and relevant business concerns, Corporate and Associate.

FINDINGS:-

Ms. Uroosa Badar, failed to prove her corporate class membership of the Chamber. The NTN profile of Ms. Farida Qureshi does not show her business concern in the relevant district of the Chamber. Hence, the decision of the Election Commission is liable to be set aside.

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 the decision of Election Commission of FPCCI is hereby set-aside. Secretary General FPCCI is directed to exclude the both nominees of WCCI Karachi South from the voter list of the FPCCI election 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

(Umar Dad Afridi) Regulator (TO)