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

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ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 56/2023

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

Mr. Tariq Yaqoob nominee of Sargodha 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. Mr. Tariq Yaqoob
- 4. Mr. Khalique Ahmed, Secretary General SCCI
- 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)

Date of Hearing:

06-12-2023



......Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondents

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

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Tariq Yaqoob nominee of Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding exclusion of name of Mr. Tariq Yaqoob nominee of Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry. 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. 14 dated 23-11-2023 excluded name of Mr. Tariq Yaqoobb nominee from Sarghoda Chamber of Commerce & Industry from the provisional voters list of FPCCI election 2024-25.
- 3. The counsel of the applicant submitted the all the relevant documents including tax returns of the applicant showing business of the applicant in the District of Sarghoda. He produced sales tax certificates and NTN profile showing turnover greater than Rs. 50 million as per requirement of Rule 2(g) of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. He also presented the CNIC showing his permanent address in the relevant district. The applicant submitted that Secretary General, FPCCI accepted his nominations, however, Election Commission, FPCCI denied the same.
- 4. Respondents submitted that during the hearing before the Election Commission, the applicant failed to prove any evidence regarding relevant business in the district and also failed to prove turnover as per requirement of law.

FINDINGS:-

The Appellant has provided proof of tax returns as per Rule 11(5)(b), Rule 15(1)(b) and Rule 2(g) of TOR 2013, which shows that he fulfills the criteria of Corporate Class Membership, hence his nomination from the chamber is valid.

ORDERS:-

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

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, decision of the election Commission is set-aside with directions to include the name of Mr. Tariq Yaqoob nominee of Sargodha CCI in the final voters list of FPCCI elections, 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

(Umar Dad Afrid) Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:06-12-2023.

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