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F. No. 6(68)/2023-TO

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

**ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 57/2023**

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

Ms. 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**

.....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:** 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 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 Charsadda Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry CWCCI. The case was fixed for hearing on 30-11-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The counsel of the appellant has submitted that the license of Charsadda WCCI was cancelled under Section 7 of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 vide DGTO order dated 27-04-2018. That the said order of DGTO is still in field, therefore the nominations of Charsadda WCCI should be excluded from the voter list of FPCCI. The counsel has objected to the nominations of Ms. Mahtab Zafar and Ms. Safia Naz due to the reason that the license of the TO was cancelled and, therefore, the nominations submitted by the Chamber are not in accordance with Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.

3. The Election Commission FPCCI has dismissed the appeal of the applicant in view of the Judgment of the Peshawar High Court vide decision No. 69 dated 23-11-2023 .

4. The Counsel of the Respondent has submitted that the matter for cancellation of license is still pending in DGTO Office for decision in light of Peshawar High Court judgments dated 25-10-2022, in W.P No. 544-P/2022 and 5444-P/2021.

#### **FINDINGS:-**

i. Charsadda WCCI was cancelled for being a non-compliant TO by DGTO vide its order dated 27-04-2018. As per record, there is no stay order or suspension of the order of the DGTO by any appellate forum. All the pending petitions on cancellation have been disposed of by the relevant fora.

ii. Therefore, Charsadda WCCI stands as cancelled TO and is liable to have its nominations for FPCCI elections 2024-25 rejected. Furthermore, the nominees of Charsadda WCCI also submitted application for grant of fresh license, which is under process in DGTO Office, with the same name and style of "Women Charsadda Chamber of Commerce & Industry" alongwith undertaking that the old chamber is no more existent and cancellation is in field.



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**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, FPCCI is set-aside. The Secretary General FPCCI is directed to exclude the names of nominees of Charsadda WCCI (cancelled) from the voter list of FPCCI for elections for the year 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

(Umar Dad Afridi)  
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.



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