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Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 64/2023

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

Mr. Arif Mehmood nominee of Skardu Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Arif Mehmood
2. Mr. Abid Hussain

.....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 Advocate
(on behalf of Respondent)

.....Respondents

Date of Hearing: 01-12-2023

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
Directorate General of Trade Organization
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Arif Mehmood against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding exclusion of nominees of Skardu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Skardu CCI). The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2023 which was attended by both sides.

The background of the case is that the Secretary General, FPCCI excluded the names of the nominees of Skardu CCI from the Provisional voters list and Election Commission FPCCI dated 23-11-2023 upheld the same and declined the appeal of the applicants.

2. The counsel of the applicants submitted that both the nominees are valid members of the Skardu CCI and their nominations of Mr. Abid Ali as EC&GB (Corporate) and Mr. Arif Mehmood as GB (Associate) of Skardu CCI was submitted to the Secretary General. However, Secretary General, FPCCI despite submission of valid proof, excluded their names from the provisional voters list. Accordingly, they filed appeal before the Election Commission, FPCCI which also denied their appeal without any merit. The counsel submitted that Skardu is tax exempted area, therefore, both the nominees are valid in their relevant class of memberships.

3. The counsel of the respondents submitted that the nominees i.e. Mr. Abid Ali, Nominee on EC&GB (Corporate Class) and Mr. Arif Mehmood, Nominee on GB (Associate Class), were excluded from the provisional list of voters as both the nominees failed to prove their relevant class of memberships.

FINDINGS:-

Mr Abid Ali failed to prove that he is a corporate member of Chamber with any documentary evidence. Therefore, nominee of Mr. Abid Ali as corporate member is liable to be excluded whereas nominee of Mr. Arif Mehmood as associate member is liable to be included in the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25.


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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) For Skardu CCI, the Secretary General FPCCI is directed to exclude the nominee of Mr. Abid Ali as corporate member and include the nominee of Mr. Arif Mehmood as associate member in 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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