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Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 73/2023

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

Mr. Shafqat Ali nominee of Gilgit Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry

Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of Appellant)

.....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 Respondents)
5. Mr. Wali Muhammad

..... 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. Shafqat Ali nominee of Gilgit Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of nominees Quetta Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry. The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Election Commission FPCCI, vide decision No. 36, dated 23-11-2023, included the nominees Mr. Wali Muhammad and Mr. Naveed Yousaf, nominated by Quetta Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry, and upheld the decision of the Secretary General, FPCCI, and declined the appeal of the appellant.

3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that both the nominees are not eligible to participate in the elections of FPCCI 2024-25, as the license of the Chamber is expired. Furthermore, both the nominees business concerns do not meet the requirement of Small Traders and Small Industry as provided in Rule 3(2)(f) of ToRs 2013 read with Section 2(s)(t) of the ToA 2013. Furthermore, inclusion of nominees of expired Chamber is in violation of Article 3 of AoA of the FPCCI.

4. The counsel of the Respondent submitted that the renewal of license of the Chamber is under process at DGTO Office. The appellants produced documents regarding business concerns in the relevant district and class of membership.

FINDINGS:-

The renewal of the license is under process in DGTO Office, both the members fulfill the criteria of valid membership / voters, hence, eligible to participate in elections of FPCCI, 2024-25.

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 dismissed and the decision of Election Commission FPCCI is upheld. The Secretary General is hereby directed to include the nominees of Quetta Chamber of Small Industry and Small Industry 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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