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F. No. 6(43)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 78/2023

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

Mr. Ehtesham Zaman nominee of Attock Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharal, Advocate

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. Ms. Mahreen Razzak (on behalf of
Secretary General FPCCI)

.....Respondents

2. Mr. Arshad Khurshid
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

3. Mr. Anjum Rasheed Bawa
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

4. Mr. Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of
Respondents)

5. Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed

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. Ehtesham Zaman nominee of Attock Chamber of Commerce and Industry against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed nominee of Gilgit Chamber of Commerce and 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. 26, dated 23-11-2023, included in the name of Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, M/s Ahmed Trading Company, nominee from M/s Gilgit Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the provisional voters list, for election FPCCI, 2024-25.

3. The counsel of the appellant submitted that, the license of the Chamber is expired, and the nominee Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, M/s Ahmed Trading Company, from Gilgit Chamber of Commerce & Industry does not fulfill the criteria of Corporate Class under Rule 2(g) of TORs, 2013, hence, be excluded from the voters list of FPCCI, 2024-25.

4. The counsel for respondent submitted that license No. 151, was granted by DGTO Office on 5th March, 2011 and valid upto 3rd March, 2024. Furthermore, he falls under the category of tax exempted area, however, shows the bank statement of his income. He belongs to Gilgit District, he submitted CNIC, and business address in Gilgit as well.

FINDINGS:-

As per record of this Office, Gilgit Chamber of Commerce & Industry is valid and compliant Chamber. The Respondent is a bonafide member of the Chamber and belongs to tax exempted area. The respondent also showed his bank statement showing requisite amount to be eligible to qualify for a corporate member. He belongs to Gilgit District, he submitted his CNIC, and business address is in Gilgit District as well. Hence, the instant appeal is liable to be dismissed.


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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 not allowed and the decision of the Election Commission, FPCCI is hereby upheld. The Secretary General FPCCI is directed to include the name of Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed nominee of Gilgit Chamber of Commerce Industry in 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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