

Government of Pakistan Directorate General of Trade Organizations (Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations) Ministry of Commerce,



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

F. No. 6(47)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 85/2023

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

Mr. Kamran Riaz nominee of Pakistan Chemical and Dyes Merchants Association Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Ali Nawaz, Advocate on behalf ofAppellant/Complainant

Appellant

1. Ms. MahreenRazzak (on behalf ofRespondents

 Ms. MahreenRazzak (on behalf of Secretary General FPCCI)

 Mr. ArshadKhurshid (Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

3. Mr. AnjumRasheedBawa (Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

4. Mr. GhulamSabir, Advocate (on behalf of Respondents)

5. Malik Sohail

Note of Hearing: 01-12-2023

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

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By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Kamran Riaz nominee of Pakistan Chemical and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of nominee of Khairpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). 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. 32 dated 23-11-2023, excluded the name of Mr. Muhammad Bashir Arain (Corporate), nominee from Khairpur CCI from the voters list and upheld the decision of the Secretary General FPCCI.
- 3. The counsel for appellant has stated that Mr. Muhammad Bashir Arain M/s Adil Traders nominee of Khairpur CCI does not fulfill the criteria of Rule 2(1)(g) as corporate member of the Chamber. Therefore, he is not eligible as a valid voter for FPCCI election 2024-25. He further stated that the license of the Khairpur CCI is expired and the Chamber has lost its representative character.
- 4. The counsel for respondent has stated that the renewal of the license is under process at the DGTO. That the Chamber is valid chamber and the nominees fulfill the criteria of membership as per law.

FINDINGS:-

- i. As per record with this office, the license of Khairpur CCI has expired on 11-04-2018. The Chamber has failed to complete the codal formalities under Section 06 of the ToA 2013 for renewal of its license even after more than 05 years. Hypothetically speaking, even if the license of khairpur CCI is renewed, it will still stand expired on 11-04-2023.
- ii. As of this date, Khairpur CCI is dysfunctional for all practical purposes.
- iii. Communication sent to this chamber regarding rule 22 and 23 of ToRs 2013 were not even responded to ,while the chamber was not expired couple of years back.
- iv. Hence, both the nominees of Khairpur CCI for FPCCI election 2024-25 are liable to be excluded from the voter list.

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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:

- The instant appeal is allowed and Secretary General FPCCI is hereby directed to exclude the nominees of Khairpur CCI from the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.

(Umar Dad Afridi) Regulator (TO)

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