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Islamabad, the 6th December, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL No. 89/2023

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

Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI)

Versus

Secretary General of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(FPCCI)

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Bilal Sharif, A.SG
(on behalf of appellant)
2. Mr. Kamran Feroz

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. Mr. Ibtisam Rashid Mirza, Advocate
(on behalf of Respondent)
2. Mr. Faisal Akhtar, Director, FPCCI

.....Respondents

Date of Hearing: 05-12-2023

**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 Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) against decision of Secretary General Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding exclusion of the name of Dr. Sajjad Arshad and the Chamber appealed for replacement of nominee on GB of the FPCCI. The case was fixed for hearing on 05-12-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Secretary General, FPCCI excluded the name of Dr. Sajjad Arshad, nominee on Associate-GB, from Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry on 25-11-2023 in the light of Rule 20(11) of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. Hence, the chamber did not challenge the orders of the Secretary General, FPCCI, however, the chamber has requested the office of Regulator (TOs) for replacement of nominee, namely Mr. Muhammad Aslam Bhalli, Associate-GB, in the final voters list in the FPCCI elections, 2024-25. By acceding to the request of the FCCI, DGTO Office called a hearing dated 05-11-2023, and directed the FCCI for submission of requisite documents of the replaced candidate.


3. The appellant submitted his credentials, including, NTN profiles, Business profile, membership record and Executive Committee minutes of the meeting in the hearing and also informed that the same were also forwarded to the Secretary General, FPCCI for further necessary action. The appellant requested for inclusion the name, as the same has been removed after cut-off date of election schedule of the FPCCI.

4. The counsel of the Respondent alleged the submission of nominee as time barred. However, he has no objection, if the Secretary General, FPCCI accepts the same on behalf of FCCI due to latter's contribution in economy and promotion of trade in Pakistan.

FINDINGS:-

The Secretary General, FPCCI, delisted nominee of Dr. Sajjad Arshad after the cut-off date as prescribed in the election schedule of the FPCCI election, 2024-25.

2. As both the sides committed mistake in treating the nominee, therefore, replacement of nominee request of FCCI seems valid and hence, may be accepted. Therefore, Secretary General, FPCCI may be directed to include the name of Mr. Muhammad Aslam Bhalli, as Associate-GB from FCCI.


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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 Secretary General, FPCCI is directed to include the name of Mr. Muhammad Aslam Bhalli, nominee of FCCI in the final voters list.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.



(Umar Dad Afridi)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.

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