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PROVISIONAL CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT FPCCI

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----- RESPONDENT

DECISION # P-001

PASSED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Under the provision of rule 18(12) of the Trade Organization Rule 2013, the Election Commission of FPCCI entertained the objection as raised in the application, in order to dispose of the objection as filed by the Appellant namely Mr. Atif Ikram, Candidate for the post of President FPCCI, for inclusion of name of Mr. Muhammad Ali, Candidate for the post of President FPCCI, in the provisional list of Candidates for the Election of FPCCI 2024-2025.

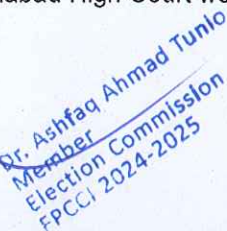
The hearing of this case was conducted at the office of Election Commission of FPCCI on 18th December 2023.

These Objections has been instituted by Mr. Atif Ikram who is also the candidate for the post of President of FPCCI, against the Respondent, Muhammad Ali, who is his competitor, as he is also contesting for the said Post.

The learned Counsel for the objector raised a number of issues in his representation, but mainly stressed on following grounds:

- The Respondent is member of All Pakistan Stainless Steel Importers and Traders Association, (APSSITA).
- The SECP record shows that said Association has its registered office in Gujranwala, as such the said Association is not registered within the Federal Area, i.e. Islamabad.
- Rule 20 (7) of TO Rules 2013 read with schedule 'D', provides that forth coming elections, only the candidate from Islamabad can contest the election for the post of President FPCCI.
- He also stressed upon the fact that the Respondent is not doing any business in respect of ToRs of the said Association.
- In the end two judgments of the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court were cited.


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He stated that he has no objection on the voting right of the Respondent but he is not eligible to be nominated on behalf of Federal Area, i.e. Islamabad.

The learned Counsel for the Respondents, pointed out that the Respondent has its registered office at Islamabad. He also provided different import documents which shows that the Appellant over the years has been importing steel sheets etc. and is a valid member of the said Association.

As such he is fully qualified to be nominated on behalf of his Association. As for the objection that his Association has its registered office in Gujranwala, he referred to Rule 2(c) of the TO Rules 2013, which shows that Association is on All Pakistan basis, unlike the Chambers which are restricted to one particular city or district.

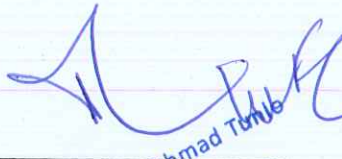
As far as the judgments cited by the Objector Council, he stated that the same are not applicable on the case of Respondent.

Decision of the Election Commission:

After going through the available record and the TO Act as well as Rules 2013, it is found that the objection has not been substantiated with any concrete evidence or law. On the other hand, the Respondent has been able to prove that he is a valid qualified member of the said Association. The office address of the Respondent is situated within the Federal Area, Islamabad. The import documents of Respondent Company also show that he is valid member of the said Association, and membership certificate provided by the said Association also confirms this. As there is no substance in the objections raised by the Objector, the same are hereby dismissed.



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