



Government of Pakistan
Directorate General of Trade Organizations
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)
Ministry of Commerce and Textile Industry,
Commerce Division
State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor, Blue Area,
Islamabad.



F. No. 6(15)/2013-TO

Islamabad, the January 21st, 2014

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO. 02/2014

Passed by Mr. Javed-ul-Hassan Qureshi, Regulator of Trade Organizations
(In exercise of power conferred under section 14 of Trade Organizations Act, 2013).

Mr. Asim Anees & Others

Versus

Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry and others

Present in the hearing on 30-12-2013:

i) Mr. Ibtasam Rashid Mirza (Advocate)
on behalf of appellants.

.....Appellants

i) M. Burhan, Additional Secretary General,
Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry
on behalf of respondents.

.....Respondents

Date of Hearing: **30-12-2013**

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: **21-01-2014**

By this Order, the undersigned intends to dispose of a post election complaint filed by Mr. Asim Anees and Others against Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCC&I), in compliance with Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore Order dated 12-12-2013 passed in Writ Petition No. 32095/2013 titled Muhammad Asim Anees Vs Federation of Pakistan and others, received in DGTO Office on 24-12-2013,

2. Brief facts of the case are that election of Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCC&I) for 2013-14 was held in accordance with Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. However, after completion of election process, Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations received a post election complaint in terms of clause (f) of sub-section (3) of Section 14 of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 wherein it was alleged that elections of GCC&I were not held in accordance with law and rules and thus irregularities were committed. However, no documentary evidence to substantiate allegations was furnished by the complainant.

3. In order to decide the matter, notice of personal hearing before the Regulator of Trade Organizations was issued to the parties for 30-12-2013. Accordingly, Assistant Secretary General appeared on behalf of Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry whereas respondents were represented by Mirza Ibtasam Rashid, Advocate.

4. Assistant Secretary General of GCC&I informed the forum that allegations leveled by complainants were frivolous and are aimed only at derailment of the democratic process in the Chamber. He also submitted written reply on behalf of GCC&I. The Counsel for the complainants was also asked to submit written reply within two days. It was also made clear to the counsel that in case written reply from them is not received, the forum would be constrained to proceed ex-parte. The Additional Registrar (Judicial), Lahore High Court, Lahore was accordingly informed of interim action vide DGTO Office letter No. 6(15)/2013-TO dated 01-01-2014. The complainants have miserably failed to furnish written reply despite lapse of considerable period.

Order:-

5. After perusing the available record, taking into consideration relevant provisions of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 this forum is of the view that complaint holds no ground. Hence the above referred complaint is dismissed.

(**Javed-ul-Hassan Qureshi**)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:- 21 -01-2014.