



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(18)/2013-TO

Islamabad, the December 02, 2013

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO. 21/2013

Passed by Mr. Javed-ul-Hassan Qureshi, Regulator of Trade Organizations
(In exercise of power conferred under Rule 18(7) of Trade Organizations
Rules, 2013) as final forum of Appeal.

Mr. Saeed Agha Secretary General of South Punjab Women Chamber of
Commerce and Industry, Multan.

Versus

Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry and others

Present in the hearing on 28-11-2013:

i) Ms. Masoma Sibtain
Former President of SPWCC&I

.....Appellants

ii) Mr. Saeed Agha, Secretary General SPWCC&I

i) Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce &
Industry (Not present)

.....Respondent

Date of Hearing: **28-11-2013**

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: **02-12-2013**

BY this Order, I intend to dispose off an appeal filed by Secretary General, South Punjab Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SPWCC&I) against Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCC&I) regarding status of SPWCC&I.

2. Brief facts of the case are that nominations forwarded by SPWCC&I for FPCC&I,s elections for 2014 were not entertained by FPCC&I stating that status of Chamber was subjudice before the Honorable Islamabad High Court, Islamabad in Writ Petition No. 2420/2013 titled “Aneela Iftikhar and others VS FOP and others”. The name of Chamber was included in provisional voters list issued by FPCC&I, however, against the name of trade body it was indicated that status of Chamber was subjudice. The Federation was asked by Regulator of Trade Organizations vide letter dated 4-11-2013 to produce restraining order, if any, whereby SPWCC&I was directed to suspend its operation. However, restraining order was not produced by the FPCC&I.

3. In order to take decision in the matter, notice of personal hearing for 28-11-2013 was served on all the parties; however, no one appeared on behalf of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

4. The Secretary General, SPWCC&I, while pleading case of the Chamber, stated that FPCC&I had not entertained the nominations forwarded by the Chamber despite the fact that requisite fee was also deposited. He further informed that there was no restraining order in the field as he was present before the Honorable Court when Writ Petition No.2420/2013 was heard by Honorable Mr. Justice Riaz Ahmad of Islamabad High Court, Islamabad. He further stated that nomination papers could not be rejected merely on the ground that writ petition was pending. He prayed that direction may be given to FPCC&I to entertain the nomination papers of SPWCC&I so that Chamber could be represented at apex forum.

Order

5. After hearing the arguments, perusing the available record and taking into consideration the relevant law and rules, this forum is of the view that rejection /refusal to entertain South Punjab Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry 26 Trust Plaza, LMQ Road, Multan merely on the ground that Writ Petition No. 2420/2013 was pending before the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad was not justified as there was no restraining order passed by the Honorable Court in the said Writ Petition.

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6. Above in view, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry is directed to entertain the nominations forwarded by SPWCC&I, 26 Trust Plaza, LMQ Road, Multan and include their names in final voters list under intimation to the Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations.

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Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:- 02 -12-2013.