



**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.



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Islamabad, the December 11th, 2013

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO. 22/2013

Passed by Mr. Javed-ul-Hassan Qureshi, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Khair Andaish of unknown address/place

Versus

Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Present in the hearing on 11-12-2013:

- i). Mr. Majid Shabbir, Secretary General of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ii). Mr. Munawar Mughal on behalf of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Date of Hearing: **11-12-2013**

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: **11-12-2013**

By this Order, I intend to dispose of an anonymous complaint filed by Mr. Khair Andesh of unknown address/place against the election of President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICC&I) for the year 2013-2014.

2. Brief facts of the complaint are that an anonymous complaint was received in Directorate General of Trade Organizations on 24-11-2013 alleging that Mr. Khalid Shaban was elected as President of the Chamber in violation of Sub Rule 9 of Rule 21 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. According to him, the President this year should have been from the Associate Class; whereas, President was again elected from Corporate Class in violation of above referred Rule. It was further stated in the complaint that last year, the President was from the Corporate Class.

3. In order to decide the matter, the Secretary General of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry was asked to furnish comments in the matter which were accordingly received in DGTO Office. The Secretary General was also directed to appear before the Regulator of Trade Organizations on 19-11-2013, however, the Secretary General requested for an adjournment which was acceded to. Therefore, another notice of personal hearing for 11-12-2013 was issued to Secretary General.

4. The Secretary General while explaining the position during the personal hearing stated that complaint was since anonymous, therefore, it may not be entertained under the established norms. He also stated that election of the Chamber for 2013-14 was since the first election under Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder, therefore the chamber was under the impression that rotation was not applicable in the election.

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5. After hearing arguments advanced by the Secretary General, perusing the record and taking into consideration the relevant law and rules, this forum is of the view that anonymous complaint does not merit any consideration; yet cognizance of violation of Sub Rule 9 of Rule 21 is being taken by imposing a penalty of Rs.100,000/- on the Chamber. Since elections of ICC&I for 2013-2014 has already been completed and no complaint was received by the Office during the electoral process, this forum is of the view that at this belated stage when almost quarter of the year term has already elapsed, democratic process of the chamber may not be derailed.

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