



**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 February 25th, 2014

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO. 03/2014

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

Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lahore Division

Present in the hearing on 16-12-2013:

- i) Qaisra Shaikh, President, WCC&I, Lahore Division.
- ii) Bishaka Kunwar, Secretary General, WCC&I,
Lahore Division.

Date of Hearing: **16-12-2013**

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: **25-02-2014**

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By this Order, the undersigned intends to decide the status of President of Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Lahore Division) for the year 2014.

2. Brief facts of the case are that Ms. Qaisra Shaikh remained the President of Central and North Punjab Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lahore for the year 2012-2013. However, due to change in clause (c) of Sub Section (2) of Section 3 brought about in Trade Organizations Act, 2013 the said Chamber had been directed by the Office of the Regulator of Trade Organizations to change its name, redefine its organizational structure as well as M&AoA in line with new provision of law. The said Chamber was renamed as Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lahore Division. Subsequently, Office of the Regulator of Trade Organizations (Directorate General of Trade Organizations) received a circular from the aforementioned Chamber intimating names of its Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members for the year 2013-2014. From the circular, it was observed that Ms. Qaisra Shaikh was once again elected as President of WCC&I, Lahore Division in violation of Sub Rule 15 of Rule 21 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. The matter was taken up with Secretary General of Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lahore Division who stated that Chamber was under the impression that after change in its name from Central and North Punjab Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry to Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lahore Division, the observance of break of one year as laid down in Sub Rule 15 of Rule 21 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 was not considered mandatory, therefore, considering the trade organization as a brand new entity, Ms. Qaisra Shaikh once again participated in the election process for the year 2013-14.

3. In order to decide the issue, notice of personal hearing was issued to Secretary General, WCC&I, Lahore Division for 18-12-2013. Accordingly, the Secretary General, WCC&I, Lahore Division appeared before the undersigned on the above mentioned date.

4. While pleading case of WCC&I, Lahore Division, the Secretary General of the Chamber reiterated the stance taken earlier by the Chamber. However, upon explanation of the intent of Sub Rule 15 of Rule 21 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, she accepted the mistake made inadvertently.

5. After hearing the arguments of Secretary General, WCC&I, Lahore Division, taking into consideration the new provision of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 pertaining to Women Chambers and perusing the relevant record, it appears that provision of Sub Rule 15 of Rule 21 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 has not been complied with. In view of the fact that violation was not a willful act, rather it was result of misinterpretation of rules on the part of the Chamber which should not attract a severe punishment. Furthermore, in order to encourage women participation in trade, commerce, industry and service sectors of Pakistan, this forum does not deem appropriate to derail the democratic process at this stage.

6. Hence, in order to ensure strict compliance of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 in future, penalty of Rs. 50,000/- in the form of Demand Draft / Pay Order in favour of Directorate General of Trade Organizations is hereby imposed on WCC&I, Lahore Division which shall be submitted in this office by the Chamber within 07 days from the date of announcement of this order.

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Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:- 25 -02-2014.