



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



F. No. 6(79)/2020-TO

Islamabad, the December 4th, 2020

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 104 /2020

Passed by Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Ibrahim Ali Tawab nominee of Pakistan Pharmaceutical Importers Association

Versus

Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(FPCCI)

Present in the hearing.

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| 1. Muhammad Tahir (on behalf of appellant) | |
| 2. Malik Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of appellant) |Appellant/Complainant |
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| 1. Mr. Maher Alam Khan,
(Acting Secretary General) FPCCI |Respondents |
| 2. Mr. Arshad Khurshid
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI) | |
| 3. Mr. Shahid Vaseem
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI) | |
| 4. Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharral, Advocate (on behalf
of Respondents) | |
| 5. Ms. Mahreen Razzak | |

Date of Hearing: 01-12-2020

**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: 04-12-2020

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Ibrahim Tawab, nominee of Pakistan Pharmaceutical Importers Association (PPIA) against the decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), which excluded the name of Mr. Ibrahim Tawab as nominee for elections of FPCCI for the year 2021. The appeal was fixed for personal hearing on 01-12-2020 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that an objection was raised against nomination of Mr. Ibrahim Tawab on the basis that Mr. Ibrahim Tawab who does not have the business of Pharmaceutical Importer and rather, is linked to business of event management and does not possess STRN. The objection was declined by the Secretary General FPCCI, which was set aside by the Election Commission on the basis that the online verification of Mr. Ibrahim Tawab does indicate Pharmaceutical Imports as a relevant business concern.

3. The Counsel for the Appellant has submitted membership certificate of Mr. Ibrahim Ali Tawab with PPIA, and has argued that as the appellant has been granted membership by the TO, therefore they should be allowed to be a nominee for PPIA.

4. The Counsel for the Respondent has maintained that the online NTN verification of Mr. Tawab shows that he does not have any concern with the pharmaceutical import sector. Furthermore, the respondent has submitted online NTN verification which indeed shows that the relevant business concern of Mr. Tawab is event management.

FINDINGS:-

The documents submitted by the respondent clearly indicate that Mr. Tawab is in violation of Rule 3(2)(d)(iii) of Trade Organization Rules, 2013, hence the nomination of Mr. Ibrahim Tawab as a nominee of PPIA is liable to be disallowed.

ORDERS:-

Arguments heard, record perused and relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above, the following orders are passed:

- i) The decision of Election Commission of FPCCI is upheld, and the instant appeal is not allowed.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.


(Riaz Ahmed)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated: 04-12-2020.

RIAZ AHMAD
Regulator of Trade Organizations
Directorate General of Trade Organization
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad