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F. No. 6(87)/2020-TO

Islamabad, the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 105/2020

Passed by Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Gulzar Firoz nominee Pakistan Tanners Association

Versus

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

Present in the hearing.

1. Malik Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of  
appellant)

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. Mr. Maher Alam Khan,  
(Acting Secretary General) FPCCI
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

.....Respondents

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, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, BLUE AREA,  
ISLAMABAD.

Date of issuance of Order: 04-12-2020

By this order the undersigned intends to disposed of appeal filed by Mr. Gulzar Firoz of Pakistan Tanners Association against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) in which Mr. Muhammad Athar Sultan has been allowed as nominee of All Pakistan Restaurant Association (APRA) for FPCCI election 2021 by the Secretary General FPCCI and Election Commission FPCCI. The appeal was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2020 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that appellant alleged that Mr. Muhammad Athar Sultan is not eligible to be a nominee of APRA on the basis that he does not qualify as a relevant business concern in the restaurant sector.

3. The counsel for the respondent, on the other hand submitted documents that indicate Mr. Muhammad Athar Sultan is a director in M/s Wah Brands Private Ltd which operates different restaurants across Pakistan.

#### **FINDINGS:-**

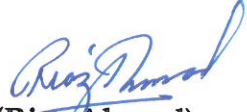
The Counsel for the Respondent has submitted extensive documents that clearly show that Mr. Muhammad Athar Sultan possesses relevant qualification for membership/nomination from APRA including Trade Mark Registration of Wah Brands, designation of Mr. Muhammad Athar Sultan as Director in M/s Wah Brands Limited as per SECP documents, and a letter submitted by the Association indicating that there are various restaurants operating under the umbrella of M/s Wah Brands Private Limited.

#### **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 FPCCI is upheld, and the instant appeal is dismissed.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

Announced Dated: 04-12-2020.

  
(Riaz Ahmed)  
Regulator (TO)  
**RIAZ AHMAD**  
Regulator of Trade Organizations  
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