



Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Commerce,  
Directorate General of Trade Organizations  
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)  
State Life Building No. 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Blue Area,  
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F. No. 9(22)/2020-TO

Islamabad, the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO.12/2020

Passed by Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations

*In pursuance of direction passed by Honorable Lahore High Court Lahore,  
dated 30.07.2020 in Writ Petition No. 33801/2020,  
filed by Mr. Shahzad Ahmed  
V/s  
Federation of Pakistan.*

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Shahzad Ahmed
2. Rana Shahzad Hassan (Advocate)
1. Mr. Ahsan Shah (Chairman)
2. Mr. Dilshad Ali (Secretary General)
3. Malik Ghulam Sabir (Advocate)


Appellant/ Complainant

.....Respondents

Date of Hearing: 12-08-2020

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: 20-08-2020

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

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of various complaints filed by existing and prospective members of All Pakistan Bedsheets & Upholstery Manufacturers Association regarding non-renewal / grant of membership of the association.

## FINDINGS

The background of the matter is that this office received complaints by following members companies regarding difficulties faced in getting their membership licenses from the association. One of the complainant is the Vice Chairman of the association and it's claimed that the Secretary General is not renewing / granting membership to legitimate business concern despite fulfillment of all codal formalities laid down Rule 11 of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. The personal hearing of the matter was fixed on 12-8-2020 which was attended by both parties.

2. The counsel of the complainants has submitted documents that show that more than approximately 121 persons submitted their NTN's application and membership fee to the Secretary General of the association well before June 15 for grant/ renewal of membership of the association. However, the Secretary General returned the membership fee after final date and renewal of membership did not renew their membership. It is a fact that the Secretary General is bound to ensure that all membership applications submitted to his office are processed in timely manner. And if applicant to be rejected they must record the reason in writing and communicated of the applicant. It appears that for 121 members applicants this process has not been followed satisfactorily manner furthermore, the counsel of the complainants has also raised objection on the voters list of the association and highlighted 22 members whose NTN's status is inactive. In this matter the complainants to filled separate appeal with the DGTO, after obtaining the decision to Secretary General of the association.

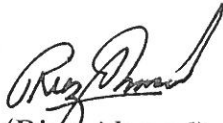
3. The counsel for defendant has rightly argued that 22 petitioners cannot claim the right of membership for 121 members as per Rule 11(6) Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. Furthermore, it is clear that if members have fulfilled requirements mentioned in Rule 11 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 their membership cannot be denied without effective reasons.

ORDER:

Arguments heard record perused in relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above following order is passed.

All individuals who have filed complaints with DGTO are to be granted/renewal membership as they are compliant with Association's legal requirements. Secretary General to provide record of all renewals of memberships along with reasons of acceptance/ rejection of applications within 7 days. Any person aggrieved of the decision of Secretary General may appeal with the Regulator of Trade Organizations Within seven days. After the determination of report of eligibility of rejected members by DGTO, report of voters list shall be accordingly circulated.

The matter stands disposed of.

  
(Riaz Ahmed)  
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:-20-08-2020

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