



**Government of Pakistan  
Directorate General of Trade Organizations  
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)  
Ministry of Commerce,  
State Life Building No. 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Blue Area,  
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F. No. 6(88)/2020-TO

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

**ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 129/2020**

**Passed by Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations**

Mr. Gulzar Firoz nominee of 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)
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
6. Ms. Neelam Khalid Ch.
7. Ms. Nasim Iqbal
8. Ms. Shumaila Secretary General RWCCI

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....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**

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

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Gulzar Firoz nominee of Pakistan Tanners Association against the decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) for inclusion of name of Ms. Neelam Khalid and Ms. Naseem Iqbal nominees of Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RWCCI). The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2020 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the election commission FPCCI allowed Ms. Neelam and Ms. Naseem to be considered as nominee for RWCCI on the basis that both were valid nominees for FPCCI elections 2021 on the basis of documents submitted.

3. The Counsel for the Appellant has argued that Ms. Neelam Khalid was an associate member in RWCCI and does not fulfill criteria of Rule 2(1)(g) of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, and hence cannot be nominated as a corporate member from RWCCI. Furthermore, the Counsel for the Appellant has contended that Ms. Naseem Iqbal is not an active NTN and has not completed two years of membership mandatory for participating in FPCCI elections 2021.

4. The Counsel for the Respondent committed to provide documents to substantiate their membership as valid members in RWCCI, however the same have not been received.

#### **FINDINGS:-**

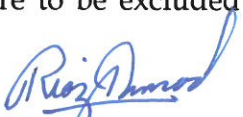
In the absence of any supporting documents, the decision of Election Commission FPCCI is dubious for inclusion of Ms. Neelam Khalid and Ms. Naseem Iqbal as nominees for RWCCI for FPCCI elections 2021.

#### **ORDERS:-**

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

2. The decision of Election Commission FPCCI is set aside and the instant appeal is allowed to the extent that Ms. Neelam Khalid and Ms. Naseem Iqbal are to be excluded from the voters list for FPCCI elections 2021.

Announced Dated: 04-12-2020.

  
(Riaz Ahmed)  
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