



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



F. No. 7(26)/2020-TO

Islamabad, the 22nd October, 2020

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO. 81/2020

Passed by Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Khalid Mehmood Javed

Versus

Hajj Organizer Association of Pakistan (HOAP)

Present in the hearing.

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| 1. Mr. Khalid Mehmood Javed | Appellant/ Complainant |
| 1. Muhammad Nabeel Khan, Secretary
General | ...Respondent |

Date of Hearing: 20-10-2020

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: 22-10-2020


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

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of complaint filed by Mr. Khalid Mehmood Javed, CEO, Watchout Hajj Umrah Pvt Ltd against Zonal Chairman of Hajj Organizers Association of Pakistan Punjab Zone regarding misappropriation of funds of the Associations by the incumbent and previous Chairmen. The case was fixed for hearing on 20-10-2020 and was attended the both side.

2. Background of the case is that Mr. Khalid Javed Mehmood, CEO of Watchout Hajj Umrah Pvt Ltd filed an appeal before the Regulator (TO) against the management of Hajj Organizer Association of Pakistan, Punjab Zone, Lahore. He stated that he is a member of the subject Association and no record of financial expenditure of the Association was produced in General body meeting since, 2014. However, if any record was ever maintained that was by mutual agreement of the General Body members. He demanded the record of expenditure and financial statements of the Association for the previous years. The incumbent Chairman of the Association denied to provide it. He requested this office to direct the HOAP to provide last five years record of expenditure along with bank statement verified by the Secretary General. He stated that the Association is involved in misappropriation of funds and which provide benefits to their favorites only.

FINDINGS

Respondent Secretary General of the Association appeared in hearing, however, he stated that with reference to his letter dated 14th October, 2020, HOAP, Punjab is going to conduct their Zonal General Body meeting of Punjab Zone on 31st October, 2020 where in the account of HOAP Punjab would be presented to their members HGOs and hopefully they would remove the grievances of Mr. Khalid Mehmood Javed. He produced no document as evidence at the time of hearing.

2. It is worth mentioning here that the complaint was forwarded to Secretary General of the Association for views / comments on 2nd October, 2020, in response of this office letter Secretary General vide letter dated 5th October, 2020 made a request to DGTO for fortnight time for response on complaint as received from Punjab Zone. His request was accepted by DGTO and provided further opportunity to respond on the complaint. In this regard, a hearing notice vide dated 12th October, 2020 was issued for personal hearing to both the parties with directions to produce all the relevant record / evidences pertaining with complaint.

ORDER

passed:

Arguments heard and record/ evidence perused, the following orders are

- (i) The Association failed to refute the allegations raised by the complaint despite being given sufficient time by the Regulator (TO).
- (ii) The Association is directed to submit an audit report for last five years on its finances from a reputed chartered accountant firm along with copy of record of memberships fee deposit receipts of last five years verified from concerned authority within 30 days after issuance of this order.
- (iii) The Association is directed to ensure that all information concerning the Association be circulated to all relevant members. Any information requested by the members of the Association is to be furnished in a timely manner as stipulated under relevant laws.
- (iv) Compliance report of the meeting on 31st October, 2020 be submitted to the Regulator (TO) on 5th November, 2020, positively.
- (v) The Association is strictly directed to comply with all the directions / provisions of Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.


(Riaz/Ahmed)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:-22-10-2020

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