

DECISION OF LCCI ELECTION COMMISSION ON THE APPEAL OF Mr. ZULFIQAR ALI CHAUDHRY

The LCCI Election Commission held its meeting on September 8, 2022 to review the appeal filed by Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Chaudhry of M/s Swiss Apparels (Pvt) Ltd. Commercial Center 2nd Floor, Office No. 3, PCSIR Phase 2, and Lahore. The Appeal contains some clauses of Trade Organization Rules 2013 referred by him to set aside the rejection of nomination papers. Needless to mention that the applicant also appeared and argued the appeal on the plea of slight difference of signature of seconder due to human error.

The LCCI Election Commission keeping in view the submissions of applicant made lengthy exercise to verify the LCCI record with nomination papers and it is found that signatures of the seconder on the nomination paper are completely different as compared to LCCI record compiled from the inception of joining of the seconder's membership and the subsequent documents in his file.

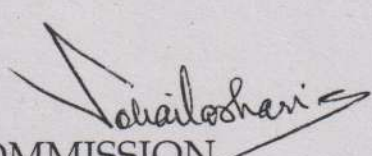
Further, in the same context Rule 18 (2) of Trade Organizations Rules read as follows.

"Within three days of the announcement of the election schedule member-firms desiring to change their representative shall intimate changes regarding name of representative to the secretary general along with necessary proof of eligibility".

The inference of Rule 18 (2) is clear that the limited changes in the membership record can be made to the extent of representative name only subject to its eligibility.

It is also found that Seconder had never notified change in his signature even if his Affidavit is given any weight. As the record of LCCI Membership does not Support the contents of appeal therefore, it is proved that the nomination papers were defective at the time of submission. The Rules 18 (6) & (7) have been meant for distinct remedies and are not applicable to the issue involved in the present case.

Therefore, at this stage, no change or up gradation in available membership record and data is acceptable and nomination papers of Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Chaudhry CEO M/s Swiss Apparels (Pvt) Ltd. have rightly been rejected hence the instant appeal is dismissed being meritless.


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