

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION
OF THE MULTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Shahrah-e-Aiwan-e-Tijarat-o-Sanat,
Multan

07 August, 2026

Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh,
M/s Ibrahim International (Pvt.) Ltd.,
Plot No. 20, Industrial Estate, Phase-I,
Multan.

... .. Appellant

Mr. Fareed Mughis Sheikh,
M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd.,
H.O; Ismailabad, Sher Shah Road,
Multan.

... .. Respondent

SUBJECT; **DECISION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE
MULTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY IN THE
APPEAL FILED BY THE APPELLANT**

The Appellant, through the instant appeal, has assailed the order 31-07-2026 passed by the Secretary General on the representation submitted by the Appellant. The principal ground urged in the appeal is that **M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd.**, has no lawful nexus with, and is not eligible to be a member of, the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, as its registered office, branch office, additional place of business, manufacturing unit, or any notified office is not situated within the territorial limits of District Multan. It is, therefore, contended that M/s Colony Textile Mills does not fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed under the applicable law for membership of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry and, consequently, is not entitled to remain on the voters' list. On these grounds, the Appellant has prayed that the order passed by the Secretary General be set aside and that the name of **M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd.**, be deleted from the membership as well as from the voters' list of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The Election Commission has considered the grounds raised in the appeal and has carefully scrutinized the record pertaining to **M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd.**, maintained by the Secretary General of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry and also carefully examined the provision of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013, Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and the Articles of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Section 2(i) of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 defines a "member" of a trade organization to include a sole proprietor, association of persons, partnership, company, or multinational corporation engaged in trade, industry or services and enrolled as a member of a trade organization.

Rule 3(2)(b) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 provides that a Chamber shall represent members who are either permanently domiciled within the district **or have a substantial business interest therein**, including an industrial concern, a corporate business entity, or a business concern assessed to income tax or sales tax within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chamber.

A harmonious and conjoint reading of the aforesaid provisions leaves no ambiguity that the determining criterion for membership of a Chamber is not confined to the location of the registered office of a company. The statutory framework expressly recognizes that a company having a substantial business interest within the territorial jurisdiction of a Chamber, including an industrial concern, manufacturing unit, or corporate business establishment, is entitled to become and continue as a member thereof, provided it fulfils the requirements prescribed under the Act and the Rules.

The record available before the Election Commission establishes that **M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd.**, owns and operates one of its manufacturing units within the territorial limits of District Multan. The existence and operation of the said manufacturing unit constitute a substantial business interest and an industrial concern within the meaning of Rule 3(2)(b) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. Consequently, the Company squarely falls within the territorial jurisdiction of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry and is lawfully entitled to its membership.

The mere fact that the registered office of the Company is situated at Lahore, that it is assessed by the Large Taxpayers Office, Karachi, or that it is also a member of another Chamber of Commerce and Industry does not, by itself, render the Company ineligible for membership of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry or disentitle it from exercising its voting rights. under the applicable provisions of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.

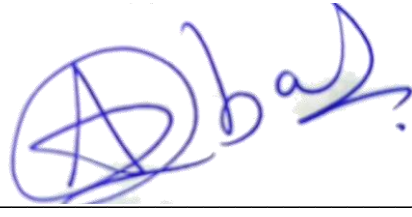
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In view of the foregoing discussion, it is held that M/s Colony Textile Mills Ltd., is a valid and eligible member of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Its inclusion in the Provisional Voters' List is fully in accordance with the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.

Accordingly, the decision of the Secretary General of the Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry is upheld and the Appeal filed by the Appellant is dismissed. The Respondent Company's name shall remain on the Voters' List for the MCCI Elections 2026-2028.



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Member of the Election Commission



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Member of the Election Commission

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