

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

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

07 August, 2026

Mr. Sheikh Muhammad Tahir,
M/s Feroz Cargo Service,
Head Office City Mall Godaam,
Near Gillani Park,
Multan.

... .. Appellant

Mr. Sheikh Nasir Ud Din,
Royal Optical Company,
149-B, Gulgasht Colony,
Multan.

... .. Respondent

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

The instant appeal has been preferred against the order dated **31.07.2026** passed by the Secretary General, Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("MCCI"), whereby the representation submitted by the Appellant was decided and **Royal Optical Company** was retained as an **Associate Member** for the purposes of the elections of the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the term **2026-2028**.

Facts and Grounds of Appeal

The principal grievance of the Appellant is that the Secretary General acted illegally and without lawful authority in retaining **M/s Royal Optical Company** as an Associate Member of the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("MCCI") and including its name in the provisional voters' list for the elections for the term **2026-2028**.

The Appellant contends that **M/s Royal Optical Company** has not completed the mandatory requirement of **two years' valid membership** as prescribed under the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and is, therefore, not eligible to exercise the right to vote or to be included in the electoral roll. It is specifically asserted that the said business concern does not appear in the list of members circulated by the Director General Trade Organizations ("DGTO") as on **30 November 2025**, which,

according to the Appellant, conclusively establishes that the Respondent had not acquired the requisite period of valid membership for electoral purposes.

It is further submitted that **Rule 15(1)(a) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013** mandates that only those members who have completed the prescribed period of valid membership are entitled to be included in the voters' list. The Appellant, therefore, contends that the inclusion of **M/s Royal Optical Company** in the provisional voters' list is contrary to the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and is liable to be declared illegal.

The Appellant further alleged that the Secretary General had manipulated the official record relating to the renewal of the Respondent's membership. It was contended that the renewal record had subsequently been altered in order to confer eligibility upon the Respondent. In support of this allegation, it was argued that the Secretary General failed to produce the relevant Executive Committee resolution approving the renewal of membership, the minutes of the meeting in which such renewal was allegedly approved, the attendance register of the meeting, the agenda item relating to renewal of memberships, or any contemporaneous record demonstrating that the renewal of the Respondent's membership had been lawfully considered and approved by the competent authority. It was, therefore, argued that the burden squarely rested upon the Secretary General to establish the date on which, the authority by whom, and the manner in which the Respondent's renewal of membership had been approved.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Appellant sought the setting aside of the order passed by the Secretary General and prayed that the name of **M/s Royal Optical Company** be deleted from the voters' list of the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the elections for the term **2026-2028**, being allegedly ineligible under the applicable provisions of law.

The Respondent, **M/s Royal Optical Company**, through its proprietor, personally appeared before the Election Commission and contested the appeal. It was submitted that the Respondent had deposited the prescribed renewal fee and annual subscription within the time stipulated under the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and had also submitted all documents required for renewal of its membership. The Respondent emphatically denied the allegations of manipulation or alteration of the official record and produced the receipt issued by MCCI evidencing payment of the renewal subscription.

The Respondent further contended that there had been no omission or default on its part in complying with the requirements for renewal of membership. It was argued that even if the Respondent's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of members prepared by the Chamber for the year **2025-2026**, such administrative lapse could not lawfully deprive a bona fide member of its valuable electoral rights. It was maintained that the Respondent had continuously remained a member of MCCI since the year **2022** and that any error committed by the administration could not furnish a lawful basis for its disenfranchisement.

The Secretary General also appeared before the Commission and explained that the Respondent had duly deposited its renewal fee and annual subscription within the prescribed period, i.e., on or before **31 March 2025**, in accordance with the applicable Rules. It was stated that due to an inadvertent administrative omission, the Respondent's name was mistakenly left out from the list of members prepared as on **30 November 2025**, although its membership had in fact been validly renewed.

Consideration by the Election Commission and Findings

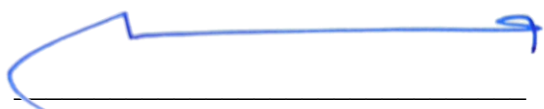
The Election Commission carefully examined the original record produced by the Secretary General. Upon scrutiny of the membership file, the Commission found that the Respondent had deposited the prescribed subscription within time and that the said amount had subsequently been credited into the official bank account of MCCI, as reflected in the Chamber's bank statement. The Commission further found that an official receipt acknowledging payment of the renewal fee had been issued by MCCI in favour of the Respondent, and the same formed part of the official record. These contemporaneous documents substantiate that the Respondent had complied with the requirements for renewal of its membership within the prescribed time, and no material was produced by the Appellant to establish that the renewal itself was fraudulent, fabricated or otherwise unlawful.

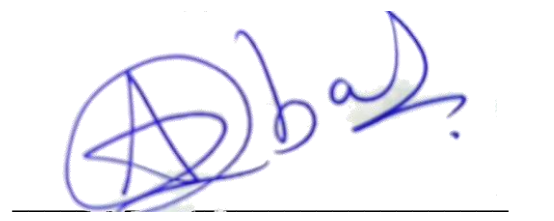
Decision of the Election Commission

For the reasons recorded hereinabove, this Commission is satisfied that the impugned order dated **31.07.2026** passed by the Secretary General, Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry is lawful, reasoned, and in consonance with the provisions of the **Trade Organizations Act, 2013**, the **Trade Organizations Rules, 2013**, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Chamber. No illegality, material irregularity, procedural impropriety, jurisdictional error, or misapplication of law has been pointed out which may warrant interference by this Commission in the exercise of its appellate jurisdiction.

Consequently, the instant appeal, being devoid of merit, is **dismissed**.

The order dated **31.07.2026** passed by the Secretary General, Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hereby **upheld and affirmed**.



KHAWAJA MUHAMMAD ALI
Member of the Election Commission

MIAN ARIF IQBAL
Member of the Election Commission

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