Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
Directorate General of Trade Organizations
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)
State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor,
Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area,
Islamabad
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F. No: 6(39)/2026-TO

Islamabad, 4th November, 2026

1. **The Contesting Appellants & Principal Parties:**
   i. **Chaudhary Muhammad Faraz** (Ex-President, GCSTSI) & **Mr. Shafique Ur Rehman Butt** (Petitioners in W.P. No. 4914/2026), 2nd Floor, Shield Marketing Plaza, Opposite AFC, Qamar Sialvi Road, Gujrat.
   ii. **Mr. Muhammad Waqas Mirza** (Ex-Senior Vice President, GCSTSI) & **Mr. Rizwan Dildar**, 1st Floor, Building Dubai Islamic Bank, Opposite Pak Fan, G.T. Road, Gujrat.
   iii. **Mr. Sufyan Haider** (Ex-Secretary General), 2nd Floor, Shield Marketing Plaza, Gujrat.
   iv. **Mr. Yasar Mehmood Butt**, Advocate High Court (Appellant in Cross-Appeal No. 11/2026), Gujrat.
   v. **Mr. Muhammad Awais** (M# 90) & Appellants in Appeal No. 02/2026.
2. **The Election Administration:**
   i. **Mr. Mahmood Iqbal Gondal**, Election Commissioner, GCSTSI, 1st Floor, Safi Plaza, Near U-Bank, Opposite Small Industrial Estate, G.T. Road, Gujrat.
   ii. **Mr. Muhammad Arif**, Interim Secretary General, GCSTSI, Gujrat.
3. **The Concerned Attendees of List B-III (Faraz Group):**
   i. Only those members of List B-III who were physically in attendance on Friday, October 30, 2026, and marked their presence before the DGTO scrutiny team, but whose online IRIS portal verification was hindered by password lockouts or technical credential issues.

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED PROCEEDINGS, SPECIAL TECHNICAL RE-VERIFICATION SESSION, AND FINAL CONCLUDING HEARING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REMAND ORDER OF THE HON'BLE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT DATED 01.10.2026 PASSED IN WRIT PETITION NO. 4914 OF 2026 READ WITH JUDGMENT DATED 30.06.2026 IN C.M.A. NO. 75 OF 2025 CONCERNING THE FINAL ELECTORAL ROLL OF GUJRAT CHAMBER OF SMALL TRADERS & SMALL INDUSTRY (GCSTSI)

1. Background & Disposal of Interlocutory Applications

1.1 **Context of Ongoing Remand Proceedings:**

Pursuant to the remand directives of the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court dated 01.10.2026 in W.P. No. 4914 of 2026 read with the judgment dated 30.06.2026 in C.M.A. No. 75 of 2025, this Directorate issued a detailed Schedule of Personal Hearing and Physical Scrutiny vide Notice No. F. 6(39)/2026-TO dated 21.10.2026. Under the said schedule, on-spot physical and electronic verifications were conducted across successive sessions from Tuesday, October 27, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026 (covering Lists A-I, B-I, B-II, A-II, and B-III). The concluding session (Day 5) for final legal arguments of principal parties and reconciliation of records with the Election Commission was scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2026.

1.2 **Adjournment Applications for Day 5 (Final Hearing):**

On 30-10-2026, an application was submitted by Ch. Muhammad Faraz through counsel Adv. Suleman Ashraf Bhatti, seeking adjournment of the hearing fixed for 02-11-2026 due to sudden medical emergency and hospitalization of arguing counsel (Ch. M. Fawaz, Advocate) with acute cardiovascular illness. Subsequently, on 02-11-2026, a separate application (Diary No. 2807/2905) was received from Bassam Ahmad Siddiqui, Advocate High Court, on behalf of Shafique Ur Rehman Butt, requesting adjournment due to prior pre-engagement before the Hon'ble Lahore High Court. The Regulator, finding sufficient cause in the documented medical incapacitation of counsel and the joint prayer for time, has recalled the hearing fixed for 02-11-2026 and agreed to re-schedule the final hearing.

1.3 **Application Regarding Blocked IRIS Logins of List B-III Members:**

On 02-11-2026, Ch. Muhammad Faraz submitted a formal written application stating that during the scrutiny of List B-III on Friday, October 30, 2026, several members encountered difficulty accessing the FBR IRIS portal due to password blocks and technical lockouts, praying for an additional opportunity to complete electronic

verification. In the interest of equity, justice, and fair play, and to ensure that no genuine voter is condemned unheard due to technical or electronic impediments, the Regulator has decided to grant a one-time, final technical window. This technical window is strictly and exclusively restricted to those specific members of List B-III who were physically present and recorded their attendance before the DGTO officers on Friday, October 30, 2026, but whose electronic verification remained inconclusive solely due to password or login blockage. No absent member, new claimant, or member belonging to any other already-concluded list shall be entertained under any circumstances.

2. Re-Scheduled Program & Modalities

The competent authority has accordingly re-scheduled the remaining proceedings in the Conference Room, Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO), 2nd Floor, State Life Building No. 7, Blue Area, Islamabad, as detailed below:

i. **Part A (Special Technical Re-Verification Session):**
To be held on **Friday, November 6, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 01:00 PM**, strictly for the concerned attendees of List B-III (Faraz Group members who marked attendance on 30-10-2026 but faced technical login lockouts). The focus of this session is restricted to electronic retrieval and live IRIS portal verification of Tax Years 2024 and 2025, alongside on-spot validation of declared business turnover within the statutory threshold of PKR 2 Million to PKR 20 Million.

ii. **Part B (Final Concluding Hearing):**
To be held on **Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 03:00 PM sharp**, for all contesting parties, panel leadership, legal counsel, Election Commissioner (Mr. Mahmood Iqbal Gondal), and Interim Secretary General (Mr. Muhammad Arif). The focus of this concluding session is to hear final legal arguments on turnover ceilings, fee payment proof, legal effect of receipts, and complete the final reconciliation of the electoral roll for issuing the final Speaking Order.

3. Specific Directives for the November 6, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. Technical Session (Part A)

3.1 **Eligibility for Appearance:**

Only those members of List B-III whose names are verified against the DGTO Attendance Sheet of Friday, October 30, 2026, will be called. Any member who remained absent on October 30, 2026, has already been treated in accordance with the evidentiary presumptions notified in the earlier summons, and their cases stand closed.

3.2 **Mandatory Technical Readiness:**

Each appearing member must ensure prior to arriving at the DGTO that their FBR IRIS account has been unlocked, reset, or updated through their tax consultant or the relevant RTO helpline, so that live portal access is unhindered. The member must produce their active Username and Password for instantaneous verification in their presence. In the alternative, the member must bring officially certified and watermarked electronic returns, CPRs, and business schedules duly counter-signed and stamped by the concerned Commissioner Inland Revenue or RTO Gujrat, establishing annual declared commercial turnover strictly between PKR 2,000,000/- and PKR 20,000,000/- for both Tax Years 2024 and 2025.

3.3 **Confidentiality & Electronic Integrity:**

All electronic login credentials shall be handled with strict confidentiality in the physical presence of the taxpayer/member. No credentials will be retained by this office.

4. Specific Directives for the November 12, 2026 Final Hearing (Part B)

4.1 **Scope of Legal Arguments:**

The session on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM, shall be the final and absolute concluding hearing. Learned counsel for both factions and the principal parties shall be heard on:

- The legal effect of renewal fee deposits and bank credit confirmations qua unsigned counterfoils in Lists A-I and B-I under Rule 11(4) and 15(1)(b) of TOR 2013;
- The conclusive status of the 91 voters in List B-2 in light of the IRIS verifications conducted during the remand proceedings;
- The categorized exclusions in Lists A-II and B-III under Section 2(s), 2(t), and Section 10 of TOA 2013; and
- Final reconciliation of verified rosters with the Election Commission for the compilation of the sanitized Final Voters List.

4.2 **Final Evidentiary Warning & Prohibition of Further Adjournments:**

The Hon'ble Islamabad High Court has remanded this matter with clear directions to ensure an expeditious determination to enable the timely holding of Chamber elections. No further request for adjournment, extension, or re-hearing shall be entertained on any

ground whatsoever. If any party, counsel, or member fails to appear or proceed with arguments on November 12, 2026, the matter shall be decided ex-parte on the basis of the available records, physical scrutiny sheets, and FBR portal evidence, and a comprehensive speaking order will be rendered in compliance with the High Court's mandate.

BY ORDER OF THE REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS

(Pir Shah Gul Ahmad)
Deputy Director (TOs)

Copy forwarded for immediate compliance, wide publicity, and service to:

1. Mr. Mahmood Iqbal Gondal, Election Commissioner GCSTSI, Safi Plaza, G.T. Road, Gujrat (directed to attend the concluding session on 12-11-2026 along with complete original registers and election files).
2. The Interim Secretary General, GCSTSI, Gujrat (directed to display this notice immediately on the Chamber's official notice board and website, communicate the contents via WhatsApp/SMS to all concerned members, and attend along with official scrutiny logs).
3. Chaudhary Muhammad Faraz (Petitioner No. 1), 2nd Floor, Shield Marketing Plaza, Gujrat.
4. Mr. Shafique Ur Rehman Butt (Petitioner No. 2), Gujrat.
5. Mr. Muhammad Waqas Mirza (Respondent No. 11), Dubai Islamic Bank Building, G.T. Road, Gujrat.
6. Mr. Sufyan Haider, Shield Marketing Plaza, Gujrat.
7. Mr. Yasar Mehmood Butt, Advocate High Court, Gujrat.