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27th October'2021

ALL MEMBERS

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION.

SUB : **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF PTA (CENTRAL) FY 2020-21 HELD ON TUESDAY THE 12TH OCTOBER'2021** :

Dear Sirs,

The **Annual General Body Meeting** of Pakistan Tanners Association (Central) FY 2020-21 was held on Tuesday, the 12th October'2021 at 4:00 P.M. through Video Conference simultaneously in PTA Central Office, Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Anjum Zafar**.

The proceeding of the meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Tayyab.

Before taking up the main agenda of the AGM, all the member participants offered Fateha for the departed souls of I) Late Mr. Shahid Usman of M/s. EPCT (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore II) Late mother of Mr. Amjad Hafeez of M/s.Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi III) Late mother of Mr. Shafique Ahmed of M/s.Shafique Leather Enterprises, Karachi IV) Late wife of late Mian Muhammad Rafi of Ayesha Group, Lahore and all those members or their relatives who passed away during the precedent year and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in the eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.

The House then adopted the following Resolution in this regard:

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE HOUSE OF PTA CONDOLED THE SAD DEMISES OF I) LATE MR. SHAHID USMAN OF M/S. EPCT (PVT) LTD., LAHORE II) LATE MOTHER OF MR. AMJAD HAFEEZ OF M/S.MUHAMMAD SHAFI TANNERIES (PVT) LTD., KARACHI III) LATE MOTHER OF MR. SHAFIQUE AHMED OF M/S.SHAFIQUE LEATHER ENTERPRISES, KARACHI IV) LATE WIFE OF LATE MIAN MUHAMMAD RAFI OF AYESHA GROUP, LAHORE AND ALL THOSE MEMBERS OR THEIR RELATIVES WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE PRECEDENT YEAR AND PRAYED TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH TO REST THE DEPARTED SOULS IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE IRREPARABLE LOSS.”

Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA (Central) thanked all the member participants for sparing their precious time to attend the AGM via Conference System simultaneously at Lahore and Karachi and showed their keen interest in the affairs of the Association for the cause of betterment of the leather industry.

Afterwards, in accordance with Clauses 40 and 45 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Pakistan Tanners Association the Agenda as per schedule notified vide PTA Circular No.PTA-150/2021/Circular No.146 dated 6th September'2021 was transacted.

List of members who attended the meeting is enclosed under **Annexure –A.**

01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF PTA (CENTRAL) FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER'2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PTA CENTRAL OFFICE KARACHI & PTA NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE :

While confirming to the Minutes of last **AGM held on 29.09.2020**, the **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar** on request of Mr Mansoor Iqbal, has initially given the floor to him and accordingly Mr. Mansoor Iqbal explained to the House with the e.mail transmitted by Mr. Agha Saiddain to PTA

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Central alongwith rest of members on **11.10.2021** alongwith the detailed attachment with various points of elaboration point wise under the heading “unlawful decision inconsistent with PTA’s memorandum and articles of Association, Trade Organisations Rules, 2013 & Trade Organisation Act 2013 **(copy of e.mail with attachment is attached with the part of AGM Minutes for record)**. **It is to be noted that the following** minutes have been recorded with head wise discussion with proper segregation for better understanding.

Mr. Mansoor Iqbal has invited the attention that the letter for the recommendation for civil award was issued & signed by **Mr. Afzal Hussain in the capacity of Ex-Chairman, PTA Southern Zone during the 2008 when Mr Agha Saiddain was central chairman same year, which was never discussed or approved in CEC as this was a federal matter and Zone cannot make any such recommendation .** **When** this letter was received from unknown sender to PTA central , copy of that letter was also shared with the members by Mr. Agha Saiddain vide his e.mail of **11.10.2021** sent to all members. It was also pointed out that neither Mr. Afzal Hussain nor Mr Agha Saiddain shared this letter to central office earlier and mislead the members in last AGM. Mr. Mansoor Iqbal also highlighted with specific para as written in Mr. Agha Saiddain’s e.mail of 11.10.2021 that the said information of letter was already brought to the knowledge of Mr. Agha Saiddain **during January’2021 by Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA** with sorry for not recalling that precedent of recommendation was there in Southern zone, which was signed by Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA (SZ) bearing # PTA-19/08/315 dated 24th March, 2008. Besides, it was also pointed out that not only this letter which was not revealed by Mr Afzal Hussain earlier but with the unknown e.mail received at PTA central and to most members another letter was also revealed which was signed by Mr. Usman Umer, Chairman, PTA S/Z for the year 2008 on the same head of account for recommendation to Governor Sindh, Karachi for Mr Gulzar Firoz which was **also another precedent available in Southern Zone** while in both letters there was **mention of 3 more letters** in reference as were also already issued by southern zone to the members concerned with recommendation for civil award without any discussion or approval from CEC being federal matter. It was highly condemned how it is possible that so many letters were issued without any approval or discussion at CEC and the zonal chairman Mr Afzal Hussain could not recall this which he signed himself and also by Mr Usman Umer, both from southern zone in same period . Both these **letter copies are enclosed with the Minutes for reference & record. It was also inquired to check minutes of zonal MC whether these letters were issued by the zonal chairman Mr Afzal Hussain on his own or was discussed in MC of zone and whether it was brought to the knowledge the Central Chairman for the year 2018-19 who was Mr. Agha Saiddain as it was considered to be a serious violation , which was also unanswered during AGM. SG was advised to check minutes and record of SZ of that period and report.**

It was pointed out that the matter in question exclusively pertain to Federal Government and falls within the ambit of CEC, PTA Central. It was also emphasized with consensus to restrict both Zonal offices henceforth for issuance of such letters in future.

It was also highlighted during the meeting that the Minutes of last AGM for the year 2019-2020 was signed by Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA Central **quoted in 2nd page of 1st Para** that “ **No such precedent available neither in the history of PTA nor within the frame policy of Pakistan Tanners Association** to make recommendation of any person from PTA’s platform for the civil award of Pakistan”, which are purely conferred by the Government of Pakistan at their own and certain absolute prerogative by the Government of Pakistan independently. With this above statement from chairman Mr Afzal Hussain Both recommendation letters were **really astonishing & surprising** for the members/house of the meeting and was highly objected.

It was also strongly objected with resentment by Mr. Mansoor Iqbal on certain para of Mr. Agha Saiddain’s e.mail of 11.10.2021 that both persons Mr. Anjum Zafar and Mr. Mansoor Iqbal had refused for voting rights during the AGM held on 25.09.201. Mr.Mansoor Iqbal has also shared with the House before AGM held on 25.09.2019 Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA Central made phone

call to both the above persons in presence of V/C Abdul Salaam and SG and informed that **Mr. Agha Saiddain** has submitted his credential with Draft recommendation letter, which was required to be signed by Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA Central for the year 2019-2020 and informed to both the persons concerned to strongly object from NZ in AGM to this and do not approve these last year minutes and object for recommendation of Civil award to Mr Agha Saiddain as there was no Policy & even precedent available in PTA for issuance of such required letters and PTA should not get involved in such recommendation letters and he will endorse the objection of NZ from central, while the resolution was already passed during last AGM held on 25.09.2019 for issuance of recommendation letter to Mr. Agha Saiddain, which was proposed by him to discuss during AGM held on 25.09.2019 for further course of action in this regard. Mr. Mansoor Iqbal has also specified that the voting right if deemed necessary is allowed or disallowed only by the sitting Chairman, PTA Central who was Mr. Afzal Hussain being his official prerogative during AGM rather than the allegation made on members concerned, as such the allegation made by Mr. Agha Saiddain is not only illogical but was highly condemned as the facts were twisted by Mr Agha Saiddain to the house.

Mr. Mansoor Iqbal has also strongly protested with deep resentment to the contents of Mr. Agha Saiddain e.mail of 11.10.2021 for the cancellation after twisting the facts as above, of Membership of such Members who have been Senior members and major stake holders in industry and serving in PTA affairs since at least 30/35 years. Such statement was strongly condemned and was advised to refrain from such misleading to the house.

It was also highlighted during the meeting when the letter of precedent which was signed by PTA Southern Zone's Chairman, Mr. Afzal Hussain **issued during 2008** was already brought to the knowledge of Mr. Agha Saiddain **during January'2021** as stated by him in his e.mail of 11.10.2021 so why it was not yet disclosed /submitted to **PTA Central Secretariat** before for necessary action thereon but it was as has been disclosed to PTA by him only one day before of AGM i.e. 11.10.2021 after lapse of 8-9 months **from January'21**. In this regard, **Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA** for the year 2020-21 also endorsed the above facts specially telephone calls made by Mr. Afzal Hussain, Ex-Chairman, PTA for the year 2019-2020 to object to recommendation letter to be issued to Mr Agha Saiddain.

It was strongly questioned whether the zonal Offices are authorized to issue such kind of letters for the civil award which exclusively pertains to the Federal level, which is dealt by Central Office (head Office) and before taking into confidence or discussion in the Central Executive Committee as to how & why such letters were issued by Southern Zone for the civil award, which is repugnant & serious violation of the PTA's policy & practice in vogue.

Mr. Agha Saiddain has strongly lodged his protest when the resolution was passed for issuance of letter for the civil award during **AGM held on 25.09.2019**, no further discussion was supposed to be allowed/made in last AGM held on 29.09.2020 and resolution should have been approved automatically, which was ultimately disgrace & embarrassment for him with deep disappointments during the last AGM held on 29.09.2020, besides the voting rights of the members which was the fundamental right of the members during the last AGM held on 29.09.2020 was not permitted/allowed officially by the then sitting Chairman Mr Afzal Hussain during AGM held on 29.09.2020.

Mr. Afzal Hussain also endorsed the facts as already narrated by Mr. Agha Saiddain in his e.mail of 11.10.2021 as was old case for the lapse of 12-13 years back in 2008 and unfortunately did not remember in mind to be precedent already available in Southern Zone with other letters issued in this regard. While he tried to change the mode of discussion of his lapses and his misleading of the House and started enquiring from SG/PTA to inform the house more facts about the TOR and its formation procedure adopted earlier, which was termed unnecessary during AGM held on 12.10.2021 as it was not the agenda item and this was already fully discussed and debated during the last CEC Meeting held on 27.09.2021 and minutes recorded accordingly.

Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq also endorsed the views of Mr. Anjum Zafar & Mr. Mansoor Iqbal specially about the phone call made by Mr Afzal Hussain to object recommendation to Mr Agha Saiddain before the last AGM held on 29.09.2020 as he was also on board in this regard and he further also informed the house that he also opposed the voting request of Mr Agha Saiddain besides other concerned members mentioned by Mr Agha Saiddain, **BUT** emphasized the need for the resolution of issues with mutual understanding for the supreme motive to flourish & betterment of PTA & leather Sector of Pakistan to proceed together with harmony as per practice in vogue of PTA earlier to avoid further confrontation, which would absolutely be futilled & waste of time without any positive outcome in the end, besides, Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq has positively initiated and strongly emphasized to wind up the issue for the harmony & unity within the Association.

Mr. Waqas Shakil of ULF has shared his views that it was not in the history of PTA for issuance of such letters and the issuance was wrongly made by Chairman SZ Mr. Afzal Hussain for the civil award without the knowledge of Central office and advised to abide by prescribed Law's in future.

Mr. Amanullah Aftab also commented to forgive all previous bad incidents and lets proceed together with harmony for the betterment of the Industry, which is the dire need of the Industry under the present plight to achieve the remaining milestones for the Industry.

Later on, Mr. Agha Saiddain has initiated himself without the permission of Chair for the vote and appealed to the House by raising the Hands to the contents of Minutes of AGM held on 25.09.2019 for issuance of recommendatory letter for the civil award as originally passed the resolution during AGM held on 25.09.2019 in favor of Mr. Agha Saiddain, which was turned down in next AGM of 29.09.2020 and accordingly almost 21 members during the AGM i.e. around 15 from South namely Mr. Shaikh Azher Saeed, Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Mr. Ejaz A. Sheikh, Mr. S. Tahir Iqbal, Mr. M. Danish Khan, Sh. Afzal Hussain, Kh. Liaquat Mahmood, Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Mr. Sabi (Mateen Brothers) Mr. Hamid Zahur, Mr. Usman Umer, Sh. Abrar Ahmed (souvenir Trading) Mr. Tariq Mahmood, Mr. Taj Muhammad, Mr. Yousuf Shafiq out of Southern Zone and 6 from North zone namely Mr. Muhammad Tayyab, Mr. Azmat Saleem, Mr. Fazalur Rehman, Mr. Tanveer Chawla, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Sh. M. Shafi (Pan Asia) i.e. total 21 members raised hands to vote in favour of Mr Agha Saiddain out of the total attendance of 47 in both zones for issuance of required recommendation letter for the civil award and rest of members did not raise the hands in support for the voting.

But at the same time, **Mr. Agha Saiddain** has voluntarily withdrawn from his requisition submitted to PTA earlier for issuance of desired recommendation letter from PTA for the civil award so further discussion was not held on this subject.

Mr. Agha Saiddain has informed first the share of Tanners which is **20%** out of total export of Leather Sector of Pakistan, as major stakeholders for exports of leather Sector of Pakistan are for Leather Garments, Leather Footwear, leather Gloves & leather Products, resultantly TORs for election in CEC with export criteria it is not based on the spirit & contents of PTA's license granted earlier. Besides, **Mr. Agha Saiddain** has also shared the history for "TOR", which was turned down by DGTO, Isl in hearing held on 05.08.2021 at Islamabad, which was also attended by him with justification. Mr. Amjad Hafeez responded that it is PTA which is under discussion and is 100% leather industry while other sectors have their own associations so these remarks of Agha Saiddain are uncalled for as PTA is always working for betterment of all members irrespectively of leather industry and resolving their issues.

Mr. Agha Saiddain also informed to the House earlier some of the members of South & North had approached him for seeking guidance about the TOR in light with the existing constitution of PTA's approved M&AoA & DGTO Rules, 2013 and accordingly he transmitted various e.mail to PTA in this

regard inviting attention to the helm of the affairs specially the e.mail transmitted which was in July'21 with 6-8 points/proposals for the resolution of issues for proceeding for the acceptance of TOR in compliance with prescribed rules & regulations framed in PTA's approved M&AoA specially proposed by him to induct some senior Members for getting their guidance/expert opinion thereon, but unfortunately it was not materialized.

Mr. Agha Saiddain informed to the House that the TOR was completely repugnant to the PTA's approved M&AoA, which was transmitted by him in his various e.mail repeatedly to shoulder off his responsibility with the submission of guidance/sincere advice to the Association to avoid any sort of embarrassment for the Association @ DGTO, Islamabad, but unfortunately no one heed to pay the attention to the sincere advice/proposals for resolution of issues amicably about the TOR.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal interrupted to **Mr. Agha Saiddain** and asked him to get back on track for discussion for issuance of letter issued by Mr. Afzal Hussain as **precedent which was made in 2008**, which was endorsed by **Mr. Nasir Anwar of Elegant (Pvt) Ltd.**, Lahore, which was originally center of discussion during AGM held on 12.10.2021 and advised to stick with the matter in original as the matter of TORs was fully debated and discussed and recorded in last CEC minutes already.

Thereafter, **Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA** also interrupted with facts that TORs were made by the whole of CEC in various meetings and approved subsequently in CEC as well but as the complaint was meanwhile lodged already by some of the members with the signature of Mr. Hamid Zahur to DGTO on 07.06.2021 followed by reminder complaint of 14.06.2021. The submission of e-mails made by **Mr. Agha Saiddain** started from July'2021 but much before that the matter was already COMPLAINED by Mr Hamid Zahur and his group to DGTO and the matter was therefore **subjudised in DGTO, Islamabad** during June'2021, as such no more discussion was eligible to be made on this specific issue for TOR. Mr Agha Saiddain was advised that the main cause should have been addressed first which was actually the complaint and allegation made by Hamid Zahur and his group to DGTO without discussing in CEC or taking Chairman into confidence which started all this distortion and dis harmony among members and he should have questioned them rather than making advices to CEC later.

Besides, it was informed that a comprehensive discussion with facts was already debated & discussed during last CEC Meeting held on 27.09.2021 thru video Conference system, and recorded already, which was attended by majority of the members of both zones and after threadbare discussion which was prolonged for 3.5 to 4 hrs in continuation, No conclusion with satisfaction was achieved during the last CEC Meeting when even the act made by Mr. Hamid Zahur for sending e-mails specially last e.mail of 14.06.2021 was highly condemned during the meeting.

Mr. Afzal Hussain also took floor with the permission of the Chair and explained to the House about the TOR, which was the main root cause of the issue as was taken during 2nd CEC Meeting held on 19.12.2020 with the confirmation of upcoming CEC Meetings held on 03.04.2021 & 26.05.2021. Mr.Afzal Hussain has informed to the House a request with reminders were made for reconsideration of TOR with relaxation to adopt adequate resolution for facilitation to the country wide member exporters, **but unfortunately not yielded the desired objectives. He was informed that no such request was received by the central chairman and the only request was received on 7th March and Mr Aman came to Lahore on 8th March to discuss with few senior members but one day before a silent complaint was already lodged to DGTO on 7th March and also on 14th March by Mr Hamid Zahur and his group without informing CEC or taking central Chairman in confidence which was termed to be a total misleading of factual position of complaint and renders discussions by Aman as useless attempt under complaint which was already lodged separately earlier than starting discussions.**

Mr. Azam Malik of Leathertex Tanneries also contributed with his valued comments in the ongoing discussion of TOR, which was in progress via e.mail & whatsapp for the last 5-6 months persistently. He strongly condemned the state of affairs going on in PTA and expressed that he has never seen such unnecessary exchange of mails and messages by what's app with allegations and Rowdy atmosphere in meeting and complaint made by Hamid Zahur and his group without taking CEC in confidence in so many years and time so far spent in PTA matters and also emphasized to condemn all these wrong state of affairs who started this distortion and dis harmony in PTA initially if we have to settle down the issues with mutual understanding for future positive prospects for Leather Industry of Pakistan. **Mr. Azam Malik also highlighted to members to refrain for personal gains & personal business interest and keep focused on betterment of the Industry & PTA's image as well,** which was also endorsed by **Mr. Naeem Akhtar of H.Sadar Ali Akhtar Ali** to keep the same spirit & momentum for the Leather Industry of Pakistan.

Mr. Shafique Ahmed of Shafique Leather Enterprises started with recitation from Holy Quran and endorsed first the apology letters already submitted to Central office by Mr. Amanullah Aftab, which was ultimately good gesture to reduce the density of the matter to proceed for the resolution of issues for TOR. **Mr. Shafique Ahmed** also categorically emphasized the need to follow strictly the existing rules & regulations of PTA's approved M&AoA and Trade organization Rules, 2013, which are the main guider for the Association and each & everyone would stick with the Law to avoid any confusion, ambiguity & confrontation in future also as to be best solution in future to keep intact the harmony in all respect by following the Law, besides issuance of such recommendation letter from Southern Zone was wrong without the knowledge of Central Office & Central Chairman, PTA.

Mr. Aziz Ahmed has also shared his views with explanation for the TOR as top priority core issue for PTA as was adopted wrongly during CEC Meeting, which was explained during a meeting held in Southern Zone on 29.05.2021 by SG/PTA. It was explained to house that he was requested to appear by V/C Abdul Salaam to central office. He categorically eulogized the sincere & untiring efforts of present **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar** for the resolution of issues for the betterment & further strengthen the leather Industry of Pakistan at all platforms of Government & Ministries, which is really laudable & appreciable.

After that, **Mr. Aziz Ahmed** also highlighted some areas of the letter written to DGTO in reply to the complaint on 21.06.2021, which was also shared with CEC Members during its meeting held on 27.09.2021 and threadbare discussion was already made thereon during last CEC Meeting. He also criticized strongly some areas of the letters of 21.06.2021 with the harsh words used in the letter specially PTA reserves the right to take disciplinary actions, which was condemned by him during the meeting and demanded for taking action against SG/PTA and he also demanded that the letter was made c.c. to the Honorable Chairman, PTA as well and it was necessary to make scrutiny before finalization & sending to DGTO duly vetted before finalization.

In reply thereto, **Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA** has responded that it is necessary first to discuss the contents of complaint and allegation made by the complainers signed by Mr. Hamid Zahur with specific names of members concerned to DGTO specially last e.mail sent to DGTO on 14.06.2021 wherein the contents of the e.mail were having serious concerns to the image of PTA & harsh as well which were also not discussed with Chairman or taking CEC in confidence before lodging complaint and allegations. This was the starting point of creating the distortion in PTA and should be highly condemned.

In this context, **Mr. Amjad Hafeez** has also explained the contents of e.mail of 14.06.2021 to the House. He expressed that such act from this group led by Hamid Zahur who initiated this distortion has to be condemned first and he is also very disappointed with the rowdy state of affairs specially at SZ meetings and now at AGM. He strongly condemned action of complaint and allegation to DGTO taken by Mr Hamid Zahur and his group. Later for the gesture of reconciliation within the members, SG/PTA has voluntarily submitted his apology loudly to each & every members of the house to move forward for the betterment of the Industry which was appreciated.

Besides above, **Mr. Naeem Akhtar of H.Sadar Ali Akhtar** Ali has proposed to pass a Resolution for the services of present **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar**, which was remarkable for the Leather Sector of Pakistan, which was supported & endorsed by the House with consensus :

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE HOUSE HIGHLY APPRECIATED THE VIGOROUS ENDEAVORS OF MR. ANJUM ZAFAR MADE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR AS CHAIRMAN, PTA (CENTRAL) WHICH WAS REALLY TERMED PRODUCTIVE, CONDUCTIVE AND GAVE HIGH IMPETUS TO THE LEATHER SECTOR OF PAKISTAN WHICH ENVISAGED /COVERED VARIOUS ALLIED AREAS OF THE INDUSTRY PARTICULARLY 1) FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADE ACTIVITIES WITH NEW AVENUES 2) RESOLVING MEMBER EXPORTERS CORE ISSUES BEING CONFRONTED BY THE MEMBERS IN HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS HELD WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, DIFFERENT MINISTRIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FBR WITH STRONG AND DETAILED PRESENTATION WITH FACTS AND FIGURES WHICH WERE PRESENTED BY HIM DURING THE MEETINGS TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ADEQUATE RESOLUTIONS TO THE PENDING CORE ISSUES OF LEATHER INDUSTRY. THE HOUSE APPRECIATED THE ENTIRE EFFORTS WITH ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF MR. ANJUM ZAFAR DURING THE YEAR 2020-21”.

Mr. Hamid Zahur also shared his views with the House first to clarify that the e.mail were transmitted to DGTO on behalf of the members concerned with their concurrence thereon and informed if the excuse is eligible on principle instance, then he made a conditional and theoretical apology to the House.

In follow up, **Sh. M. Shafi of Pan Asia, Mr. Fazalur Rehman Sh of Rehman Brothers** & many more highly appreciated the untiring efforts/endeavors of **Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA** for the resolution of core issues for Leather Industry of Pakistan and achievement made during his Chairmanship for the year 2020-21. **Mr. Kamran Habib**, Ex-SVC, PTA has also opposed for issuance of such letters made by Southern Zone for the civil awards earlier, which was the wrong precedent without the knowledge to Central Office & permission of Central Chairman, PTA.

Mr. Shafique Ahmed has strongly criticized that he has been approached orally on phone for withdrawal of nomination from Southern Zone Election before 9 days of expiry/deadline for withdrawal @ southern zone despite he was in deep sorrow for the sad demise of his beloved Mother, which was painful for him.

Mr. M. Saleem Ahmed of Pak Leather has also shared his view thereon with the House to abide by rules & regulations strictly to make harmony amongst the members to be united for betterment of the Industry rather than respective own interpretations of the law for which **Mr. Waqas Shakil** has also proposed to consider to appoint a Lawyer for the PTA in this regard in future for proper guidance of the law in proceeding smoothly with convenience.

Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh has also shared with his view with the House during the meeting that we would stick with the harmony amongst the Members for the betterment of the Industry and do respect to each others from the bottom of hearts and proposed to issue a letter for the civil award for Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA & rest of Honorable Members against his services, if desired, which was unprecedented during the year 2020-21. He also said that the current Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar is the “Pride of Leather Industry/ PTA” as well.

After conclusion of the matter, the Minutes of last AGM held on 29.09.2020 with amendments as made above has been approved by the House unanimously.

02. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RETIRING CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 _____ :

Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman presented the Annual Report for the year 2020-2021. He elaborated and highlighted the main activities and salient features of the report. He gave details of a series of meetings specially held with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Ministry of Commerce, as well as FBR and the Chief Executive, TDAP. He also gave details on some of the achievements of PTA during his tenure were 1) Revision of Duty drawback rates for Finished Leather 2) Reduced Tariff of Electricity & Gas 3) Approval of Rs.60 Million for Int'l Lab Testing for Leather 4) Approval of Rs.18.1 Million out of total for Rs.133 Million was approved on account of participation of PTA's members in Int'l Leather Fairs around the globe & while remaining amount would hopefully be released by EDF later on with our submission & follow up of PTA Central 5) Reduction of duty on chemicals & wet blue 6) DLT on FINISHED LEATHER has been finalised in result of various meeting with MOC and specially at least three meetings with PM as well and it has been assured that it is to be announced in new SRO, which is presently held up due to some textile revision issues . This new SRO is expected to be announced shortly.

He also appreciated to those who released the Advertisements to the Annual Report to facilitate with financial eligibility for meeting the printing cost of the Annual Report.

The house highly made round of applause to the Chairman, PTA and his team for their dedication, devotion for the resolution of core issues confronted by the country wide members, which were shared from time to time @ Central whatsapp group and all the members were already aware about the achievements & sincere endeavors made during the whole year for the betterment of the Members & Leather Industry of Pakistan.

Mr. Anjum Zafar thanked Sr. Vice Chairman, Mr. Abdul Salam and Vice Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Tayyab for their full un-tiring support in achieving the desired objectives of the Leather Industry. He also thanked all the members of Executive Committee and other senior and prominent members for their continued valuable support and cooperation.

Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA applauded collective team efforts of all the Members of Central Executive Committee and also appreciated the cooperation of Mr. Abdul Salam, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA for participating in the meetings with the authorities concerned at Islamabad, TDAP and Customs Authorities in Karachi and provided his useful opinion/suggestions on policy matters in time for the uplift of leather industry.

He also thanked all the members who participated in the CEC Meetings regularly held through Video Conference and Zoom link during the year.

He appreciated the Secretariat of PTA Central, Northern & Southern Zone particularly Mr. Muhammad Ali, Secretary General, PTA, Mr. Fahim Ahmed, Secretary, PTA-NZ, Ms. Tahira Shaheen, Deputy Secretary, PTA (Central) & other staff members for their hard work for the Association.

The House highly appreciated the performance and persistent hard work of Mr. Anjum Zafar during his tenure and pay tributes to him for devoting a lot of time. Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq suggested to pass a Resolution in recognition of his remarkable services rendered for the leather industry as one of the best Chairman of PTA.

Thereafter, the House unanimously adopted the Annual Report 2020-21 containing over all activities of the Association.

Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, on behalf of the retiring Committee, thanked the House for offering him such kind of appreciation and sentiments for him by the members of the Association present in the meeting.

03. TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS OF PTA CENTRAL OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 :

Chairman, Mr. Anjum Zafar presented the Audited Accounts of Pakistan Tanners Association (Central Office) for the year 2020-2021 prepared by M/s. S.M. Rehan & Co, Chartered Accountants for consideration and adoption.

The House reviewed the Accounts for the year 2020-21 thoroughly and adopted/approved the same unanimously.

04. TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 :

The consent received from M/s. S.M. Rehan & Co. (Chartered Accountants), Karachi to act as Auditors of PTA for the Year 2021-2022 at the Annual Fee of Rs.75,000/- (exclusive of Sindh Sales Tax) for the year ending June 30, 2022 were considered by the House.

The House unanimously approved appointment of M/s. S.M. Rehan & Co as Auditors of PTA (Central) for the financial year 2021-22 with their annual professional fee for Rs.75,000/- (Seventy Five Thousand) for the year 2021-22.

05. TO ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF NEW ELECTED CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 :

While proceeding to the Agenda Point, the SG/PTA was asked to submit the report on the Election of PTA for the year 2021-22 conducted in both zonal offices and submitted to PTA Central **by 15th Sept., 2021 in** compliance with the prescribed Law envisaged at **Clause # 17 (a)** and accordingly the House was informed that just on receipt of Election Results from both zonal offices, a comprehensive Report has been submitted by SG/PTA to all CEC Members for the year 2020-21 **vide e.mail of 16th Sept., 2021** seeking advice/guidance thereon on two aspects/legal observation as made to the Two Honorable Members elected in Zones & Central **simultaneously** and out of 16 members, 12 members have responded to this Office and accordingly a comprehensive Report with concrete feedback of SG/PTA has also been submitted to the last CEC Meeting held on 27.09.2021. **A comprehensive report of 27.09.2021 is also attached being the part of the Minutes of AGM held on 12.10.2021** and Copies of e.mail replies received from 12 members are also in the record of PTA.

The SG/PTA also informed to the House the observations with legal implications on the Elections conducted @ both zonal offices under the patronage of both Election Commissions, which are as follows for information/review please :-

It is mandatory **to state here** that the **SG/Pakistan Tanners Association has categorically highlighted** the legal reservation/implications to the House pertaining to the **Two Elected Members for the year 2021-22**, who were elected by Both Election Commissions in both Zones in South & North wrongly, **which are in my opinion & observations are illegal & beyond the prescribed PTA's approved M&AoA & DGTO's Rules, 2013 which are narrated hereunder :**

First to quote the certain Clause # 29 (b) (i) in PTA's approved M&AoA

"Each Zonal Office shall elect 8 members separately at the time of its annual election for representation on the Central Committee. 6 shall be elected from Corporate Class of membership and 2 shall be elected from Associate Class".

SG/PTA legal observations/implications :

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| <p>Mr. Azmat Saleem Sheikh (Corporate Class) Elected from North for the year 2021-22 for Central Committee and also Elected as office bearer in PTA Central as "Senior Vice Chairman"</p> | <p><u>In Parallel</u> : He has also been elected as Chairman, PTA Northern Zone Office for the year 2021-22.</p> | <p>NOTE: a) Both honorable members could not hold the seats simultaneously in compliance with certain Clause # 29(b) (i), which was loudly conveyed to the House during AGM as seems against the prescribed Law in my opinion.</p> |
| <p>Mr. Aziz Ahmed (Associate Class) Elected from South for the year 2021-22 for Central Committee and also Elected as office bearer in PTA Central as "Vice Chairman".</p> | <p><u>In Parallel</u> : He has also been elected as Chairman, PTA Southern Zone Office for the year 2021-22</p> | <p>a) Both Honorable members have already taken charge as Chairmen in Both Zone Offices effective from 16th Sept., 2021 after completion of zonal elections by 15.09.2021 in compliance with Clause # 17 of PTA's M&AoA.</p> |

Other legal implications could be brought in future illustrated below which was also conveyed to the House explicitly :-

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| <p>Mr. Aziz Ahmed as narrated above AND Mr. Shafique Ahmed (in retainment) both are from Associate Class WOULD BE RETIRED in 2022 in compliance with Clause # 27 (13) after completion of their 2 years.</p> | <p>Note: "How we could retain 50% to abide by the Clause # 27 (13) (a) as Both Honorable members from Associate Classes would be Retired in 2022.</p> <p>Note 2: If we presumed the election would be made @ 100% in 2022 on both seats of Associate Class RESULTANTLY No Election would be held in 2023 as both Seats of Associate Class would be retained in 2023 and all Associate Class members within the country would be deprived for participation in Election during 2023, while we are recognized & registered Association for last several decades in DGTO's domain rather than the Fresh Election/Association.</p> |
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In reply to the comments of Mr. Agha Saiddain for the above to adopt the procedure for Draw, Mr. Shafique Ahmed had responded that in compliance with Article # 13 (b) it would be eligible after the first Election of the Executive Committee under the Act, 2013 for the Draw and the PTA is already established Association for the last almost 50 years.

It is also stated here that one of the Honorable **Members, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal of M/s.Dada Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore (Corporate Class)** has submitted his resignation (**copy enclosed**) to PTA on 28.09.2021, which was also announced by him orally during AGM for **not continuing for the next term for the year 2021-22** and accordingly the Co-operation process would be made after 90 days as per Clause # 39 of PTA's M&AoA.

It is also mandatory to state here that the **common induction of the Members in Zones & Central simultaneously at the Association was in practice @ vogue previously for the last several years** uptill irrespectively, **BUT** upon receipt of your letter # F.No.18(93)/2008-TO dated 11.08.2021 (copy enclosed) which is stated clearly **Quote : Any Election conducted outside of the existing Laws shall be deemed void ab initio by this Office Unquote**", besides another letter of DGTO bearing # F.No.18(93)/2008-TO dated 13.09.2021 – copy enclosed (received @ this Office on 18.09.2021) having detailed procedure for conducting Election in the Association in detail as envisaged in Trade Organisation Act, 2013 and Trade Organisations Rules, 2013 are restricted to comply with the prescribed Rules & regulations of DGTO as conveyed to this Office by these two letters referenced above.

After submission of conclusive report to the House during AGM meeting held on 12.10.2021, the SG/PTA has shouldered off his responsibilities, which are reposed on his being Custodian of the Association & Constitution & authorized nominated Representative of DGTO in the Association/PTA and accordingly sought for comments from the House on the above reservation which are having purely domain in compliance with certain prescribed Law's envisaged in PTA's approved M&AoA & DGTO Rules & Regulation, 2013.

But unfortunately **No concrete comments or advice has been received from members** of the House during the AGM meeting rather than to make own interpretations of the Law, **which were not acceptable** instead of submission of authentic Clause of the PTA's approved M&AoA & DGTO Rules, 2013 to remove the legal observations raised mentioned above in detail with certain prescribed Laws.

Some of the members have asked to keep the previous practice in vogue earlier effective from 2013 for the acceptability of common person(s) in both @ zones & Central together, **which was objected strongly by Mr. Abdul Salam, Sr. Vice Chairman**, PTA for the year 2020-21 with specific plea that he has been eliminated in compliance with certain prescribed Law (Clause # 27 (13) which has been got ratified by Election Commissioner South with the presence of SG/PTA during the hearing held in DGTO, Islamabad on 05.08.2021, otherwise One year was left in remaining @ Central Committee, Mr. Abdul Salam, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA in counting basis of the year and same the implications was brought to Mr. Muhammad Tayyab, Vice Chairman, PTA for the year 2020-21 who has also been eliminated from Central Committee.

After elimination of both Vice Chairmen in compliance with prescribed Rules of the Law mentioned above with the determination to stick with the prescribed Law & DGTO Rules, 2013 there was No logic revealed to keep the previous practice henceforth resultantly everyone should be within the prescribed Law of PTA's approved M&AoA and DGTO Rules, 2013 strictly in future.

In this context, **Mr. Mansoor Iqbal** has also endorsed the above facts and strongly demanded to follow the prescribed rules & regulations of DGTO and any violation of the law would not be acceptable, which was endorsed by **Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA** for the year 2020-21 alongwith Mr. Abdul Salam, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA, Mr. Amjad Hafeez & Mr. Shafique Ahmed.

With the permission of the Chairman, **Mr. Shafique Ahmed** has also highlighted other aspects with detailed narrations that if any One could hold the Seats of **MNA & MPA simultaneously** & also quoted Article # 259 of the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the discussion and accordingly endorsed the report of SG/PTA with all legal grounds **are found correct/precise** in all respect as both Honourable members highlighted above have been elected wrongly which are repugnant to the prescribed Law of PTA's approved M&AoA and DGTO Rules, 2013. However, Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Abdul Salam, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Mr. Amjad Hafeez & Mr. Shafique Ahmed have submitted "**Disacending Note**" to the wrong & above illegal practice occurred in the Election of Both zonal offices and some of the members have also endorsed it morally.

In conclusion, I being **Secretary General, Pakistan Tanners Association** as Custodian of the Constitution & Association & authorized officer of DGTO in the Association/PTA has informed to the House during the meeting to submit his **consolidated Report with all legal and real facts & figures to DGTO, Islamabad** about the result of Election in PTA for the year 2021-22 to shoulder off my official obligations/responsibilities. Accordingly, it was **also decided by the House during AGM** with the empowerment /authorization made to SG/PTA to submit the **fact report to DGTO** in this regard **and endorsed to comply with the decision of DGTO if any to be taken by them on PTA's Election wholeheartedly.**

After submission of detailed report with oral clarifications made by SG/PTA to the House with all facts & figures about the Election conducted for the year 2021-22 in Both Zonal offices of PTA, the results of the Election has been announced as below :-

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ELECTIONS RESULT OF THE
OFFICE BEARERS & CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF
PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION FOR 2021-22 UNDER TOR-2013**

OFFICE BEARERS :

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| 01. | Mr. Amanullah Aftab | Chairman | M/s. Hafiz Tannery, Karachi. |
| 02. | Mr. Azmat Saleem Sheikh | Sr. Vice Chairman | M/s. Leather Coordinators, Sahiwal. |
| 03. | Mr. Aziz Ahmed | Vice Chairman | M/s. A.M.A. Leather Industry, Karachi. |

MEMBERS, CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

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| 04. | Mr. Agha Saiddain | - | M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore. |
| 05. | Mr. Badre Alam | - | M/s. Badre Alam Traders, Lahore. |
| 06. | Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh | - | M/s. Bombal Leathers, Karachi. |
| 07. | Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur | - | M/s. Noor Leather Garments (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 08. | Mr. Irfan Iqbal | - | M/s. Nova Leathers (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 09. | Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq | - | M/s. Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 10. | Mr. Muttaher Shafique Pasari | - | M/s. Pasari ORG., Lahore. |
| 11. | Mr. Shafique Ahmed | - | M/s. Shafique Leather Enterprises, Karachi. |
| 12. | Mr. Shakil Ahmed | - | M/s. Universal Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 13. | Mr. Tahir | - | M/s. Tauheed International, Lahore. |
| 14. | Kh. Muhammad Mehr Ali | - | M/s. Khawaja Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Multan. |
| 15. | Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood | - | M/s. Khas Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |

Note : 1) Out of **total 16 Members** of the Central Executive Committee of PTA FY 2021-22, one member, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal of M/s. Dada Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore from Corporate Class has submitted Resign on 28.09.2021 (copy enclosed) to this Office and expressed his inability **not to continue for the next term 2021-22**, which was also announced orally during AGM held on 12.10.2021, as such the Co-option process would be made in compliance with **Clause # 39 after 90 Days from Corporate Class of Northern Zone** to complete the quorum of 16 members accordingly.

2) Existing 15 Members are announced for the new Elected CEC Members of PTA for the year 2021-22 and co-option of 1 member from North of Corporate Class would be made after 90 days as per rules.

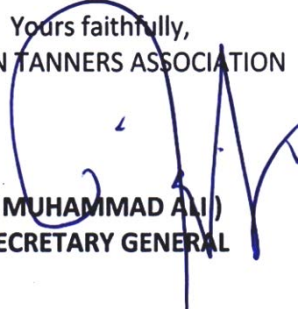
Since there being no other matter to discuss, the Annual General Body Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

APPROVED :



**ANJUM ZAFAR
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION



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**NAMES OF MEMBERS (ALPHABETICALLY) ATTENDED THE
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING FY 2020-21 HELD ON
THE 12TH OCTOBER'2021 AT 4:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE BETWEEN
PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE), KARACHI & PTA (NORTHERN ZONE) OFFICE, LAHORE**

| S/No. | Names of Members | Names of Representing Firms |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 01. | Mr. Abdul Salam | M/s. Jeaman Leather & Leather Products, Karachi. |
| 02. | Mr. Agha Saiddain | M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore. |
| 03. | Mr. Amanullah Aftab | M/s. Hafiz Tannery, Karachi. |
| 04. | Mr. Anjum Zafar | M/s. Eastern Leather Co. (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 05. | Mr. Amjad Hafeez | M/s. Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 06. | Mr. Azam Malik | M/s. Leathertex Gloving (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 07. | Mr. Azamat Saleem Sheikh | M/s. Leather Coordinators, Sahiwal. |
| 08. | Mr. Aziz Ahmed | M/s. A.M.A. Leather Industry, Karachi. |
| 09. | Mr. Abrar Ahmed | M/s. Mahmood Brothers, Karachi. |
| 10. | Mr. Asdaque Sultan | M/s. SULCO, Karachi. |
| 11. | Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh | M/s. Bombal Leathers, Karachi. |
| 12. | Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman | M/s. Rehman Brothers & Co., Kasur. |
| 13. | Mr. Farooq Ahmed | M/s. Madina Oasis, Karachi. |
| 14. | Mr. Gulzar Firoz | M/s. Firoz International, Karachi. |
| 15. | Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur | M/s. Noor Leathers Garments (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 16. | Mr. Jawad Shaukat | M/s. Jawad Corporation, Karachi. |
| 17. | Mr. Kamran Habib | M/s. Pelle Classics, Karachi. |
| 18. | Mr. Khawaja Liaquat Mahmood | M/s. Khawaja Liaquat Mahmood Tannery, Karachi. |
| 19. | Mr. M. Danish Khan | M/s. Highway's Creation (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 20. | Mr. M. Saleem Ahmed | M/s. Pak Leather Crafts Ltd., Karachi. |
| 21. | Mr. Mansoor Iqbal | M/s. Dada Enterprises Ltd., Lahore. |
| 22. | Mr. Muhammad Arif | M/s. Y & Sons, Karachi. |
| 23. | Mr. Muhammad Idrees | M/s. Shah Din Tanneries, Karachi. |
| 24. | Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq | M/s. Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 25. | Mr. Muhammad Shahid | M/s. Star Leather Industries Ltd., Karachi. |

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| 26. | Mr. Muhammad Tayyab | M/s. Riaz Tanneries, Kasur. |
| 27. | Mr. Naeem Akhtar | M/s. H. Sadar Ali Akhtar Ali (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 28. | Mr. Nasir Anwar | M/s. Elegant Footwear (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 29. | Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan | M/s. Khas (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 30. | Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan | M/s. Khaskins (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 31. | Mr. S. Tahir Iqbal | M/s. Harmain International, Karachi. |
| 32. | Mr. Sabi | M/s. Mateen Brothers, Karachi. |
| 33. | Mr. Shafique Ahmed | M/s. Shafique Enterprises, Karachi. |
| 34. | Mr. Taj Muhammad | M/s. Insaf Leather, Karachi. |
| 35. | Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla | M/s. Chawla Tanneries, Kasur. |
| 36. | Mr. Tariq Mahmood | M/s. Waniya Import & Export Co., Karachi. |
| 37. | Mr. Usman Umer | M/s. S. Mohammad Saeed Goreja & Company, Karachi |
| 38. | Mr. Waqas Shakil | M/s. Universal Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 39. | Mr. Yousuf Shafiq | M/s. Y.S.A. Trading, Karachi. |
| 40. | Sh. Abid Hussain | M/s. Prime Tanning Industry, Sheikhpura. |
| 41. | Sh. Abrar Ahmed | M/s. Souvenir Trading Company, Karachi. |
| 42. | Sh. Afzal Hussain | M/s. Hussain Leather Craft, Karachi. |
| 43. | Sh. Azher Saeed | M/s. AS Leather, Karachi. |
| 44. | Sh. Muhammad Imran | M/s. King Leather, Karachi. |
| 45. | Sh. Muhammad Naim | M/s. HMB Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore |
| 46. | Sh. Muhammad Zaheer | M/s. Unique Tanning Industry, Lahore. |
| 47. | Sh. Muhammad Shafi | M/s. Pan Asia International, Lahore. |