REPORT OF SCRUTINIZER

To,
The Chairman
282nd Executive Committee Meeting of
Apparel Export Promotion Council, held on 24thday of April, 2024 at 11:30 AM,
at Apparel House, Gurugram (Haryana) & through Video Conferencing.

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Scrutinizer's Report on election of Vice Chairman required to be conducted mandatorily through e-voting by all the members of Apparel Export Promotion Council eligible to vote, for its 282nd Executive Committee Meeting held on 24th April, 2024 pursuant to the provisions of para 2.92 of the Hand Book of Procedure of FTP 2015-2020 (Now para 2.78 of the Hand Book of Procedure of FTP 2023-28) and other applicable laws, if any.

I, Arya Kumar Das, Under Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi has been appointed by Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India as a "Scrutinizer" vide communication No. 8/7/2018-EP dated 09.02.2024 for the purpose of scrutinizing the e-voting required to be done by all the members of Apparel Export Promotion Council eligible to vote, in a fair and transparent manner and ascertaining the requisite majority on election of Vice Chairman pursuant to the provisions of para 2.92 of Hand Book Of Procedure of FTP 2015-20 (Now para 2.78 of the Hand Book of Procedure of FTP 2023-28) and Article 24 of the Article of Association of the Council.

As per clarifications issued by the Ministry of Commerce vide communication no. 12/2/2013-E&MDA dated 7th December, 2015, once the full Executive Committee is in place, those members of the Executive committee who wish to offer themselves for the post of Vice-Chairman may do so. E-voting for the post of Vice-Chairman should be done by all the members eligible to vote, irrespective of sub-divisions of panels.

The Department of Commerce vide O.M No. 13/03/2023-E&MDA-DoC dated 01.03.2024 has informed that as some of the EPCs and FIEO are already in the process of conducting elections and are seeking immediate response of the Govt. to their queries, it is found necessary to give an interim clarification pending recommendation of the Committee constituted for this purpose.

In view of the above, it will not be mandatory for FIEO/EPC to adopt these Model AoA/Bye-laws and make them operational till 31.05.2024. In case any EPCs/FIEO are already in process of conducting election that is due and have not adopted/partially adopted these Model AoA/Bye-laws so far, may conduct the elections with the extant AoA/Bye-laws. However, those EPCs/FIEO who have already adopted these Model AoA/Bye-laws and have conducted the elections shall continue to function under the revised guidelines.

The para 2.92 of Handbook of Procedure of FTP 2015-20 (Now para 2.78 of the Hand Book of Procedure of FTP 2023-28) provides that the tenure of an elected head shall not be for more than two years. The election of Chairman/President of the EPC shall be via Vice Chairman/Vice President route. However, any member having held the post of Chairman/President and/or Vice Chairman/Vice President may come back as Vice Chairman/Vice President in the same council after a gap of not less than 4 years.

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The tenure of Shri. Narendra Goenka as Chairman, AEPC was for two years i.e 2022 & 2023 and he relinquished his charge as Chairman, AEPC on 31.12.2023. Shri Sudhir Sekhri has taken the Charge of Chairman, AEPC w.e.f 01.01.2024 for period of 2 years (2024 & 2025), as per provision of para 2.92 of Hand Book Of Procedure of FTP 2015-20 and Article 24 of the Article of Association of the Council.

Emergent Executive Committee meeting held on 17.04.2024 at Gurugram & through Video Conferencing (Hybrid) has decided to call offer(s) from Elected Executive Committee Members, for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Council, duly proposed by one elected Executive Committee member, as per details given below:-

i) Last date for submitting of offer by elected executive committee members for election for the post of Vice Chairman of the Council (within 2 days of Executive Committee Meeting, approving to call the offer for contesting election for the post of Vice Chairman): 19th April, 2024.

ii) Last date of withdrawal of offer for contesting election to the post of Vice Chairman of the Council (within 2 days from the last date of receipt of offer): 21st April, 2024

Accordingly, a communication dated 17.04.2024 was sent to all the Elected Executive committee members to submit their offers for election to the post of Vice Chairman of AEPC for the year 2024 & 2025.

It is to be noted that Council received only one offer from Mr. R.Ramu, elected Executive Committee Member, in response to above-referred communication dated 17.04.2024, for contesting election to the post of Vice Chairman.

Voting for Election of the Vice Chairman was otherwise mandatorily required to be conducted through e-voting but since the number of candidate (one-only) contesting election, is equal to the number of available seat (one-only), the candidate whoever applied so, automatically stand elected and with a view of Rule 15 of election rules for election of Vice Chairman, no e-voting was required/ held for Election of the Vice Chairman from all the members of the Council eligible to vote.

I now hereby submit my "Scrutinizer's Report" for Voting for Election of the Vice Chairman as under:-

				Assent/ Favour		Invalid Votes
Resolution No.	**Subject matter of the Resolution**	**Particular of Business**	**Total No of Votes casted**	**No of Votes**	**% of votes**	**Nos.**
1.	To elect and appoint Mr. R Ramu as Vice Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council for the year 2024 & 2025.	*E-Voting	NA	NA	NA	NA

* Note :- Since the number of candidate (one) contesting election, was equal to the number of available seat (one), the candidate Mr. R Ramu, who applied so, automatically stand elected as Vice Chairman of the Council and no e-voting was required/ held for Election of

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the Vice Chairman from all the members of the Council eligible to vote, otherwise it was mandatorily required to be conducted through electronic voting only.

This Scrutinizer's Report on the election of Vice Chairman is handed over to Chairman, AEPC for declaration of result thereof.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

24-4-2024

Arya Kumar Das (Scrutinizer)
Under Secretary, Ministry of Textiles,
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Place: Gurugram

Dated: 24th April, 2024