



## **DECISION**

Complaint No. : POS/2221/2023/KC

Name and address of the complainant : Star Denim Pvt. Ltd,  
Plot No. L-23, Block 21, F.B Industrial Area,  
Karachi

Name of the Agency Complained against : Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Nazir Ahmed Qidwai,  
Director, Regional Office, Karachi (Central)

Vetted by : Mr. Ghulam Abid Shaikh,  
Advisor-K

Subject : **ALLEGED UNJUST ISSUANCE OF NOTICES BY SINDH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (SEPA) DESPITE TAKING NECESSARY PROTECTIVE MEASURES BY THE COMPLAINANT IN INSTALLATION OF SOLAR SYSTEM.**

### **COMPLAINT**

The Manager Admin, M/S Star Denim (Pvt) Ltd. F.B. Industrial Area, Karachi filed a complaint on 16.03.2023 and stated that despite taking necessary protective measures in installation of Solar System in his Denim factory, the Deputy Director Lab HQs of Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has been harassing them by issuing un-justified notices to seek their approval, whereas they had already sought permission from NEPRA. Being aggrieved, he solicited our intervention for the withdrawal of those notices.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

2. The complaint was admitted under Section 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date) by condoning the delay and subject to the submission of Affidavit on Form "A". After submission of required document by the complainant, the matter was referred to the agency. In response, the Deputy Director (Tech), SEPA, Govt. of Sindh, District Central, Karachi vide letter dated: 29.09.2023 asked the management of M/s Star Denim (Pvt) Limited to produce required documents including date of installation of Solar System, sanctioned load by K-Electric, number of KW load installed in Solar System, NOC for installation from K-Electric and SBCA.
3. In response, the Manager Admin, Star Denim (Pvt) Ltd. vide letters dated: 04.10.2023 and 09.10.2023 addressed to SEPA intimated that they have installed the Solar System under License No. DGI/202124/2022 of NEPRA and have already submitted all relevant documents to SEPA. However, he again submitted required documents and requested to withdraw the notices issued to them.

4. In pursuance, the Deputy Director (Tech), SEPA, District Central, Karachi vide his letter dated: 20.11.2023 stated that M/s. Star Denim (Pvt) Ltd. has submitted the required documents to them, therefore, no further action is required by SEPA.
5. The report of the agency was sent to the complainant vide this office letter dated: 19.02.2024 for rejoinder followed by three reminders but he did not respond though constantly reminded by office of Regional Director, Karachi Central.

**FINDINGS**

6. It appears that after resolution of his problem, the complainant has lost interest in pursuing his case.

**DECISION**

7. In view of the above, the complaint is closed and consigned to record.

*Given under my hand and seal of office.*



**Sd /-**  
**(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)**

Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS  
Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated; 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

