



## DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/4593/2021/NWS-68/SGR-07

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Shafqat Iqbal Awan,  
Govt. Contractor, R/o Shershah Colony, Sanghar.  
Municipal Committee, Sanghar

Name of the Agency Complained against : Fazal Muhammad Shaikh  
Regional Director, Sanghar

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Syed Hashim Raza Zaidi,  
Advisor-S

Vetted by :

Subject : ALLEGED DELAY BY MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE (MC) SANGHAR IN PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DUES OF RS. 533,000/- FOR THE WORK DONE BY THE COMPLAINANT, RECEIPT OF BRIBE BY CMO, MC, SANGHAR ALSO ALLEGED.

### THE COMPLAINT:

Mr. Shafqat Iqbal Awan filed a complaint dated 09-09-2021 wherein he stated that he was awarded the contract for **"Providing Pressure Pump Line Pump"** by the Municipal Committee (M.C.) Sanghar. He cleared that he has completed the work but Municipal Committee has paid him only Rs. 800,000/- out of the total amount of Rs. 13,33,000/- leaving an outstanding balance of Rs. 533,000/-. He further claims that he approached C.M.O, Sanghar for payment of outstanding dues, but he was forced to pay a bribe of Rs. 50,000/-. He alleges that officials of M.C Sanghar were asking further bribe from him for payment of balance amount. Aggrieved by that, he solicited the intervention of this Institution.

### PROCEEDINGS:

2. The complaint was admitted u/s. 10 of the establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date), after receiving mandatory Copy of CNIC, Affidavit on form "A" and other relevant document and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice to the Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Committee, Sanghar for submission of report vide this office letter dated 02-12-2021. Parties were heard on scheduled dates. The Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Committee, Sanghar submitted a report dated 04.01.2023 that the complainant has been paid his outstanding dues amounting Rs.5,33,030/- by Municipal Committee Sanghar on account of his work done through three cheques bearing (i) Nos. 35854762 for an amount of Rs.266,515/- dated 13.07.2022, (ii) No.36361017 for an amount of Rs.100,000/- dated 19.07.2022 and (iii) No. 37933143 for an amount of Rs.166,515/- dated 20.11.2022. He attached copies of face sheet of payments as an evidence.

4. Meanwhile the complainant appeared before the Investigating Officer on 20.08.2024 and submitted his written statement, wherein, he confirmed that he has received payment of the outstanding amount of Rs.5,33,000/- without payment of any bribe. He has backed out from the allegation of receipt of bribe levelled by him in his complaint and stated that the allegations previously leveled by him was due to misunderstandings against Ex-CMO. The complainant has also offered his thanks to this Institution on redressal of his grievance and requested to close further proceedings on his complaint.



**FINDINGS:**

5. The complainant has deviated from allegations of bribe leveled in his complaint, but his change in stance may have been due to some internal influence or pressure. However, on the intervention of this Institution, the agency has redressed the grievance of the complainant.

**DECISION:**

6. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 11 of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up-to-date), do hereby dispose of the complaint as redressed. I further direct the Addl. Chief Secretary of the Local Govt. Department to enquire into the allegations of corruption/bribe leveled against CMO, Sanghar, Mr. Aziz-u-Rehman Tunio and take necessary action under E&D Rules, if the charges are established.

*Given under my hand and seal of the office.*



Sd/-  
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)  
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS  
Ombudsman Sindh  
Karachi, dated 19-11-2024

