



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/2529/2023/RM-81

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Ali Muhammad Machi amd others C/o. Master Kewal Bheel, Marvi Town, Khipro Naka, Mirpurkhas.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Executive Engineer(O/M), Public Health Engineering Division, Mirpurkhas.

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Junejo, T.I Regional Director, Mirpurkhas.

Vetted by : Mr. Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION, MIRPURKHAS ALLEGING NON-PAYMENT OF WAGES TO THE COMPLAINANTS.**

COMPLAINT:

Mr. Ali Muhammad and others filed a joint complaint dated 22-03-2023 wherein they stated that they were engaged on daily wages by the Public Health Engineering Division, Mirpurkhas w.e.f 01-07-02018 but the wages for services provided during Covid-19 period have not been paid to them. Aggrieved by that, they solicited intervention of this Institution.

PROCEEDINGS:

2. The complaint was admitted under section 10 of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh, Act 1991 (amended up to date), after receiving mandatory Affidavit on Form-A, other relevant papers and by condoning the delay.
3. This office issued notice dated 14-04-2023 to the Executive Engineer(O/M), Public Health Engineering Division, Mirpurkhas for report who informed vide letter dated 21-06-2023 that the complainants were engaged on daily wages. The Govt. of Sindh had withdrawn the M&R funds during the year 2019-2020 due to Covid-19, therefore, the wages were not paid to the complainants. However, the Urban Water Supply and drainage schemes have now been transferred to the Municipal Corporation as per Govt. policy.
4. The Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department Hyderabad had taken up the matter with Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Karachi vide letters dated 13-03-2024 and 23-05-2024 to release the funds, amounting to Rs.11,790,000/- to clear the liabilities of 131 daily wages employees for the period from 01-01-2020 to 30-06-2020.
5. The Section Officer (B&A), Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi informed vide letter dated 29-11-2024 that the dues to the contingent paid staff have been cleared. The main complainant appeared before Investigation Officer, Mirpurkhas and filed a written statement that they have been paid their arrears of wages and their grievance has been redressed.

FINDINGS:

6. On the intervention of this Institution, the grievance of the complainant has been redressed by the agency.

DECISION:

7. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under section 11 of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh, Act 1991 (amended up to date), the complaint is disposed of as redressed, w/r to regulation No.21(d) of investigation and disposal of complaints regulations, 2024 of the Ombudsman Act.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated 10th January, 2025

