



## **DECISION**

**Complaint No.** : POS/6801/2023

**Name and address of the complainant** : Mr. Zafar-u-din Katohar, R/o Village Umeed Ali Katohar, Taluka Sehwan, District Jamshoro.

**Name of the Agency Complained against** : Municipal Committee Sqehwan Sharif

**Name & Designation of Investigating Officer** : Mr. Imdad Ali Shah, Regional Director, Dadu

**Vetted by** : Mr. Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui, Advisor-B.

**Subject** : ILLEGAL DEMAND OF BRIBE BY CHIEF MUNICIPAL OFFICER AND ACCOUNTANT FOR RELEASE OF WITHHELD SALARY OF THE COMPLAINANT.

### **THE COMPLAINT**

Mr. Zafar-u-din Katohar, filed a complaint against the Municipal Committee Sehwan, stating that he was appointed as Pump Operator in BPS-05 on 31, August, 2012 in the Office of Taluka Municipal Administration, Sehwan Sharif. Since 2016 his salary is not being paid to him by the agency as the officer concerned is demanding bribe for releasing his salary. The complainant approached the authorities concerned for restoration of his salary but to no avail. Being, aggrieved with the non-cooperative attitude of the concerned authorities and in order to get his grievance redressed, the complainant has requested intervention of this Institution.

### **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 up to date), after receiving mandatory Affidavit on Form 'A' and other relevant documents.

3. The matter was taken up with the agency vide letter dated 26, September, 2023. In response, Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Committee Sehwan Sharif vide letter dated 10, October, 2023 and 02, January, 2025, reported that allegations levelled against him by the complainant are false and fabricated. Complainant had remained absent from duty since 2016 to-date. During the said period three show-cause notices were issued to the complainant but neither he responded nor appeared before the competent authority, hence his salary was stopped. According to service rules disciplinary proceedings are being taken against him.

### **REJOINDER**

4. The photo copies of the report of the agency were sent to the complainant for filing of his rejoinder. In response, complainant has filed a written statement wherein he repeated his previous stance.

### **FINDINGS**

5. Perusal of the record revealed that the complainant could not prove maladministration against the agency.

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6. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under Section-11 of Establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date), the complaint is disposed of being rejected.

*Given under my hand and seal of office.*



**Sd /-**

(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)

Sitara-e-Imtiaz : PAS

Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025