



DECISION

Complaint No. :

POS/3553/2022/32/KHS/K-24

Name and address
of the complainant :

Mr. Raees Ahmed Khan S/o. Shaukat Ahmed Khan,
R/o 78/1, Street No.13, Khayaban-e-Badar,
Phase-6, Karachi.

Name of the Agency
complained against :

Secretary Cooperatives Department

Name & Designation of
Investigating Officer :

Mr. Ghulam Abid Shaikh,
Advisor-K

Subject :-

**ALLEGED INACTION BY THE COOPERATIVES
DEPARTMENT ON THE COMPLAINTS MADE
AGAINST MANAGEMENT OF SASSI,
COOPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY.**

COMPLAINT

Mr. Raees Ahmed Khan, r/o. Karachi, filed a complaint on 28.06.2022 and alleged inaction by Cooperatives Department on the complaints made by him against SASSI Cooperative Housing Society regarding delay in handing over physical possession of the plots No. R-66 & 67 in Sector 13-A, Gulzar-e-Hijri, Scheme-33, Karachi. He therefore, solicited our intervention in the matter.

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), and assigned to R.D, Karachi South who vide his letter dated: 04.08.2022 sought report from Registrar, Cooperative Housing Society. Subsequently, on the request of the complainant, this case was transferred to Headquarter on 15.11.2023 as the complainant was not satisfied with the progress of his case. After receiving the case file, hearing of the case was fixed on 29.11.2023 which was attended by the complainant only but the Registrar Cooperatives Department and Mukhtiarkar, Gulzar-e-Hijri (Scheme-33), Karachi East did not appear. Therefore, another hearing was fixed on 13.12.2023 which was attended by the complainant, Assistant Mukhtiarkar and Focal Person of the Cooperatives Department who sought some time to furnish his report and the matter was adjourned for hearing on 04.01.2024. The hearing was conducted on 04.01.2024 when the Focal Person of Cooperatives Department did not bring his report and stated that he would visit the site alongwith complainant and then furnish his report.
3. After constant persuasion, the Registrar, Cooperative Societies Sindh, nominated Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui as an Inquiry Officer to submit report within 30 days vide order dated: 18.07.2024. In pursuance, several reminders were issued to Inquiry Officer to furnish his report.

4. In response, Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui, the Inquiry Officer, visited this office on 26.11.2024 and handed over his inquiry report which is reproduced as under :

"Initially this society was registered in the name of New Indus Cooperative Housing Society, Ltd, Karachi under Registration No. K-1830 dated: 12.04.2005 and subsequently, the name of the society changed to SASSI Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. Karachi and the membership thereof consisted of 310 members. An amount of Rs.109,800,000/- was realized from the members towards cost of land but only an amount of Rs.57,000,000/- was paid to landlord. Astonishingly, Mr. Sohail Ilyas purchased 17.62 Acres Naiclass 11 Deh Mokhi, Tappo Sonmgal Town, Gadap, Karachi on behalf of society being chairman but factually acquired this land in his own name and the whole land was transferred by the operators of the Society in their private names. Efforts were made to locate them but their where about could not be traced. Apparently, all the allottees including the complainant have been defrauded."

5. Based on his findings, the Inquiry officer has proposed to refer this case to any Investigating Agency for further necessary action.

FINDINGS

6. According to investigation report of the Inquiry officer of Sindh Cooperative Housing Authority it was found that Mr. Sohail Ilyas Chairman SASSI Cooperative Societies alongwith his 06 other accomplices have committed an offence by defrauding 310 members including the complainant, therefore, they should not go unpunished.
7. Similarly, due lack of oversight on the part of Cooperatives Department a huge fraud was committed for which action should be taken against the responsible officers / officials.

DECISION

8. In view of the above, I in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 11 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date), **do hereby direct the Secretary Cooperatives Department :**

i) to take appropriate & stern action against the office bearers of SASSI Cooperative Housing Society who were involved in this fraud under the Sindh Cooperative Societies Act, 2020 and initiate criminal proceedings against the responsible staff of society.

ii) to conduct inquiry against the officials / officers of his department who were responsible for this negligence and take severe against those who are found guilty.

9. Compliance to the above should be reported inside **45 days**, herein of.

Given under my hand and seal of office.



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(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)

Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS

Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated; 12th December, 2024