

# **DECISION**

Complaint No. : POS/2572/TTA-12/2019

Name and address

Mr. Muhammad Salman Khan,
of the complainant

House # 95/3/1, Tenth Line,

Khayaban-e-Rahat, Phase DHA Karachi

Name of the Agency
Complained against :

Irrigation Department

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer Dr. Riaz Ahmed Siddiqui Regional Director, Thatta

Vetted by :

Fasihuddin Khan,

Advisor 'Z'

Subject :

NON-SUPPLY OF IRRIGATION WATER TO THE GROWERS SETTLED AT 97 MORI DEH MOLEPOTA,

MIRPUR SAKRO

# THE COMPLAINT

Mr. Mohammad Salman Khan, filed a complaint on 04.07.2019 regarding non-supply of irrigation water to the growers settled at 97 mori of Deh Molepota. He has stated that due to this problem, they are unable to cultivate their barren land and hence, suffer economically. He sought our intervention in the matter.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

- 2. The complaint was admitted u/s 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (as amended up to date) after condoning the delay and completion of mandatory requirements. Thereafter, the matter was taken up with the Executive Engineer Irrigation as well as the Executive Engineer drainage, Thatta vide letter dated 08.01.2021. The agency reported vide letters dated 28.01.2021 and 15.12.2022 that the complainant's land is situated in the sea intrusion area as surveyed by the Asian Development Bank in the year 2020-21. According to their expert opinion, land situated in the sea intrusion area is supposed to be sea creek having very low RL's there. If the drain is excavated towards the sea, it will allow the sea to flow in reverse direction, causing thereby huge loss to the area and its inhabitants. Hence, it is not possible to excavate the proposed drain in the said area.
- 3. The above reports were shared with the complainant, who did not agree with the observations of the agency as per his rejoinder dated 16.02.2021. To resolve the issue, several hearings were held by the Investigating Officer but the complainant neither attended those hearings nor responded to the letters written to him in this connection.

## **FINDINGS**

4. As reported by the Agency, the excavation of drain towards the land of the complainant is not technically feasible. Hence his request cannot be entertained and needs to be filed without any action.

## **DECISION**

5. In view of the above, this complaint is hereby rejected and disposed of accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal of Office.

- Sd \(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz - PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh
Karachi, dated

29% November, 2024