



## DECISION

Complaint No.	:	POS/3403/ROK-97/(Khp)/2023
Name and address of the complainant	:	M/s Zameer Hussain Maitlo & Shoukat Ali Maitlo, Jr. Clerk & N.Q, T.C Pir Jo Goth, District Khairpur.
Name of the Agency Complainced against	:	Municipal Committee Pir Jo Goth
Name & Designation of Investigating Officer	:	<b>AHMED BAKHSH GHUMRO,</b> Consultant / Incharge, Regional Office Khairpur
Vetted by	:	<b>Mr. Muhammad Misbah Tunio, Advisor-J</b>
Subject	:	<b><u>COMPLAINT AGAINST UNJUST STOPPAGE OF SALARIES OF THE COMPLAINANTS SINCE LAST FIVE YEARS DESPITE PERFORMING DUTIES IN M.C KINGRI (PIR JO GOTHS).</u></b>

### COMPLAINT

M/s Zameer Hussain Maitlo & Shoukat Ali Maitlo, Jr. Clerk & Naib Qasid respectively filed a joint complaint on 09-05-2023 claiming that they were appointed on 15-01-2013 by Secretary, Local Government Department, Government of Sindh and posted at Municipal Committee Pir Jo Goth. Both had drawn salaries through bank account, but CMO, M.C, Pir Jo Goth, stopped their salaries since five years despite performing their duties continuously. They, therefore, solicited intervention of this Institution.

### PROCEEDINGS

**02.** 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), by condoning the delay in filing it and subject to submission of copies of relevant documents and Affidavit on Form "A".

**03.** After completion of codal formalities, the matter was taken up with Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Committee, Pir Jo Goth on 07-06-2023 for comments / report. In response, the C.M.O., M.C, Pir Jo Goth, Taluka Kingri, reported on 16-06-2023 that the salaries of 64 employees appointed after 30-06-2012 were stopped by the then Chairman, M.C, Pir Jo Goth. Thereafter, 59 employees (including complainants) filed C.P No.D-142/2017 before Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Sukkur. The Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Sukkur passed order on 09-06-2017 directing the petitioners to approach concerned Council and submit their documents to Scrutiny Committee constituted by the Chief Secretary. If their documents are found in order, their salary would be released.

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04. The Scrutiny Committee verified the record / documents and cleared / confirmed 19 employees out of these 64. Later on, the council vide its Resolution No. 06 dated. 06-09-2019 approved and reinstated nine (09) more employees out of the rest of 45 employees. It was also reported that remaining 23 employees including complainants filed a separate Constitutional Petition No.D-1616/2019 before Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Sukkur Bench. The Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Sukkur directed the petitioners to approach Secretary, Local Government Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi where matter was pending.

05. The copy of said report was shared with complainant on 06-07-2023 for rejoinder. The complainant filed joint rejoinder on 07-07-2023 that other 59 employees were getting salaries and only their salaries were stopped.

06. Following an extensive exchange of correspondence, the C.M.O, M.C, Pir Jo Goth, again on 16-08-2023 seconded earlier report dated 16-06-2023. He also submitted a copy of letter No. SOII/(LG)/7-05/2017/SUK, dated. 14-07-2017 revealing that out of 64 officials, the orders for only 18 were issued. It revealed that record of such 19 officials was seized by the NAB authorities being illegal appointments not approved by the Competent Authority. Rest of 45 officials were neither appointed by Local Government Department nor any record was available with them. It conveyed that Council was an autonomous body hence may decide fate of employees on the basis of record available and as per rules at their own level. The C.M.O also submitted copies of orders passed by Honorable High Court of Sindh Sukkur Bench on 21-04-2021 in both CPs bearing No. D-142/2017 & No. D-1616/2019 operating para of both these orders was:

*"Learned counsel for the petitioners, under instructions, does not press the instant listed application, on the ground that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners intend to approach the Scrutiny Committee of the respondent department, constituted under the directions of Chief Secretary, Sindh vide letter dated 03-03-2021, issued by the Government of Sindh, Services, General Administration and Coordination Department, whereby on the direction of Chief Secretary, Sindh, Scrutiny Committees have been constituted in each department to scrutinize fake, illegal, bogus and excess appointments. Order accordingly with directions to the Scrutiny Committee to process the matter expeditiously and conclude the same within a period of sixty (60) days. Let copy of this order be provided to learned Additional AG for compliance."*

## **FINDINGS**

07. From the above discussions, it transpires that the C.P No. D-142/2017 & C.P No. D-1616/2019 were filed by complainants before Honorable High Court of Sindh Sukkur Bench and that complainants concealed this fact while filing instant complaint on 09-05-2023. Therefore, complainants are advised to seek remedy in the light of order passed by Honourable Sindh High Court Bench at Sukkur.

## **CONCLUSION**

08. The complaint stands disposed of as rejected and consigned to record.

“Given under my hand and seal of office”

Sd /-  
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)  
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS  
• Ombudsman, Sindh  
Karachi, dated 21st February, 2025

