



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/5136/SKK-212/2024

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Muhammad Ismail Korai and others, District Coordinator Belo Bachayo Committee, U.C Nindapur, Taluka Pano Akil, District Sukkur.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Conservator of Forest, Afforestation Circle, Sukkur

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Nazir Ahmed Dhoon, Director, Regional Office, Sukkur

Vetted by : Mr. Ghulam Abid Shaikh, Advisor-K

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST OFFICIALS OF FOREST DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY DESTROYED THE TREES AND GRAZING LAND IN COMPLAINANTS VILLAGE, U.C NINDAPUR, TALUKA PANAKIL, DISTRICT SUKKUR.**

COMPLAINT

Mr. Muhammad Ismail Korai and others, filed their complaint on 01.11.2024 against the officials of Forest Department, who allegedly destroyed the trees and grazing land in complainants' village U.C Nindapur, Taluka Pano Akil, District Sukkur. They, therefore, solicited our intervention in the matter.

PROCEEDINGS

2. The matter was taken up with the Conservator of Forest, Afforestation Division, Sukkur vide this office letter dated: 02.12.2024 followed by reminders dated: 31.12.2024, 13.02.2025. In response, he vide his report dated: 20.02.2025 informed that the Divisional Forest Officer, Afforestation Division, Sukkur vide his report dated: 11.02.2025 has stated that law and order situation in the Kacho area is precarious. However, the forest field staff is diligently and honestly performing their duties and there is no involvement of the forest field staff in any illegal activities. He further added that offenders mentioned in the complaint are highly influential and have association with dacoits. Despite these challenges, the forest department staff has lodged a Forest Offenses Report (FOR) to initiate legal proceedings under the Forest Act, 1927 before the competent court of law. Additionally, FIRs have also been lodged against these offenders at Police Station Sadhuja. He also enclosed the copies of the FIRs lodged by Forest Department officials.

3. A copy of said report was sent to the complainants for their rejoinder vide this office letter dated: 06.03.2025 followed by reminder dated: 25.03.2025. In response, they vide their rejoinder dated: 14.05.2025 mostly reiterated their earlier contention.

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4. In order to resolve the issue, the Investigating Officer fixed the matter to hear both the parties on 22.07.2025 which was attended by Mr. Anwar Ali Korai Range Forest Officer, Pano Akil who stated that the allegations levelled by the complainants are baseless. However, none of the complainant attended the hearing.

FINDINGS

5. According to the report of the agency, the Forest Department staff has lodged a Forest Offences Report (FOR) to initiate legal proceedings under the Forest Act, 1972 before the competent court of law and FIRs have also been lodged against the offenders at Police Station Sadhuja. The cases are under trial before the court of law. Hence, no further action is required.

DECISION

6. In view of above, further proceeding in the matter is hereby abated and the complaint is closed on account of being sub-judice.

Given under my hand and seal of office.

Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS
Ombudsman Sindh
Karachi, dated; 25th August, 2025

