



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/1893/KE/125/2024

Name and Address of the Complainant : Dr. Wajeeha Hameed Kirmani, R/o. House No.56-N, Block-2, PECHS, Karachi.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Dow University of Health Sciences

Name & Designation of Investigation Officer : Syed Farrukh Habib
Director, Regional Office, Karachi (East)

Subject :- **ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION IN GRANT OF ADMISSION / INDUCTION FOR PULMONARY TRAINING TO THE COMPLAINANT WHO STOOD AT 5TH POSITION IN MERIT LIST.**

THE COMPLAINT

Dr. Wajeeha Hameed Kirmani, in her complaint dated 05.04.2024, stated that she had appeared in 2023 for residency induction exam for pulmonology training at Dow University of Health Sciences & stood 5th in the merit list, however, she was put in waiting list, as at that time only one seat was offered due to limited funds with DUHS. She stated that around 1.5 months back, She came to know that another candidate (Dr. Kalpana Kumari) has been offered seat for pulmonology training while she was not even on merit having scored only 20/75 marks. The complainant stated that she called the DUHS postgraduate Medical Education Department (PGME) and inquired about such admission but they completely denied. The complainant added that around a month back she received the news that Dr. Kalpana has joined DUHS Ojha Institute of Chest Diseases as a trainee in Ward-I. The complainant stated that she obtained attendance sheet of Ward-I as evidence to prove her appointment and took up the matter with DUHS, but they did not respond. The complainant stated that DUHS, her parent institute, from where she did her MBBS (batch of 2019), house job and two years Internal Medicine Training and was surprised that it is not giving seats to deserving candidates but to those who are not on merit. She, therefore, solicited intervention of this office in the matter.

PROCEEDINGS

2. After admission of complaint by condoning delay under Section 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991, (amended up to date), as well as after receiving mandatory Affidavit on Form "A" and other relevant documents, report was called from the Agency. In response, the Principal, school of Post Graduate studies, DUHS Karachi vide letter dated 09.05.2024 stated that:

- i. Dr. Wajeeha Hameed Kirmani, Secured 7th position as per the merit list of DUHS and not 5th as claimed by her.

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- ii. Dr. Kalpana Kumari being a DUHS employee was given opportunity for FCPS II residency in Pulmonolgy based on the NOC from HR DUHS, as per the internal placement of University Employee Policy. This was not a part of Postgraduate Induction process of session 2024-A.
3. Copy of the Agency's report was forwarded to the complainant for rejoinder but she failed to respond despite issuance of reminder.

FINDING

4. The complainant failed to rebut the Agency's report nor she turned-up to pursue her complaint. It appears that either the complainant is satisfied with the Agency's report or have lost interest in pursuing the complaint any further.

CONCLUSION

5. Under the circumstances, when the complainant has failed to respond, it was clear that she has lost interest to pursue her complaint. I, therefore, in exercise of powers vested in me under Establishment of the office of the Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up-to-date), do hereby dispose of the complaint on account of non prosecution.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS
Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated 12-06-, 2025