



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/632/2024/RM-16

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Hassan Qayoom Bhurghari,
: R/o. Village Haji Jeo Khan Bhurghari, Taluka Kot Ghulam Muhammad,
District Mirpurkhas.

Name of the Agency Complained against : District Education Officer (ES & HS), Mirpurkhas

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Junejo, T.I
: Regional Director, Mirpurkhas.

Vetted by : Mr. Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALLEGING OPENING OF ANOTHER SCHOOL AT VILLAGE, GEO KHAN BHURGARI WHEN A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ALREADY EXISTED THERE.**

COMPLAINT:

Mr. Hassan Qayoom Bhurghari filed a complaint dated 15-01-2024 wherein stated that Government Boys Primary School at village Usman Solangi (now upgraded to Govt. Lower Secondary School) Semis Code# 405020379 was established @ Village Geo Khan Bhughari in 1996. However, there was already GBPS functional at village, Geo Khan Bhurghari Semis Code # 405020300, Taluka Kot Ghulam Muhammad. He filed a complaint that there was no need to establish a separate school at the same village with another title of village, Usman Solangi. He sent complaints to the School Education department for closure of GBPS with another title, village Usman Solangi but no action has been taken by the department. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this Institution.

PROCEEDINGS:

2. The complaint was admitted under section 10 of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh, Act 1991 (amended up to date), after receiving mandatory Affidavit on Form-A, other relevant papers and by condoning the delay.
3. This office issued notice dated 20-02-2024 to the District Education Officer (ES & HS), Mirpurkhas for report, who in response informed vide letter dated 18-03-2024 that Government Boys Primary School, Muhammad Usman Solangi was opened on 28-10-1996 and upgraded to Lower Secondary School due to sufficient number of enrolment. The Govt. Boys Lower Secondary School at Geo Khan Bhurghari is also functional which also meets the criteria for a separate school.
4. The report of the agency was sent to the complainant for rejoinder vide letter dated 20.03.2024, who in response informed vide letter dated 18.09.2024 that the GBPS Usman Solangi was approved in 1996 subject to condition that no government school existed at the village. However, Govt. Primary School was already functional in the same village.

5. The Investigation Officer, Mirpurkhas visited both the schools on 17.12.2024 in the presence of parties. The distance between the two schools was around to 400-500 meters. The findings of Investigation Officer are as under:

- (i) Government Boys Primary School/ upgraded to Govt. Boys Lower School Geo Khan Bhurghari. This school was established in 1952 at village Geo Khan Bhurghari. The school building was constructed by the District Government Mirpurkhas with 04 classrooms. The enrolment of students is 65 with two teachers are posted and the school is functional.
- (ii) Government Boys Primary School Village Muhammad Usman Solangi (upgraded Govt. Boys Lower Secondary School). This school was approved and functional since 07.10.1996. Later-on, the Education Works Division Mirpurkhas constructed two rooms with veranda, boundary wall and a washroom in 2019-20 on the plot donated by Mr. Muhammad Usman Solangi. Two teachers are posted there and enrolment of students, is 165.

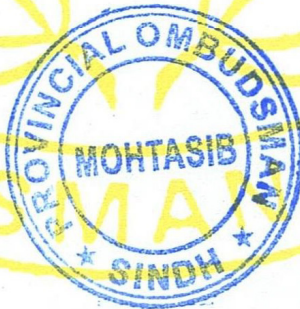
FINDINGS:

6. The GBPS at village Usman Solangi is functional since 1996 and the complainant did not give any reasonable ground to close the school at this stage. Both the Govt. schools are approved by the competent forum and properly functional with SEMIS codes, teachers posted and sufficient number of enrolment at both the schools.

DECISION:

7. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under section 11 of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh, Act 1991 (amended up to date), the complaint is disposed of as rejected.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



Sd /-

(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Intiaz. PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated 24~~th~~ January, 2025