



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/RO-NF-31/24/ NFZ-50

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Ghulam Rabbani S/o Abdul Rehman Kalhoro, Village Khamiso Khan Kalhoro, P.O. Kamal Dero, Deh Mahesar, Taluka & District N'Feroze

Name of the Agency Complained against : SCARP Irrigation N'Feroze

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Khalid Shaikh, Regional Director, N' Feroze

Vetted by : Fasihuddin Khan, Advisor 'Z'

Subject : ALLEGED INCREASE IN DRAINAGE CESS FROM RS.16/- TO RS.100/- PER ACRE THOUGH 90% TUBEWELLS OF SCARP ARE NON FUNCTIONAL

THE COMPLAINT

Mr. Ghulam Rabbani filed a complaint on 23.09.2024 against the SCARP Irrigation stating therein that he is a landlord having agricultural land in Taluka Kandiaro and pays land revenue assessments, abyana and other land taxes. The Irrigation Department, SCARP had installed Tubewells on his land and on the land of other khatedars in the year 1965/66. However, drainage cess charged at the rate of Rs.16/- per acre till recently, has been increased to Rs.100/- per acre whereas most of the Tubewells have become non-operational with the passage of time. The complainant and other khatedars approached the concerned department multiple times in this connection but in vain. The SCARP Officers in collusion with SEPCO also charge bills in respect of maintenance of tubewells, electricity charges and fuel charges. He, therefore, solicited intervention of this Institution.

PROCEEDINGS

2. 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). After receiving Affidavit on Form 'A', the matter was taken up with the Executive Engineer, (SCARP) Irrigation, N'Feroze for report vide letter dated 10.10.2024. On 30.10.2024, report was received from the Executive Engineer, Tubewells Division, N'Feroze which was shared with the complainant vide letter dated 01.11.2024. On 25.11.2024, rejoinder was received from the complainant that he has filed a complaint before the NAB on the same issue and also before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Bench at Sukkur vide CP No.217 of 2015. No further action can be taken by this Institution as per Section 9(1) of the Act, 1991, the matter being subjudice before a court of competent jurisdiction.

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3. In view of the above, the complaint is disposed of as subjudice before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh.

Given under my hand and seal of Office.



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(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz - PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated

4th August, 2025

