



DECISION

Complaint No. : PGS/7643/2023/HYD/456

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Qureshi S/o Muhammad Habib
R/o Office No.05, Kotri Wala Chamber, Near Sultan Bakery,
Risala Road, Hyderabad.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Committee Hala,
District Matiari.

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Abdul Wahab Memon, Consultant / Director,
Regional Office, Hyderabad.

Vetted by : **Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N**

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE HALA
ALLEGING UNFAIR TREATMENT**

Complaint

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Qureshi filed a complaint dated 10.09.2023 wherein he stated that he was awarded a contract for recovery of tax on publicity materials/sign boards for the year 2022-2023. He deposited the agreed amount at Municipal Committee Hala but the banks and petrol pumps refused to pay the publicity charges due to a pendency of their case in the court. He approached the Municipal Committee Hala for deduction of such amount from the contract but to no avail. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this Institution.

Proceedings

2. The complaint was admitted for investigation u/s 10 (3) of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) subject to submission of mandatory Affidavit on Form "A" and other relevant documents and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice dated 24.01.2024 to the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Committee, Hala for report, who in response informed vide letter dated 21.05.2024 that the contract of advertisement charges of the financial year 2022-23 was awarded to the complainant, for amounting to Rs.612,600/- including the taxes. The complainant has paid Rs.386,000/- to the Municipal Committee Hala and Rs.226,000/- are still outstanding against the complainant. He has been issued notices for depositing the outstanding amount of the contract.

4. A copy of agency's report was sent to the complainant for rejoinder vide letter dated 14.06.2024, followed by multiple reminders but he did not respond.

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5. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under section 11 of Establishment of the office of the Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date), the complaint is disposed of due to non-prosecution.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



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

Karachi, dated 7th March, 2025