



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/804/2025/K-02

Name and address of the complainant : Mst. Saeeda Shaikh d/o. Late Muhammad Ramzan Shaikh,
R/o House No. S-242, 6th Street, Phase-7 (Ext),
DHA, Karachi.

Name of the Agency complained against : Accountant General Sindh, Karachi

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Ghulam Abid Shaikh,
Advisor-K

Subject :- **COMPLAINT REGARDING ALLEGED UNJUST GRANT OF 50% FAMILY PENSION TO THE SISTER OF THE COMPLAINANT.**

COMPLAINT

Mst. Saeeda Shaikh D/o. Late Muhammad Ramzan Shaikh, Ex-Additional Director, Industries Department, filed a complaint on 03.02.2025 and alleged unjust grant of 50% of her family pension to her sister. She, stated therein that after the death of her mother the family pension was transferred in her favour w.e.f.01.06.2019 but later-on sanctioned 50% of that pension to my other sister Dr. Zubaida Shaikh who retired as Doctor in BS-19 already drawing her monthly pension. To resolve this issue she approached the office of A.G, Sindh who informed her that the distribution of the family pension amongst the two sisters have been done after seeking the F.D's advice. Being aggrieved, she requested for our intervention to resolve her problem.

PROCEEDINGS

2. After admitting the complaint under Section 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh, Act. 1991 (amended upto date), report was called from A.G, Sindh vide this office letter dated: 10.02.2025. In response, the Accounts Officer, office of A.G, Sindh vide his letter dated: 18.02.2025 informed that after the death of Mst. Hamida Begum wd/o. Late Muhammad Ramzan Shaikh, the family pension was transferred to her elder divorced daughter Mst. Saeeda Shaikh in April 2019. Later-on, her younger sister Mst. Zubaida Shaikh also applied for family pension as a divorced daughter who was then an employee of Health Department and drawing salary.
3. Considering her request the advice of the Finance Department was sought vide their office letter dated: 03.07.2019. While the response of F.D was still awaited, the younger sister Mst. Zubaida Shaikh produced a clarification issued by Finance Department vide letter dated: 07.11.2017 and as a consequence both the sisters were allowed 50% family pension. He further stated that now the pension of both sisters Mst. Saeeda Shaikh and Mst. Zubaida Shaikh has been discontinued in accordance with the Finance Department's letter No. FD(PCDC)1(245)/2023 dated: 29.12.2023 wherein the Finance Department clarified in other relevant case that if the divorced daughter have son or sons beyond 21 years age, she is not dependent on her mother / father pension and both Mst. Saeeda Shaikh & Mst. Zubaida Shaikh have sons above age of 21 years.

FINDINGS

4. Considering the implications of Finance Department's letter No. FD(PCDC)1(245)/2023 dated: 29.12.2023, according to which both of the sisters are not eligible of family pension of their father as their sons are above the age of 21 years, this Institution is not in a position to provide any relief to the complainant.

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5. In view of the above, the request of the complainant is hereby regretted.

Given under my hand and seal of office.



Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS
Ombudsman Sindh
Karachi, dated; 11th March, 2025