

DECISION

Complaint No. POS/3077/2023 (MT) 17/R.Thar/2023.

Name and address of the complainant

Mr. Hassan Ismail s/o Abdul Rahim Junejo, r/o village Bhooro Jonejo, P.O & Taluka Mithi, District Thermarker

District Tharparkar.

Name of the Agency
Complained against
School Education Department (Primary),
District Tharparkar @ Mithi.

Name & Designation of Jam Farhad Baig S. Dahar, Regional Director

Investigating Officer : Tharparkar @ Mithi

Vetted by : Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Shaikh, Advisor (Impl)

Subject : <u>COMPLAINANT AGAINST UNJUST SHIFTING OF</u> SCHOOL FROM VILLAGE OF THE COMPLAINANT

AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF SMC FUNDS.

THE COMPLAINT.

Mr. Hassan Ismail Junejo, filed a complaint on 05-04-2023 against District Education Officer (Primary), District Tharparkar @ Mithi, alleging therein that Government Boys Primary School, Village Bhooro Junejo Taluka Mithi has been shifted to nearby Village in collusion with Education Department officials. He further stated that SMC Funds are being misappropriated. Hence he sought intervention of this Institution in the matter.

PROCEEDINGS.

- 2. The complaint was admitted under Section 10 of the Office of the Provincial Ombudsman (Mohtasib) Sindh Act 1991. (amended up-to-date) after receiving Affidavit on Form-A, relevant documents and by condoning the delay. The Investigation Officer called report from District Education Officer (Primary) Tharparkar @ Mithi vide letter dated 16.05.2023. The Taluka Education Officer Primary Mithi vide letter No. TEO/Pry/(Male)/614/2023, Mithi dated 26-05-2023 reported that the Government Boys Primary School, Bhooro Jonejo, Union Council Jonuo which is a shelter-less School having SEMIS code 406030735 is functional. Mr. Perkash s/o Moolchand, PST has been posted there on 30-04-2022. He further reported that hut (chounro) of School Bhooro Junejo collapsed, thus the school was shifted to nearby place, at a distance of 1000 ft. The allegations leveled by the complainant are due to some differences between villagers. The SMC Committee of the school is independent to use funds and it has been found that they have utilized funds for repair of school hut and purchase of furniture & stationary.
- 3. The report of the agency was forwarded to the complainant for rejoinder. The complainant appeared on 29-08-2023 and during hearing reiterated that he steed by his complaint as per report of the T.E.O is not based on real facts, whereas the District Education Officer (Primary schools) submitted copy of the feasibility report / rough cost estimate for the instant school vide letter No. DEO/(Pry)/881/2023 dated 07-11-2023. The feasibility report alongwith its enclosures was sent to the Deputy Commissioner / Chairman Development Scheme District Tharparkar @ Mithi for further proceedings and necessary action vide letter dated 13-11-2023. The Deputy Commissioner in response, reported vide letter No. DC/P&D/-3930 /2023 Mithi dated 24-11-2023 that the scheme in question is a new proposal, which can be considered subject to allocation of funds and the district administration is not in a position to take up new schemes due to non-availability of funds etc.



4. Finally on 13-12-2023, the complainant, DEO (Primary Schools) Tharparkar @ Mithi alongwith DDEO appeared before the Investigation Officer and arguments were heard at length. During the course of arguments the complainant submitted statement that his grievance has been taken into account and he is satisfied with the reports of relevant Agencies.

DECISION.

5. The complainant is satisfied with the report of the District Education Officer Tharparkar at Mithi and withdrew his complaint. Nevertheless, the matter being of public interest, therefore, I, in the exercise of powers under Section 11 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991, close this complaint with directives to the Secretary to the Government of Sindh, School Education & Literacy Department and Deputy Commissioner / Chairman Development Scheme Tharparkar at Mithi to take necessary steps for construction of a new building for the school while following the relevant policy.

Given under my hand and seal of office

Sd /(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)

Sitara-e-Imtiaz-PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh
Karachi, dated // July, 2025