



## **DECISION**

Complaint No.	:	POS/5127/2021/RM-79
Name and address of the complainant	:	Mr. Ramesh Kumar R/o. Village Peer Bachal Shah Kararo, P.O. Nabisar Road, Taluka Kunri, District Umerkot.
Name of the Agency Complained against	:	Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Umerkot
Name & Designation of Investigating Officer	:	Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Junejo, T.I, Regional Director, Mirpurkhas.
Vetted by	:	Mr. Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N
Subject	:	<b><u>COMPLAINT AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION UMERKOT ALLEGING INORDINATE DELAY IN REHABILITATION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AT VILLAGE RAHMORE, TALUKA KUNRI.</u></b>

### **COMPLAINT:**

Mr. Ramesh Kumar filed a complaint dated 30.09.2021 wherein he stated that the Government of Sindh had approved a Rural Water Supply scheme for village Rahmore, Taluka Kunri during the year 2007-2008 with the estimated cost of Rs.52.733 million. The pace of execution of the scheme remained very slow and laid water supply lines were damaged even before the completion of scheme. The inhabitants of Rahmore are still deprived of portable water due to negligence of the agency. 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 documents and by condoning the delay.
3. This office issued notice dated 03-11-2021 to the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Umerkot for report, who in response informed vide letter dated 17-11-2021 that the Rural Water Supply Scheme for village Rahmore, Taluka Kunri was approved during the year 2007-2008 with the estimated cost, amounting to Rs.52.733 (M). The physical work of the scheme had started during the year-2008 but the infrastructure was damaged during the heavy rains of 2011. The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Umerkot vide his subsequent report dated 19.01.2022 informed that the repair and maintenance of water supply lines has been carried out under M&R Program of 2021-22. He, further informed that the Rough Cost Estimate, amounting to Rs.39.549 (M) for Improvement and Extension of Rural water supply scheme Rahmore, Taluka Kunri has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer, PHE Hyderabad for approval. Meanwhile, the maintenance work of water supply lines has been awarded to the contractor at an estimated cost of Rs., 1,108,535/- under M&R program.
4. The Executive Engineer,, PHE Division Umerkot informed vide letter dated 16.08.2024 that the water supply scheme of Rahmore has been taken-over by an International NGO, UNOPS for restoration and replacing damaged water supply lines. The design and estimates of the scheme is being prepared by the Consultant, NESPAK.



**FINDINGS:**

5. The investigation of the case established maladministration against the agency on its failure to rehabilitate the water supply scheme for village Rahmore despite spending of an amount of Rs.52.733/- million during the year-2008 and subsequent regular expenditure under M& R programs.

**DECISION:**

6. 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), I, hereby direct the Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department for conducting an enquiry on the execution of Rural Water Supply Scheme for village Rahmore, Taluka Kunri and identifying causes for non-completion of scheme, fix responsibility and take disciplinary action against the delinquents accordingly.

*Given under my hand and seal of the office*

*Sd/-*  
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)  
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS  
Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated 20th November, 2024

