



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/148/15/ NFZ-02

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Babar Ali Pirzado S/o Allah Rakhio,
R/o Soomro Mohallah, N'Feroze

Name of the Agency Complained against : Revenue Department

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

Vetted by : Fasihuddin Khan,
Advisor 'Z'

Subject : **ALLEGED DEMAND OF ILLEGAL GRATIFICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF CORRECT FORM-VII BY THE
MUKHTIARKAR (REV) N'FEROZE**

THE COMPLAINT

Mr. Babar Ali filed a complaint dated 15.01.2015 alleging that he had purchased 3-5 acres land in Survey # 356 from a Rajput family in Deh N'Feroze. After the sale agreement, he approached the Mukhtiarkar (Revenue), N'Feroze Mr. Aijaz Ali Chandio for obtaining Form-VII of the purchased land who demanded illegal gratification amounting to Rs.5 million with threats that in case he failed to pay the bribe, he would temper relevant entry and change the khata in the name of some other person. Consequently, instead of issuing the sale certificate to the genuine owner, the Mukhtiarkar deliberately tempered the Form-XV showing the said land in the name of another person. The complainant added that he approached the Deputy Commissioner, N'Feroze who called the Mukhtiarkar alongwith record and after perusing the relevant record, he ordered the Mukhtiarkar and Assistant Commissioner for correction of forged entry and issuance of sale certificate accordingly. Despite such orders of the Deputy Commissioner, the Mukhtiarkar avoided to issue the requisite sale certificate. Thereafter, the complainant approached the Assistant Commissioner who also demanded huge amount of bribe which was not paid to him. On refusal, both the officers threatened the complainant with dire consequences. The complainant, therefore, approached this Institution for intervention in the matter.

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) and taken up with the Additional Deputy Commissioner-I, N'Feroze for comments vide letter dated 03.02.2015 but no response was received despite several reminders. Hence the matter was taken up with the Deputy Commissioner, N'Feroze vide

letter dated 13.07.2020. After prolonged correspondence, the Mukhtiarkar, N'Feroze submitted his report on 14.09.2021 that after enquiries from the village staff, Survey No.356 has been entered in the name of the complainant who purchased the same through a Registered Sale Deed. He further stated that the allegations regarding illegal gratification were false and fabricated. He also enclosed the Photostat copies of the revenue record showing entry of the name of the complainant. The report of the Agency was forwarded to the complainant for rejoinder vide letter dated 15.09.2021. After follow up the complainant appeared before the Investigating Officer on 28.09.2022 and submitted his reply confirming redressal of his grievance but stressed for necessary action against the Assistant Commissioner and the Mukhtiarkar for their corrupt practices. On this point, the Agency had already clarified that the said allegation was false and fabricated and it was a matter of dispute between two private parties.

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3. In view of the above, and in exercise of power vested in me u/s 11 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) the complaint is disposed of as redressed to the extent of entry of the complainant's name in the relevant revenue record with the direction to the Senior Member, Board of Revenue to get an enquiry conducted regarding allegations of demand of bribe by the revenue officials and the required disciplinary action on the basis of findings of enquiry.

Given under my hand and seal of Office.



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

Karachi, dated

13th January, 2025