

# DECISION

Complaint No.:

POS/6346/2021/F

Name and address of the complainant:

Dr. Imtiaz Ali Sohu & Imran Ali Sohu, House No. D-220, Phase-II Ext. Naval Housing Society Karsaz, Near Dalmia Road, Karachi

Name of the Agency Complained against:

Revenue Department

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer:

Syed Ali Mumtaz Zaidi, (PAS), Advisor-F.

Subject :-

REQUEST FOR REGULARIZATION OF REMANDED/ DEFERRED ENTRIES.

## **THE COMPLAINT:**

M/s. Dr. Imtiaz Ali Sohu and Imran Ali Sohu, both sons of Mr. Ghulam Akbar Sohu, filed a joint complaint stating therein that they are the owners of an ancestral agricultural land bearing Survey Nos. 718 to 724 situated in Deh Babra Tapo Babra, Taluka Mirpur Sakro District Thatta. They had requested the Agency for regularization of remanded / deferred entries No. 30 and 31 in respect of their land vide appeals No.665, 666 and 667 during the year 2018 but the same are still pending decision in the office ADC-I, Thatta. The complainants have, therefore, sought intervention of this Institution.

#### PROCEEDINGS:

- 2. The complaint was admitted under Section 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date).
- 3. A hearing was scheduled on 18.11.2024 which was attended by Complainant and Respondent Assistant Mukhtiarkar (Revenue), Mirpur Sakro. Statements of both the parties were recorded. The Assistant Mukhtiarkar had submitted report of Mukhtiarkar (Revenue), Mirpur Sakro along-with Revenue record stating therein that the entire revenue record of Taluka Mirpur Sakro was burnt in riots which erupted on the assassination of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto in 2007. However from the verification of newly reconstructed record of rights reveals that as per entry No. 30 dated 16.11.2011 a total area 10-00 acres was entered in the names of Imtiaz Ali s/o Ghulam Akbar & Imran Ali S/o Ghulam Akbar. As per entry No.31 dated 16.11.2011 a total area 66-01 acres was also entered in the names of Imtiaz Ali S/o Ghulam Akbar & others in Deh & Tapa Babra Taluka Mirpur Sakro.



- 4. As also reported, subsequently a Scrutiny Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan which verified the entries kept in the revenue record during the process of the reconstruction of the record of rights and recommended a reference for cancellation. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue Sindh suspended the entries kept in the record during the process of reconstruction (of the record of rights) and the above said entries stand suspended. Tapedar, after visiting the site has reported that one Otaq was constructed on the subject land which is in possession of complainant.
- 5. Respondent requested that the complainant may be advised to submit his claim before the Collector/Deputy Commissioner, Thatta under Section 161 of Sindh and Revenue Act, 1967 for regularization of the remanded/deferred entries.
- During the hearing, the complainant stated that the matter is already lingering on for the last 7/8 years in different offices from Mukhtiarkar, ADC and DC and he is totally frustrated with this state of affairs and he requested to direct the Deputy Commissioner Thatta to decide the matter at earliest or to give reasons for not redressing the grievance.

# **FINDINGS**:

7. In sequel to the orders of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan, the entries of the land in question, as elaborated above, were suspended on the orders of Senior Member Board of Revenue as per report submitted to this Institution.

## **DECISION:**

- 8. The complainants are advised to approach Deputy Commissioner Thatta's office under Section 161 of Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967 for the redressal of their grievance.
- 9. The Deputy Commissioner is directed to decide the matter within 45 days after filing of case by the complainants.

Given under my hand and seal of office



Sd/-

(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT) Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated 20th December, 2024