



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/1647/2023/NWS-47/SGR-21

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Khilji,
General Secretary, Sanghar Atta Chaki &
Name of the Agency : Mini Flour Mills Owners Association, District Sanghar,
Complained against : C/o. Malik Rice Road, Sanghar

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Food Department

Vetted by : Fazal Muhammad Shaikh,
Regional Director, Sanghar

Subject : Syed Hashim Raza Zaidi,
Advisor-S

COMPLAINT AGAINST DISTRICT FOOD CONTROLLER (DFC) SANGHAR WHO ALLEGEDLY DEMANDED BRIBE FOR RELEASE OF WHEAT TO ATTA CHAKI / FLOUR MILLS.

COMPLAINT:

Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Khilji, General Secretary, Sanghar Atta Chaki & Flour Mills Owners Association, District Sanghar filed online complaint dated 27.02.2023, wherein he has stated that the District Food Controller, Sanghar demanded bribe for releasing of wheat to Atta Chaki / Flour Mills as per policy of the Govt. (issued vide letter dated 21.02.2023. The complainant had frequently approached the concerned agency for redressal of his grievance, but to no avail. Aggrieved by that, he solicited 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. This office issued notice to the District Food Controller, Sanghar for report vide this office letter dated 25.10.2023 followed by reminders. In response, the District Food Controller, Sanghar informed vide his letter dated 28.02.2024 that the complainant was directed to attend his office for enquiry into the matter and for redressal of his grievance. The letter was properly served upon the complainant after obtaining but the complainant failed to attend his office, which shows his lack of interest in pursuing his complaint as to join the enquiry in support of his allegations.
4. Mr. Masood Ahmed Siddiqui, the officer who was alleged to have demanding bribe was also directed to attend this office for his statement regarding allegations levelled by complainant about demand of bribe. The officer appeared before the investigation Officer and submitted his written statement, wherein, he denied the allegations levelled by the complainant and stated that the contents of application are entirely false, baseless and without any material or factual evidence and requested to dismiss the complaint.

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5. The report of the agency was sent to complainant vide this office letter dated 05.03.2024 for filing of his rejoinder, but he did not respond despite issuance of multiple reminders.

FINDINGS:

6. Since filing of online complaint by complainant, neither he has submitted affidavit on Form 'A' nor he has filed his rejoinder / comments on the report of agency, which shows he has no interest in the matter.

DECISION:

7. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 11 of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up-to-date), I do hereby dispose of this complaint on account of non-prosecution.

Given under my hand and seal of the office.

Sd/-

(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz: PAS
Ombudsman Sindh
Karachi, dated 23-12-, 2024

