



## **DECISION**

**Complaint No.** : POS/475/2022/HYD/64

**Name and address of the complainant** : Mr. Sheeraz Ali  
R/o Village Jiandol Kot, P.O Matiari Taluka & District Matiari.

**Name of the Agency Complained against** : i. Deputy Director, Local Government Matiari  
ii. Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Matiari.

**Name & Designation of Investigating Officer** : Abdul Wahab Memon, Consultant / Regional Director, Regional Office, Hyderabad.

**Vetted by** :

**Subject** : Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N

### **COMPLAINT AGAINST FILURE TO MAINTAIN SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT VILLAGE JIANDOL KOT DISTRICT MATIARI**

#### **Complaint**

Mr. Sheeraz Ali filed a complaint dated 13.01.2022 wherein he stated that the sewerage system of village Jaindal Kot, District Matiari is not working properly due to non-repair of sewerage drains since long. He approached the concerned authority to carry out necessary repairs but to no avail. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this Institution.

#### **Proceedings**

2. The complaint was admitted for investigation u/s 10 (3) of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) after receiving mandatory Affidavit on Form "A" and other relevant documents and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice dated 15.02.2022 to the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Matiari for report. The AEN (O&M) PHED Matiari informed vide letter dated 28.02.2022 that operation and maintenance wing of PHED Matiari Sub-Division was primarily responsible for desilting of sewerage drains. However, the operation and maintenance of sewerage system has been transferred to the respective local councils vide Government of Sindh Notification dated 04.11.2022.

4. This office issued notice dated 10.03.2022 to the Secretary, Union Council, Jaindol Kot, District Matiari for report who informed vide letter dated 22.03.2022 that the Union Council cannot operate and maintain the sewerage system of villages due to shortage of funds.



5. A meeting was conducted on 23.07.2024 wherein ACS, Local Government Department and Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department had informed that the Public Health Engineering Department will execute the schemes, then transfer to the respective local councils to 'run', 'operate' and 'maintain' the schemes from their own funds/resources but the same are not being maintained by the local councils

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6. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under section 11 of Establishment of the office of the Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date), I, hereby direct the Additional Chief Secretary, Local Government Department, Karachi to transfer the subject scheme to an appropriate local council which has the resources to operate the scheme. Otherwise, necessary funds shall be provided to concerned Union Council for proper operation of the subject scheme in the larger public interest.

Given under my hand and seal of the office

**- Sd \-**

(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)

*Sitara-e-Imtiaz, PAS*  
Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

