



DECISION

Complaint No.	:	POS/7373/RL-120(LKA)2022 POS/1804/RL-57(LKA)2023
Name and address of the complainant	:	(i) Mr. Saeed Ahmed Chandio, (Department of Radiology, Chandka Medical College & Hospital) Larkana.
Name of the Agency Complained against	:	(ii) Dr. Kailash Kumar, (Department of Radiology, Chandka Medical College & Hospital) Larkana.
Name & Designation of Investigating Officer	:	(iii) Dr. Bhagwan Das, (Department of Radiology, Chandka Medical College & Hospital) Larkana. Registrar, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU) Larkana.
Vetted by	:	Mr. Ali Akbar Jagirani, Director, Regional Office Larkana.
Subject	:	Mr. Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N <u>COMPLAINT AGAINST THE AGENCY ALLEGING DISCRIMINATION IN PAYMENT OF COVID-19, HEALTH RISK ALLOWANCE.</u>

COMPLAINT

The above complainants filed a joint complaint dated 25.11.2022 wherein they stated that they are entitled for payment of Health Risk Allowance of Covid-19 but denied due to discrimination by Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University Larkana. Aggrieved by that, they 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) after receiving of mandatory Affidavit on Form "A", Copy of CNIC and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice to the Registrar, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University Larkana for report vide letter dated 04.01.2023, who in response informed vide letter dated 27.02.2023 that the Government of Sindh, Finance Department had allowed the Health Risk Allowance vide Order dated 09.07.2020 which has been paid to the eligible employees performing duty related to Covid-19 patients. The complainants were not entitled for payment of Health Risk Allowance as they were not assigned duties relating to covid-19 patients. For this purpose, the Registrar referred the orders of Honourable Sindh High Court, Sukkur bench on a C.P No:D-1165 of 2021, filed by 36 doctors for payment of Covid-19 Health Risk Allowance and operating para of said Order is reproduced as under:

"However, if the competent authority so pleases to consider the prayer of the petitioner, an additional fund / grant may be placed at the disposal of either the Health Department or Medical universities to cater for the requirements. However, it shall be subject to due verification / certification by the Medical Superintendent and Registrar of Medical Universities jointly in order to confirm the entitlement of the health personnel."

4. A copy of agency's report was sent to the complainants for rejoinder vide letter dated 21.05.2024. In response, one of the complainants, Mr. Saeed Ahmed Chandio informed vide letter dated 24.06.2024 that the favourite staff members and even, the Computer Operators were paid Health Risk Allowance but he was deprived due to discrimination by the agency.

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FINDINGS

5. The investigation of the complaint established maladministration against the agency for discrimination in payment of Covid-19, Health Risk Allowance by adding the favourite staff who were not entitled for payment of Health Risk Allowance as per policy of Govt. of Sindh.

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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 Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date), I, hereby direct the Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department Karachi to conduct an enquiry into the disbursement of Covid-19 Health Risk Allowance by SMBBMU Larkana with regard to their entitlement as per rules / policy of Government of Sindh and take further action as per findings of enquiry report under intimation to this office.

7. This also disposes of other complaint No.POS/1804/RL-57(LKA)2023 filed by the same complainants on the same issue against same agency.

Given under my hand and seal of the office

Sd /-

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

Karachi, dated 12th March, 2025

