

DECISION

Complaint No.

POS/3815/ROK-34/(Khp)/2021

Name and address of the complainant

Mst. Najma, Legal Aid Society Office, House No. 4, Street No. 1, 1st Floor, Citizen Colony,

Near GarhiPul, Khairpur

Name of the Agency Complained against

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer

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AHMED BAKHSH GHUMRO,

Consultant / Incharge, Regional Office Khairpur

Vetted by

Mr. Muhammad MisbahTunio, Advisor-J

Subject

COMPLAINT REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF POTABLE WATER AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES FOR MEGHWAR COMMUNITY OF VILLAGE MUHAMMAD

ARAB SOLANGI, TALUKA KOTDIJI, KHAIRPUR.

COMPLAINT

Mst. Najma filed an online complaint on 27-07-2021 stating that seven (07) out of ten (10) houses of the Meghwar Community in Village Muhammad Arab Solangi, Taluka Kotdiji, were deprived of drainage and safe drinking water facilities due to discrimination based on their faith. She, therefore, sought the intervention of this institution.

PROCEEDINGS

- Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date), by condoning the delay in filing it and subject to the submission of the original signed complaint addressed to the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, an Affidavit on Form "A," and a copy of the CNIC.
- O3. The complainant was advised on 02-09-2021 to complete the required formalities. However, she did not respond to this request, despite reminders.
- **04.** Given the nature of the complaint, the same was converted into own motion petition and directions were issued to the Incharge of the Regional Office Khairpur to visit the site, asses the situation, and take further action.
- O5. Consequently, the Incharge of the Regional Office Khairpur visited the site on 23-12-2024. During the visit, it was found that the area was part of Ward No. 1, Town Committee Kumb. The Incharge contacted the Chairman of the Town Committee Kumb to initiate the construction of a sewer line in Meghwar/Marecha Mohalla of Village Arab Solangi. As a result, the Chairman of the Town Committee Kumb completed the construction of a 140 feet sewer line in the Mohalla.

06. It was also informed by the villagers and Town Committee authorities that the underground water in Village Arab Solangi was sweet, and the villagers used hand pumps for drinking water purpose. Therefore, there was no need of public water supply scheme in the area.

FINDINGS

07. The grievance raised in the complaint was addressed.

DECISION

08. In light of the above, the complaint is disposed of as redressed and consigned to the record.

"Given under my hand and seal of office"

Sd /-(Muhammad Sohail Rajput) Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS

Ombudsman, Sindh Karachi, dated 13#February, 2025