



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/172/2023/HYD/41

Name and address of the complainant : Mr, Abid Hussain s/o Muhammad Ishaq Ansari
R/o Bughia Mohalla Near P.O Bhit Shah,
District Matiari.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division
Matiari.

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

Vetted by : Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N

Subject : COMPLAINT AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH
ENGINEERING DIVISION MATIARI ALLEGING
NON-EXTENSION IN THE CONTRACT
APPOINTMENT AND NON-PAYMENT OF SALARY
FOR 03 MONTHS, OCTOBER-2021 TO DECEMBER-
2021 TO THE COMPLAINANT

Complaint

Mr. Abdid Hussain filed a complaint dated 21.12.2022 wherein he stated that he was engaged as Pump Operator at Water Supply Scheme Bhitshah on daily wages by the Public Health Engineering Sub-Division, Hala at fixed pay of Rs: 15000/ per month. His contract was renewed after every 89 days but later-on, he was terminated but salaries for 03 months, October-2021 to December-2021 have not been paid to him. He approached the authority but to no avail. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this Institution. Moreover, the details of two other identical complaints pertaining to PHED Matiari are as under:

S.No	Complaint No	Name of complainant	Agency	Gist of complaint
01	POS/4705/2023/ HYD/283	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem	PHED Matiari	Non-payment of salaries for performing duty as Pump Operator for Operation & Maintenance Water Supply Scheme Hala on fixed rate of Rs: 15000/- per month on contract basis.
02	POS/4706/2023/ HYD/282	Mr. Muhammad Arif	PHED Matiari	Non-payment of salaries for performing duty as Pump Operator for Operation & Maintenance Massan Road Water Supply Scheme Hala on fixed rate of Rs: 15000/- per month on contract basis.

Proceedings

2. The complaints were 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) subject to submission of mandatory Affidavit on Form "A" and other relevant documents and by condoning the delay.

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3. This office issued notice dated 27.01.2023 to the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Matiari for report, followed by hearing notices. The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division Matiari informed vide letter dated 19.08.2024 that the complainant was working on daily wages basis for Urban Drainage Scheme Hala and said scheme was subsequently transferred to concerned local council vide notification No.SO(C-IV) SGA&CD/4/12/18 Karachi dated 04.11.2022. Hence, his contract appointment after 31.12.2021 was not extended. The outstanding salaries, amounting to Rs.40,500/- have been paid to the complainant vide cheque dated 07.04.2022. The proceedings of similar two cases are as under:

S.No	Name of Complainant	Report called	Report of Agency
01	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem	Notice dated 25.10.2023 issued to XEN PHED Matiari	The XEN (O&M) PHED Matiari vide report dated 19.08.2024 informed the complainant was working on daily wages and his outstanding salaries were paid vide dated cheque No: 4735907 dated 19.01.2023. Afterwards, the Urban Water Supply & Drainage Schemes were transferred to Local Councils as per decision of Government of Sindh vide notification dated 04.11.2022
02	Mr. Muhammad Arif	Notice dated 25.10.2023 issued to XEN PHED Matiari.	The XEN (O&M) PHED Matiari vide letter dated 19.08.2024 informed that complainant was working on daily wages basis and his outstanding salaries were paid through cheque No: 4735906 dated 19.01.2023 amounting to Rs.75000/- Afterwards, the Urban Water Supply & Drainage Schemes were transferred to Local Councils as per decision of Govt. of Sindh vide notification dated 04.11.2022.

Findings

4. The investigation of the complaints did not establish maladministration against the agency. They have been paid their salaries as per contract of appointment on the basis of daily wages.

Decision

5. 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), the complaints have been disposed of as redressed to the extent of their payment of outstanding salaries pertaining to their respective contract periods.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



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

Karachi, dated 3rd January, 2025