



DECISION

Complaint No.	:	POS/Ch-382/ROJ-09(JBD)/2020
Name and address of the complainant	:	Mr. Muhammad Ali s/o Faiz Mohammad Siyanch, r/o Village Khair Wah, PO Bhale Dinoabad, Khairwah, Taluka and District Jacobabad.
Name of the Agency Complained against	:	School Education Department
Name & Designation of Investigating Officer	:	Mr. Zahid Hussain Buriro Regional Director, Regional Office, Jacoababad
Vetted by	:	Mir Hussain Ali Advisor-M
Subject	:	<u>COMPLAINT ABOUT TEACHERS NOT BEING POSTED AND LACK OF FACILITIES AT GOVERNMENT BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL KHAIRWAH, JACOBABAD.</u>

COMPLAINT:

Mr. Muhammad Ali filed his complaint dated 26.2.2020 against the District Education Officer (Primary) and Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Jacobabad, that teachers are not being posted at Government Boys Primary School Village Khairwah Brohi at District Jacobabad, and that repair of school building is not being taken up, despite repeated requests of complainant and other residents. Hence, he requested this Institution to intervene in the matter.

PROCEEDINGS:

2. The complaint admitted u/s 10 of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991, was referred to the concerned agencies for report. In response, the District Education Officer (Primary), Jacobabad vide his office letter dated 20.7.2020 informed that the school is functioning in a building having two classrooms, with an enrolment of 82 students, and as such two teachers are required there as per policy. He further reported that a teacher Mr. Gahno Khan has been posted alongwith a Chowkidar Mr. Gulzar Ali and a Naib Qasid Mr. Muneez Ahmed, as requested by the complainant. Subsequently, on 7.10.2020 the Executive Engineer, Education Primary School, Khairwah, reported that GBPS Khairwah was functioning in an old building which has been damaged due to heavy rains during the period 2010 to 2012. Accordingly the school has been temporarily closed and repair would be carried out, when funds are provided by the concerned quarters.

3. These reports from the Agencies were provided to the complainant on his address for rejoinder. On 22.12.2020 the complainant appeared before the Investigating Officer and submitted an application stating that due to intervention of the Institution of Ombudsman Sindh his grievance has been redressed by both the agencies. He further stated that after posting of teacher and other staff the school is now functioning. As regards repair of old school building, the Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Jacobabad has assured him that the repair will be carried out soon, when the funds are received.

4. The Regional Director was advised to visit the site and to furnish a report. Accordingly, the Regional Director visited Government Boys Primary School, village Khairwah Brohi, U.C. Bhalidino Abad, Taluka and District Jacobabad on 18.4.2022, in presence of Mr. Khan Mohammad Jamali, Assistant Engineer, School Education Works Jacobabad and Mr. Nasir Ali Bhutto, Assistant Education Officer (Primary), Jacobabad. During this visit it was observed

that only one classroom out of three was in a slightly better condition having few benches also, whereas other two rooms were in bad condition and without any furniture. Further the compound wall, gate, and bathrooms were also in a bad state; and there was no facility of electricity or fans. The Assistant Engineer, School Education Works Jacobabad was directed to prepare rough cost estimate for repair and rehabilitation of the said school. The Assistant Engineer (Primary) Jacobabad was also directed to submit report about availability of staff and a feasibility report.

5. That on 27.8.2022 both these officers submitted their report according to which this Primary School needs major repair urgently, as 152 students are enrolled in this school, which has no facilities. Further only one teacher is posted for these students. The Regional Director was asked to verify whether any progress has been made or not as three years have passed, and if not then action be taken to rectify the situation.

6. Accordingly, the District Education Officer (Primary), Jacobabad and Executive Engineer, Education Works division, Jacobabad were asked to report whether the condition of the school has improved or not. In response, the Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Jacobabad, reported that the Government Boys Primary School, Khairwah has now been upgraded to Government Boys Lower Secondary School, Khairwah and civil work shall start shortly as tendering process has been initiated by the Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh. He enclosed a copy of the NIT of the same as evidence. The District Education Officer (Primary), Jacobabad also reported that as per the current School Teacher Ratio (STR 1:40), one teacher has already been recommended in the current STR proposal and meanwhile an additional teacher will be posted at the Government Boys Primary School, Khairwah after approval of STR proposal.

FINDINGS:

7. In view of the above, proceedings it is quite evident that concerned agencies i.e. District Education Officer (Primary), Jacobabad as well as Executive Engineer, Education Works Division Jacobabad have committed maladministration by not attending to the repair of school buildings; posting of teachers; and providing furniture; etc. since four years. However, now they have stated that repair work and posting of teachers is being taken up.

DECISION:

8. I therefore, in exercise of power vested in me under Section 11 of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act 1991, hereby direct the Secretary, Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi to ensure completion of repair work; supply of furniture; and posting of teachers; at Government Boys Lower Secondary School, Khairwah (Br.) Jacobabad within a month. He is further directed to initiate disciplinary action against the District Education (Primary), Jacobabad as well as Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Jacobabad, who have failed to attend to the issues being faced by this school for last four years

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE

Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz, PAS
OMBUDSMAN SINDH
Karachi, dated 22nd January, 2025

