



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/8785/2023/RM-224

Name and address of the complainant : Haji Muhammad Arshad R/o. H.No.112/113, Eidgah Road, Gohar Colony, Mirpurkhas.

Name of the Agency Complained against : District Education Officer (Primary), Mirpurkhas.

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Junejo, T.I, Regional Director, Mirpurkhas.

Vetted by :

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (PRIMARY) MIRPURKHAS ALLEGING FAILURE TO PAY THE RENT OF PLOT TO THE MASJID COMMITTEE SINCE 2016.**

COMPLAINT:

Haji Muhammad Arshad, a member of Masjid Committee of village Mahar Muhammad Boota, Taluka Kot Ghulam Muhammad filed a complaint dated 26-10-2023 wherein he stated that GBPS at village Muhammad Boota is constructed on a plot of masjid. The agency used to pay the rent of plot for masjid @ Rs.866/- per month and paid upto 2016. The outstanding dues of rent since July-2016 have not been paid to the Masjid Committee. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this institution.

PROCEEDINGS:

2. The complaint was admitted under section 10 of Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act 1991 (amended up to date) after receiving mandatory affidavit on Form-A, copy of CNIC and by condoning the delay.
3. This office issued notice dated 23-11-2023 to the Director, Schools Education (Primary), Mirpurkhas Division for report. In response, the Taluka Education Officer, Primary (Male), Taluka Kot Ghulam Muhammad informed vide letter dated 21-02-2024 that no funds have been released by Government of Sindh for payment of rent since July-2016.
4. This office issued a letter dated 11.07.2024 to the Secretary, School Education Department for report. The Section Officer (B&F), School Education & Literacy Department Karachi vide letter dated 09-09-2024 required following documents in order to process the case.
 - (a) Rent agreement/evidence from the owner regarding rent claim.
 - (b) Period of outstanding dues of rent of school building.
 - (c) Undertaking of owner as he did not claim for any payment in terms of rented building (Non-payment certificate) on Affidavit duly counter-signed by the Director, Schools Education, Mirpurkhas Division.
 - (d) Reason/justification of non-payment of rent.

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5. This office issued a letter dated 30.09.2024 to the District Education Officer (Primary) Mirpurkhas for report, who in response informed vide letter dated 17.12.2024 that the matter has been enquired and the villagers have submitted an Affidavit dated 11.10.2024 that they never demanded any rent of plot from the agency. The complainant, Haji Arshad is not residing at their village.

6. A copy of Agency's report was sent to the complainant for rejoinder vide letter dated 18-12-2024, who in response could not provide any documentary evidence in the rebuttal of the Affidavit submitted by the villagers.

FINDINGS:

7. The investigation of the complaint did not establish maladministration against the agency, nor the complainant is an aggrieved person.

DECISION:

8. 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), the complaint is disposed of as rejected.

Given under my hand and seal of the office

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

Karachi, dated; 29th January, 2025

