



## DECISION

**Complaint No.** : POS/270/2023/NWS-14.

**Name and address of the complainant** : Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Lakho s/o Hazoor Bux,  
Village Lakhabad, P.O. Nawab Shah, Jamal Keerio, Taluka Sakrand, District Shaheed Benazirabad.

**Name of the Agency Complained against** : Revenue Department.

**Name & Designation of Investigating Officer** : Khan Muhammad Zardari,  
Regional Director, Shaheed Benazirabad.

**Vetted by** : Syed Ali Mumtaz Zaidi, (PAS).  
Advisor-F.

**Subject** : ALLEGED DELAY IN PAYMENT OF DUE COMPENSATION AGAINST ACQUISITION OF LAND.

### THE COMPLAINT:

Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob filed a complaint dated 09.01.2023 wherein he stated that his land 0-20 Ghuntas had been acquired by the Public Health Engineering Department for the construction of sewerage disposal ponds. In this regard, an amount of Rs.600,000/- had been approved as compensation for the acquired land but the Assistant Commissioner, Sakrand, issued a cheque for only Rs.450,000/- leaving a balance of Rs.150,000/-. He frequently visited the concerned Agency for redressal of his grievance but to no avail. Aggrieved by that, he 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 required Affidavit on Form "A", copy of CNIC, other relevant record and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice to the Assistant Commissioner, Sakrand dated 26.01.2023. In response, he informed vide letter dated 15.02.2023 that out of the total payment of Rs.600,000/- as compensation received from the acquiring Agency, an amount of Rs.360,000/- had already been paid to the complainant. A cheque for Rs.90,000/- was recently issued to the complainant but is pending clearance at Sindh Bank, Sakrand. The remaining amount is available in his account but is pending due to the completion of foti khata badal. After completion of requirements, outstanding amount will be paid to the complainant.

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4. A copy of Agency's report was sent to the complainant vide letter dated 01.03.2023, who in response disagreed with Agency's report vide his rejoinder dated 29.03.2023.

5. The matter was again taken up with the Assistant Commissioner Sakrand vide letter dated 06.04.2023 for further report. In response, he informed vide letter dated 16.02.2024 that his office had requested the Manager, Sindh Bank, to reopen the account of the Assistant Commissioner / Land Acquisition Officer, Sakrand, to resolve the complainant's issue.

6. The Branch Manager, of Sindh Bank, Sakrand alongwith his letter dated 22.07.2024 forwarded a letter No.FD/SO(RES-VI)5(204)2020-21 dated 22.11.2022 of the Section Officer, Finance Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi addressed to the President of Sindh Bank Limited, Karachi, wherein he was instructed to freeze accounts of the all Sindh Bank branches related to land acquisition.

7. A copy of Agency's reports was sent to the complainant for filing rejoinder vide letter dated 24.07.2024. In response, he appeared before the Investigating Officer, Shaheed Benazirabad on 14.10.2024 and filed written statement wherein he confirmed the contents of the Agency's report and requested that the Agency be directed to release his outstanding amount when bank's account is reactivated.

**DECISION:**

8. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 11 of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (Amended up-to-date), I do hereby direct the **Assistant Commissioner / Land Acquisition Officer, Sakrand** to ensure the immediate disbursement of the outstanding monetary compensation to the complainant for his acquired land as soon as the frozen bank account related to land acquisition is reactivated.

9. The directives must be implemented without delay to uphold the complainant's rightful entitlement without delay.

*Given under my hand and seal of office*



**Sd /-**  
**(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)**  
**Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS**  
Ombudsman Sindh  
Karachi, dated 3rd January, 2025