

DECISION

This Institution received following complaints against the Local Government Department for redressal of their grievances regarding inordinate delay in the payment of salaries since 2015 onwards.

S. No	Complaint No.	Name of Address of the complainant	Date of Complaint filed	Name of Agency complaint against
1.	POS/RBH/198/2025	Mr. Bashir Ahmed S/o Muhammad Panhwar, R/o TC, Tando Ghulam Hyder, District Tando Muhammad Khan	15.05.2025	Town Committee, Tando Ghulam Hyder
2	POS/RBH/267/2025	-do-	29.07.2025	-do-
3.	POS/RBH/1/2025	Haji Khan S/p Muhammad Urs, R/o Ward # 4, T.C. Tando Ghulam Hyder, Distt. TMK	15.05.2025	-do-
4.	POS/RBH/02/2025	Mr. Muhammad Tahir Nizamani, Distt. TMK	15.05.2025	-do-
5.	POS/RBH/245/2025	Mr. Taufiq S/o Muhammad Rafique R/o Dando Shaher, Taluka Tando Ghulam Hyder, Distt. TMK	24.06.2025	-do-
6.	POS/RBH/246/2025	Mr. Aqeel Ahmed S/o Basheer Ahmed R/o Dando Shaher, Taluka Tando Ghulam Hyder, Distt. TMK	24.06.2025	-do-
7.	POS/RBH/247/2025	Mr. Abdul Latif S/o Khamiso Khan Memon, R/o Dando Shaher, Taluka Tando Ghulam Hyder, Distt. TMK	24.06.2025	-do-
8.	POS/RBH/248/2025	Mr. Ibrahim S/o Muhammad Urs, R/o Dando Shaher, Taluka Tando Ghulam Hyder, Distt. TMK	24.06.2025	-do-

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The complaints were admitted U/S 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) after condoning the delay and receiving the mandatory Affidavits on Form 'A' alongwith other relevant documents. However, prior to that these complaints were thoroughly examined to determine that whether they were purely service matters or not, as in such cases the jurisdiction of this office is barred u/s 9(2) of the Act 1991. It was found that the grievances of the complainants pertain to inordinate delay and other lapses on the part of the Agency in respect of their appointments and payment of their salaries. Thus it was prima facie, a case of maladministration falling under the purview of this office.

3. Thereafter, the matter was taken up with the Town Officer, TC, Tando Ghulam Hyder vide letter dated 22.05.2025. In response the Town Officer reported vide letter dated 25.06.2025 that in this connection a scrutiny committee was constituted by the then Deputy Commissioner, TMK in the year 2015. The committee had declared the appointment of all the employees made on 04.11.2009 as fake/bogus. Moreover, the said matter was also subjudice in the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh, Circuit Bench, Hyderabad.

4. The report of the Agency was forwarded to the complainants for submission of rejoinders. In response, only four complainants namely Abdul Latif Memon, Muhammad Ibrahim Khatti, Toufique and Aqeel Khan submitted rejoinders. They disagreed with the Agency's report and further clarified that they were not the parties to the High Court matter, contrary to the statement made by the Town Officer, Tando Ghulam Hyder.

5. The Town Officer, TC, Tando Ghulam Hyder in his reply vide letter dated 02.09.2025 repeated the contents of his previous report with further confirmation that the matter was sub judice before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh as per constitutional petitions vide C.P.No. D-808 of 2014, C.P.No.D-2512 of 2013, C.P. No. D-1575 of 2019 and C.P. No. D-106 of 2023.

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FINDINGS

6. During the proceedings, acts of maladministration as allegedly committed by the Agency were highlighted by the complainants in their rejoinders on the following grounds :

- The due process of the law was not observed while terminating their services.
- Daily-wage appointments were made by the Town Committee, Tando Ghulam Hyder, in place of the incumbent employees, without following the prescribed procedure of advertisement and other legal formalities.
- The services of the complainants were declared “fake and bogus” without affording them an opportunity of personal hearing.
- No disciplinary proceedings were initiated against those officers who were responsible for making the alleged fake and bogus appointments.

7. However, the subject matter being sub-judice before the Hon’ble High Court of Sindh further proceedings are not possible by this Institution U/S 9(1) of the Act 1991.

DECISION

8. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me U/S 11 of the Establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman for Province of Sindh Act 1991 (amended upto date), the complaints are disposed of accordingly for want of jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and seal of office



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

Karachi, dated 8th October, 2025