



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/RO-NF-31/19/ NFZ-27

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Nazar Hussain Soomro, S/o Koro Khan Soomro, R/o Ward No.11, Soomra Mohallah, Mehrabpur, Distt, N' Feroze

Name of the Agency Complained against : Local Government / T.M.A. Mehrabpur

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Ahmed Bakhsh Ghumro, Consultant/Incharge, Regional Office, Naushahro Feroze

Vetted by : Fasihuddin Khan, Advisor 'Z'

Subject : **COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CHAIRMAN, TOWN COMMITTEE, MEHRABPUR FOR HIS REFUSAL TO PAY 10% INCREASE IN PENSION & GRATUITY TO THE RETIREES OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE**

THE COMPLAINT

Mr. Nazar Hussain Soomro complained on 19.06.2019 that Mr. Farooq Ahmed Lodhi, Chairman, Town Committee, Mehrabpur had refused to pay 10% increase in gratuity and pension to the employees of Town Committee. He further alleged that no development work was being carried out and the Government funds were usurped by the said Chairman. He has, therefore, solicited intervention of this Institution.

PROCEEDINGS

2. The complaint was admitted u/s 10 of the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) by condoning the delay and subject to submission of mandatory Affidavit on Form 'A'. After completion of codal formalities, the matter was taken up with the Chairman and Town Officer, Town Committee, Mehrabpur. The Town Officer responded vide his letter dated 16.11.2020 stating that the employees of the Town Committee, Mehrabpur had filed C.Ps Nos.D-1483, 1484 and 1485 of 2019 before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Bench at Sukkur which directed the Secretaries Finance and Local Government Departments to ensure release of funds for increased salaries and pensions to the Town Committees throughout the Province of Sindh. The learned Counsel for the Town Committee, Mehrabpur undertook

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before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh that Town Committee will pay increased salaries to the petitioners within 15 days after receipt of funds from the Government. The Town Officer further reported that funds on this account were not yet received.

3. The report of the T.O. Mehrabpur was sent to the complainant on 19.12.2020 followed by reminders. The Investigation Officer also contacted the complainant on given cell number which was attended by his daughter. She informed that her father has expired on 27.07.2019 and that she did not want to pursue the case. She requested to close the matter.

FINDINGS

4. i) *The complainant has expired on 27th July, 2019. His daughter did not want to pursue the case and requested for closing it.*
- ii) *Hon'ble High Court of Sindh Bench at Sukkur has already taken cognizance and issued directions in the matter.*

DECISION

5. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 11 of the Act 1991, the complaint is disposed of as closed and consigned to record.

Given under my hand and seal of Office.



Sd/-

(MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT)

Sitara-e-Imtiaz - PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh

Karachi, dated

23rd December, 2024