



## **DECISION**

Complaint No. : POS/5334/2023/65/KHS

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Munesh Kumar, H. No. F-57, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Right Side, Near Tanky Ground, PNT Colony, Gizri, Karachi.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Syed Maqsood Haider, Director, Regional Office South Karachi.

Vetted by : Rehana G. Ali Memon, Advisor-H

Subject : **ALLEGED INACTION ON THE COMPLAINTS REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF BRICKS KILN IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENT GIRLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VERHAR VILLAGE, DISTRICT MIRPURKHAS POSING SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES.**

### **THE COMPLAINT:**

Mr. Munesh Kumar filed an online complaint on 14-07-2023 alleging that Mr. Karo Hamirani is operating a brick kiln directly in front of the Government Girls Elementary School, Verhar Village, District Mirpurkhas in contravention of environmental laws. He stated that although Mr. Karo Hamirani had earlier given a written undertaking to discontinue this activity but still the kiln remains functional. The complainant emphasized that emissions from the Kiln pose serious health risks to students as well as to the villagers. He, therefore, solicited intervention of the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh in this matter.

### **PROCEEDINGS:**

2. The complaint was admitted under Section 9(1) of Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up-to date), by condoning the delay and subject to fulfillment of submission of the original signed complaint addressed to the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, a copy of CNIC, and an affidavit on Form 'A'. However, despite issuance of repeated letters dated 18-08-2023, 20-09-2023, 16-10-2023, 16-11-2023, 23-01-2024, and 29-05-2024, the complainant failed to furnished the requisite documents.

3. The matter was referred to the agency for comments. The Regional Incharge, SEPA, Regional Office Mirpurkhas through his report dated 11-06-2024 informed that earlier owner was given one month's time to shift the klin and SEPA team has been deputed again to reassess the present status, and any violation, if found, shall be dealt with under the Sindh Environmental Protection Act – 2014.

4. The Deputy Director (Tech)/Regional Incharge, SEPA Regional Office Mirpurkhas, in his subsequent report dated 12-08-2024, stated that a field team visited the site and confirmed that the kiln unit was non-operational, reportedly closed about 10-15 days before inspection. The owner also assured that the unit had been permanently shut down and would not be resumed.

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5. A copy of SEPA's report was forwarded to the complainant for rejoinder vide this office letter dated 10-01-2025, followed by reminders dated 25-03-2025 and 25-04-2025, but no reply was received. Upon telephonic contact, the complainant confirmed that his grievance had been redressed and requested to close the case and subsequently provided written confirmation through WhatsApp

**FINDINGS:**

6. In view of the complainant's confirmation, both telephonically and through WhatsApp, that his grievance has been redressed, no further proceedings are required in the matter.

**DECISION:**

7. 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 upto date), I hereby direct the Deputy Director (Tech / Regional Incharge), Sindh Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Office, Mirpurkhas to watch over the kiln site and in case of violation, action be initiated as per Sindh Environmental Protection Authority Act, 2014.

8. The complaint is disposed of accordingly.

*Given under my hand and seal of office*

*Sd/-*

Muhammad Sohail Rajput  
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS  
Ombudsman Sindh

Karachi, dated 04 September, 2025

