



DECISION

Complaint No. : POS/CH/5304/2021/HYD/204

Name and address of the complainant : Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Behrani & others
R/o Behrani Mohalla, Tando Muhammad Khan.

Name of the Agency Complained against : Executive Engineer, Education Works Division,
Tando Muhammad Khan.

Name & Designation of Investigating Officer : Abdul Wahab Memon, Consultant / Regional Director,
Regional Office, Hyderabad.

Vetted by : Muhammad Naseer Jamali, Advisor-N

Subject : COMPLAINT AGAINST EDUCATION WORKS
DIVISION ALLEGING INORDINATE DELAY IN
REHABILITATION OF GOVERNMENT BOYS
PRIMARY SCHOOL, BEHRANI MOHALLA, TANDO
MUHAMMAD KHAN

Complaint

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza filed a complaint dated 29.09.2021 wherein he alleged inordinate delay in rehabilitation of school building of GBPS Behrani mohalla, Semis code No: 425010004. He stated that building of school was demolished and children shifted to nearby community/village school, resultantly there is a drop of 75% in enrolment. Aggrieved by that, he solicited intervention of this Institution.

Proceedings

2. The complaint was admitted for investigation u/s 10 (3) of the Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date) subject to submission of mandatory Affidavit on Form "A" and other relevant documents and by condoning the delay.

3. This office issued notice dated 05.11.2021 to the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Tando Muhammad Khan for report. The case was heard on 29.11.2021, attended by Assistant Engineer, Education Works Sub-Division, Tando Muhammad Khan who assured that he will visit the site and submit report. After that, he vide report dated 02.12.2021 informed that a scheme of **"Rehabilitation/Expansion/Improvement of High Priority 4560 schools (Primary/Elementary Schools) District Tando Muhammad Khan** including GBPS Behrani Muhalla, Taluka Tando Muhammad Khan" was approved in ADP 2017-18. The work was stopped by the contractor due to increase in material cost compared to schedule rates of Government. He enclosed the copies of tenders, work order, estimate and measurement book. Subsequently, the agency informed vide letter dated 18.04.2022 that work of rehabilitation of school in question has been started in full swing and will be completed soon.

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4. Subsequently, the Executive Engineer, Education Works Division, Tando Muhammad Khan vide letter dated 14.11.2022 informed that 90% work of GBPS Behrani has been completed however, the remaining work will start after de-freezing of allocated funds. The XEN appeared before Investigating Officer Hyderabad on 02.03.2023 and informed that rehabilitation work of school building has been completed and its possession has been handed over to concerned TEO/Head Master. He enclosed the handing over Certificate as evidence.

5. To ascertain the actual position, the school was visited by the Regional Director, Hyderabad on 31.05.2024 and it was found that the rehabilitation work of the school was completed in all aspects and the school was functional. The Head Master informed that 95 students are enrolled and 5 teachers are posted in the school. The Investigating Officer Hyderabad enclosed the photographs of school building and classes with teacher and students.

Findings

6. The complaint of inordinate delay in rehabilitation of school building was genuine and redressed on the intervention of this Institution.

Decision

7. In view of the above and in exercise of powers vested in me under section 11 of Establishment of the office of the Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended upto date), the complaint is disposed of as redressed.

Given under my hand and seal of the office



Sd /-

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

Karachi, dated 26th December, 2024