



DECISION

Complaint No. :

POS/294/2024/J-02

Name and address
of the complainant :

Mr. Ajaz Ahmed Sohag (Maj. Rtd.),
R/o. 271-C, Askari-10, Lahore.

Name of the Agency
complained against :

College Education Department.

Name & Designation of
Investigating Officer :

Dr. Syed Sharaf Ali Shah, Advisor-J

Subject :-

**ALLEGED DELAY IN PAYMENT OF REMAINING
AMOUNT TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FROM
ENDOWMENT FUND TO DAUGHTER OF THE
COMPLAINANT.**

THE COMPLAINT

Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Sohag filed this complaint on 09.01.2024 against the College Education Department, regarding the non-release of Sindh Educational Endowment Fund (SEEF) scholarship funds for his daughter (Dr. Maryam Sohag), who completed her MBBS (2012–2018) from *Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Medical & Dental College, Lahore*. Although she was awarded a full scholarship, only Rs.5,11,000 has been paid out of the total Rs.19,92,500, leaving Rs. 14,81,500 still pending. Despite several follow-ups with SEEF officials, no action has been taken. This delay has caused the college to withhold her degree certificate until all dues are cleared. He has therefore requested intervention in the matter.

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). Subject to submission of mandatory Affidavit on Form "A", copy of CNIC and by condoning the delay.

3. The matter was taken up with the agency concerned vide letter dated 15th February 2024. In response, the Section Officer (Endowment), College Education Department, through his letter dated 22nd February 2024, reported that Dr. Maryam Sohag, a student of MBBS from 2012 to 2018 at *Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Medical & Dental College, Lahore*, was awarded a scholarship under the Sindh Educational Endowment Fund (SEEF). Subsequently, it was determined that the said institution is not included in the SEEF Trust Panel. As per SEEF policy, scholarships are granted only to students enrolled in educational institutions listed on the SEEF panel, who are poor and meritorious with at least a 2.5 GPA (60%), and who are currently studying, not to those who have already graduated. Since Dr. Maryam Sohag has completed her degree and her institution does not fall under the category of approved panel, her case does not qualify for further payment according to the policy of SEEF scholarship, thus the application does not merit consideration and may be treated as dismissed.

COMPLAINANT'S REJOINDER

4. A copy of the agency's report was sent to the complainant for submission of his rejoinder. On 11.03.2024, the complainant filed his rejoinder, wherein he denied the contents of the agency's report and reiterated his previous stance, maintaining that his daughter was rightfully entitled to the remaining scholarship amount. He further requested that the matter be reconsidered in light of the original approval granted by the Sindh Educational Endowment Fund.

5. Further comments were also sought from the agency on the rejoinder submitted by the complainant. In response, the Section Officer (Endowment) reported that Dr. Maryam Sohag completed her MBBS (2012-18) from Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayad Al Nahyan Medical & Dental College, Lahore, which is not included in the SEEF panel. As per SEEF policy the complainant does not fulfill the prescribed criteria for getting scholarship.

FINDINGS

6. I have examined the case and noted that:

- a) The complainant's daughter, Dr. Maryam Sohag, completed her MBBS (2012-2018) from Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Medical & Dental College, Lahore, which is not included in the SEEF Trust panel.
- b) As per Sindh Educational Endowment Fund (SEEF) policy, scholarships are awarded only to students enrolled in listed institutions who are poor, needy, and meritorious, and who are currently studying and not to students who have already completed their education.
- c) Since the complainant's case does not fulfill the prescribed eligibility criteria, the claim for remaining scholarship amount is not maintainable under SEEF policy.
- d) Therefore, the complaint is devoid of merit and liable to be filed in the best interest of justice.

DECISION

7. In view of the above, the case merit no further consideration and is therefore rejected and consigned to record accordingly.

"Given under my hand and seal of office"



Sd /-
(Muhammad Sohail Rajput)
Sitara-e-Imtiaz. PAS
Ombudsman, Sindh
Karachi, dated 22nd October, 2025