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### Appeal No. 2023/2022

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Through

Assistant Director (Litigation)
LG&RDD

# BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Khyber Pakhtukhwa Service Tribunal

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Mary No.6106

Mr. Dilawar Khan....

Appellant.

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### JOINT PARA WISE REPLY ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENTS NO. 1 TO 4.

# Respectfully Sheweth! <u>Preliminary Objections:</u>

- i. The Appellant has no locus standi and cause of action.
- ii. The Appellant has not come to the Service Tribunal with clean hands.
- iii. The Appellant has submitted incorrect & irrelevant documents and concealed the facts & truth from the Honorable Service Tribunal.
- iv. The Appeal is not maintainable.

### ON FACTS

- 1. Pertains to record.
- 2. Pertains to record.
- 3. Incorrect, the show cause notice was served upon the appellant after proper inquiry conducted by the Provincial Inspection Team, wherein action against him was recommended for his omissions / commissions. copies of show case notice, reply personal hearing and Provincial Inspection Team Inquiry report are attached as Annexure-A, B, C & D.
- 4. Pertains to record.

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5. Incorrect, the appellant being one of the most important functionary of the executing agency is facing allegations of misconduct, inefficiency, slackness and indifferent/casual approach towards his duties, which resulted not only in loss to public exchequer, but also deprived general public of the benefits of scheme in question.

As explicitly and rightly mentioned in the detailed Inquiry Report of Provincial Inspection Team, it was the job of technical branch of the executing agency to have identified the sites timely, obtained technical sanctions, carried out/ completed work according to approved specification and kept files/record of the schemes in safe custody.

In the instant case, the appellant badly failed to perform his legitimate functions, hence faced the consequences rightly and justly without discrimination.

- 6. Correct as explained above.
- 7. Pertains to record.
- 8. No comments.

#### **ON GROUNDS:**

- A. Incorrect, denied in light of above.
- B. As replied in Para 5 of facts.
- C. As replied in preceding paras.
- D. Incorrect, a high-level committee of Provincial Inspection Team conducted the inquiry and upon its recommendation, penalty was awarded after fulfilling codal formalities.
- E. Incorrect, the appellant was given full opportunity of defense before award of penalty as sufficient material was available, which could not be legally denied by the appellant.
- F. Incorrect as explained above, there were other various functions, which the appellant failed to perform.
- G. Denied, detailed reply has been given above.
- H. No comments.

It is, therefore, humbly prayed that the instant Service Appeal being devoid of merit may be dismissed with cost please.

Director General V.G&J Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Respondent No. 4

Secretary Finance Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Respondent No. 3

Secretary LG,E&RDD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Respondent No. 2

Chief Secretary
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Respondent No. 1

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### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Azaz-ul-Hassan Assistant Director BPS-17 (Litigation) in Directorate General Local Government & Rural Development, Peshawar solemnly affirm and declare on oath that Joint Para wise reply in Appeal. No. 2023/2022, Mr Dilawar Khan VS Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa etc are true and correct to the best of my knowledge & belief and nothing has been intentionally concealed from this Honorable Tribunal. It is further stated on oath that in this appeal the answering respondents have neither been placed ex-parte nor their defense has been struck off.

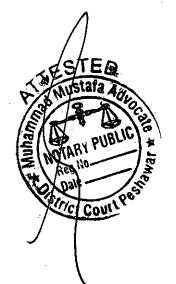
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I, Dr. Shahzad Khan Bangash, Unier Secretary, Knyber Fakurushima, peshawar in exercise of the powers under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules, 2011, do hereby serve upon you, Mr. Dilawar Khan, the then Assistant Director (BS-17), Local Govt. & Rural Dev. Hangu, as follows:

- (i) That consequent upon the completion of enquiry conducted against you by the Enquiry Officer Mr. Smai Ullah, Additional Deputy Commissioner (F&P) Kohat on the basis of fact finding inquiry of Deputy Commissioner, Hangu and Provincial Inspection Team on account of charges of not properly processing files for payment, misuse of government cheques, submitting of works and misplacement of works files in the Developmental Schemes namely "WSS Ganderi Dallan" and WSS Karbogha Sharif" under 10% Oil and Gas Royalty Fund 2014-15, for which you were given opportunity of hearing and
- On going through the findings and recommendations of the Enquiry Officer, the material on record and other connected papers including your defense before the said Enquiry Officer;

I am satisfied that you have committed the following acts/omissions specified in Rule-3 of the said Rules:

- a. Mis-conduct
- b. In-efficiency.
- 2. As a result thereof, I, as competent authority, have tentatively decided to impose upon you the penalty of Reduction to a lower under Rule-4 of the said rules.
- 3. You are, thereof, required to show cause as to why the aforesaid penalty should not be imposed upon you and also intimate whether you desire to be heard in person.
- 4. If no reply to this notice is received within seven days of its delivery in the normal course of circumstances, it shall be presumed that you have no defense to put in and in that case exparte action shall be taken against you.

5. A copy of findings of the Enquiry Officer is engle

(Dr. Shahzad Khan Bangash) Chief Secretary

Mr. Dilawar Khan
the then Assistant Director(BS-17),
Local Govt. & Rural Dev: Hangu now
Assistant Director, LG&RD D.I.Khan.

Attested

The Chief Secretary Khyber PakhtunKhwa, Civil Secretariat Peshawar.

Subject:

REPLY TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Respected Sir.

It is submitted that I have received show cause notice under Local Government Elections & Rural Development Letter No. SO(E)/LE/3-5/Gandri Dallan Hangu/2021 dated 16.02.2022 (Annex-I). wherein a penalty of "Reduction to a lower stage for one year has tentatively been imposed upon me on account of the following.

"not properly processing files for payment, misuses of government cheques (Annex-II) submitting of works and misplacement of works files in the developmental achomes namely "WSS Gandri Dallan" and WSS Karbogha Sharif" under 10% Oil and Gas Royalty Fund 2014-15" (Annex-III).

#### Further Stated that:-

- 1. The appellant has neither handed over the developmental files of WSS Gandari Dallan to the representative of the contractor nor process the subject files for approval of Deputy Commissioner for payment. While, the case of producing lorged signature and fraudulent payment was reported to DPO and DC Hangu (Annex-IV) for necessary action under the law and the cheque was timely dishonored to save the Government Ex Chequer from financial loss.
- 2. The representative of contractor has submitted written statement on Government stamp paper before DC Hangu recording therein that the file in question was handed over to him by the Assistant Engineer, LG & RDD Hangu while recording statement before ADC Kohat (Inquiry Officer) states that the file was in the custody of Mr. Karim Saif, SE and was handed over to the undersigned (appellant) for processing the case/file for approval/payment to Deputy Commissioner, Hangu. Both the statements by the same individual/rep; of contractor are contradictory and clearly show malafide intentions of individual against officers/officials of LG & RDD, Hangu.
- 3. The undersigned had deputed the team, on the directions of district administration after receiving report of forged signature from this office, to physically verify the work to submit the actual position/ physical progress of work done/ ground reality of scheme before the district administration Hangu for necessary under the rules/law. (Annex-V)
- 4. As far as maintenance of record is concerned, the same are maintained in different branches of this office by subordinate staff under the supervision of branch incharge. If any dispute raises in a branch, is to be reported to Assistant Director for action under the rules. Job description of Assistant Director is attached (Annex-IV) for perusal wherein maintenance of record/files on part of Assistant Director is silent.

In view of above facts, the undersigned is not responsible for happening/occurring but has attempted to save the Government Money/ Ex chequer from financial loss/ disclosed the fraud case before the high ups. It is therefore prayed that I may please be exonerated/ absolved from charges leveled in charge sheet & Show Cause Notice.

It is also requested that an opportunity of personal hearing may kindly be granted to explain my position in person, please.

Yours Faithfully

ín Burki Assistant Director, LO & RDD (BS-17)

Dera Ismail Khan

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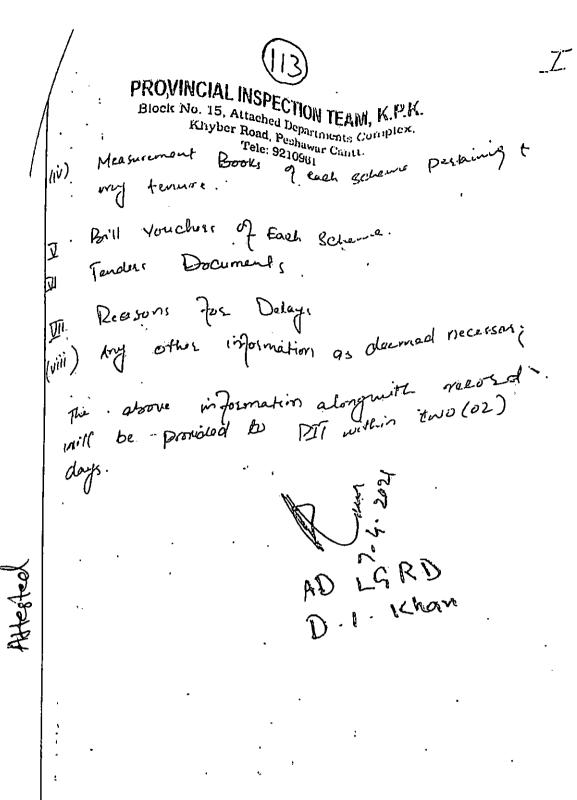
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Considering Allah Almighty as witness, I testily that I am absolutely innocent fee not involve in any mal-practice. We have not taken any kind of bribe and have

Therefore it is requested to consider my case on compassionate grounds thing in view my innocence.

<sup>10d: 08.04</sup>.2021

Dilawar Khan Assistant Director LG & RDD D.I.Khan

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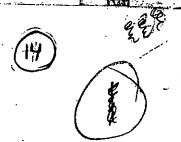
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# INQUIRY REPORT

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### 1- ORDER OF INQUIRY.

Orders of the Competent Authority to conduct an inquiry into the case in hand were communicated to the Provincial Inspection Team (PIT) vide Section Officer, Chief Minister's Complain: and Redressal Cell, Peshawar letter No. SO(C&RC)/CMS/KP/1-59/V-1/Noor Awaz Adv./App-116/288 dated 25.03.2021, received to PIT on 01.04.2021 (Annex: A).

### 2- COMPLAINT:

- a- Mr. Noor Awaz (Advocate), District President, Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf submitted a written complaint to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 12.11.2020 wherein the following allegations were mentioned (Annex: B);
  - i. That, on the request of the applicant, the Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2014-15 approved development funds to the tune of Rs. 30.00 million

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from the Oil & Gas Royalty Fund for district Hangu. But, due to negligence, inefficiency and incompetency of the officers/officials of the Local Govt. Office, Hangu the scheme could not be completed till date. In connection with the said matter the applicant alongwith other respectables of the area submitted complaints to various fora. In the complaint, it was mentioned that the Secretary, Local Government Election Rural Development Départment (LGE&RDD) constituted an inquiry committee on his application in July, 2020 but, no outcome of the same had been seen. Similarly, on the directions of the Secretary, LGE&RDD another inquiry was held in August, 2019 but no action was taken till date. The above situation showed that the said department neither did any investigation nor took any action against the defaulters, thus, not only depriving the general public from their rights, but, also created bad name for the government.

ii. That, on repeated complaints and demands of the general public; the Deputy Commissioner, District Hangu constituted an inquiry committee which conducted an impartial inquiry and finalized its inquiry report of eleven (11) pages in four (04) months. In the said report action for Mismanagement and Maladministration against two (02) Assistant Director, One Assistant Engineer and One Sub-Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu, was recommended(Annex: C).

iii. That the above inquiry report was sent to the higher ups of the Local Government Department for action



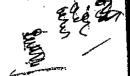


against the responsible. But, it was feared that it would meet the same fate.

#### **INQUIRY PROCEEDINGS:**

- Provincial Inspection Team (PIT) requested Mr. Noor Awaz (Advocate), the complainant for attending and recording statement in PIT vide letter dated 02.04.2021 followed by reminder dated 05.04.2021(Annex: D). He submitted his denial of complaint on affidavit to PIT vide his letter dated 08.04.2021 (Annex: E).
  - The Secretary, Local Government Department, Peshawar was requested to provide their departmental comments to PIT vide letters dated 02.04.2021 followed by reminders dated 12.04.2021, 16.04.2021 and 21.04.2021 (Annex: F). PIT did not receive the reply of the Secretary, LGE&RDD, Peshawar till finalization of the inquiry report.
    - c. The Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu was requested to inform all the concerned staff to attend PIT alongwith a detailed brief and all the relevant record on 06.04.2021 vide PIT letter dated 02.04.2021 (Annex: G). Mr. Abid Zaman, Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu attended PIT on 06.04.2021 and recorded his statement (Annex: H). The following officers/officials of LGE&RDD, Hangu office also attended PIT on 07.04.2021 and recorded their statements;

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S.No.	Name	Designation	Annex
		The then Assistant Director,	I
1.	Mr. Cilawar Khan	LGE&RDD, Hangu The then Junior Clerk, LGE&RDD	· ·
2.	Mr. Shahzad Husain	Office Hangu	\ <u> </u>
-	Mr. Karim Saifullah	The then Sub-Engineer; LGE&RDD,	K
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In the above statements, the officers/officials promised to provide the requisite record and attend PIT again for recording their statements. Therefore, on 09.04.2021 the following officers/officials of LGE&RDD, Hangu office attended PIT and recorded their statements;

			Annex:
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		The then Assistant Director,	L
1.	Mr. Dilawar Khan .	LGE&RDD, Hangu Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD,	M
2	Mr. Irfan Ullah	Hangu ———	IVI
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2.	Mr. Karim Saifullah	Lian Gu	ļ <u></u>
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₹.	Mr. Sajjad Ali	Hangu	

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- The Secretary, Finance Department, Peshawar was requested vide letter dated 12.04.2021 to provide details of allocation, releases and expenditure of the schemes under inquiry to PIT on 13.04.2021 (Annex: P), which was received by PIT on 15.04.2021 (Annex: Q). The District Account Officer, Hangu was also requested for the said information vide letter dated 12.04.2021 (Annex: R). The District Account Officer, Hangu submitted their reply to PIT on 13.04.2021 (Annex: S).
- e. The Director General, LGE&RDD, Peshawar was also requested vide letter dated 12.04.2021 to provide the job responsibility of various officer of LGE&RD Department to PIT on 13.04.2021 (Annex: T). In response, the Director (Technical), LGE&RDD, Peshawar submitted





only the Job Responsibility of Assistant Director, LGE&RD Department vide their letter dated 13.04.2021

(Annex: U)

The Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu was requested to attend office of the PIT alongwith a detailed brief and record mentioned in the letter on 13.04.2021 vide PIT letter dated 12.04.2021 (Annex: V). He attended PIT on 14.04.2021 and submitted his brief (Annex: W), as well as recorded his statement(Annex: X).

The Deputy Commissioner, Tribal District Khyber was requested to furnish a detailed reply stating the actual position of the file, the sanctioning of amount of Rs. 6,495,000/- of the said scheme supported by all the relevant documents to PIT within two days vide PIT letter dated 12.04.2021 (Annex: Y). The Deputy Commissioner, Tribal District Hangu submitted his reply on 15.04.2021 (Annex: Z).

### OBSERVATIONS.

After scrutiny of the available record, detailed discussions and written statement/reply of the concerned staff of LGE&RD Department, observations of the PIT are as under

Perusal of the available record shows that the District Development Committee (DDC), has accorded its approval to the following schemes in its meeting held on 17.10.2014 (Annex: AA). Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu had issued Administrative Approval of the above schemes on 30.10.2014 (Annex: BB).

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S.No	Name of the scheme with amount
1.	Water Supply Scheme (Installation of Pressure Pumps/Hand Pumps at Gandari Dallan, District Hangu, Costing Rs. 10.00 million.
No.	Water Supply Scheme (Installation of Pressure Pumps/Hand Pumps at Gardari Dallan, District Hangu, Costing Rs. 10.00 million.
3.	Construction of Sanitation Scheme at Mashti Banda. Bagatu Costing

According to the brief of the Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu files/records of the scheme "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" and "WSS at Gundari Dallan" was missing before he assumed the charge on 06.04.2021. The file/record of "Sanitation scheme at Banda Bagatu" was provided only to PIT. As per work order dated 31.12.2015 the said scheme was awarded to M/S Malik Feroz Khan, Govt. Contractor at a bid cost of Rs. 9.999 million (Annex: CC). As per statement of Mr. Sajjad Ali, the then Subj Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu the other two schemes were awarded to M/S Asmatullah Govt. Contractor.

### I. Delay in Progress/Mismanagement & Maladministration in Execution of the Schemes.

b. According to the inquiry report of the committee constituted by Deputy Commissioner, Hangu that after completion of the tender process by the executing agency (LG Hangu), Mr. Akbar Gul and others (Govt. Contractors) filed a civil suit No. 3-1 of 2015 in the District Court Hangu on 17.02.2015 against the disqualification process of the contract, which was decided by the District Court on 29.01.2016 in favour of the executing agency(Local Govt. office Hangu) and thus the scheme remained suspended during the above period(Annex: DD).

It was further mentioned in the report that in financial year 2015-16; Ex-MPA PK-84 Thall (Mufti. Syed Janan) filed writ petition No 4264-p/2015 against the allocation funds under 10% Oil and Gas Royalty to MNA NA-33 Hangu and District President, PTI Hangu and being elected representative of PK-84 Thall. Therefore, the work was again stopped due to litigation and on 11.05.2016 the Honourable Peshawar High Court Peshawar decided the case in favour of the petitioner i.e. Mufti. Syed Janan. Again the petitioner approached the August Court for filing contempt of court (CoC) vide No. 448-p/2016 in WP No. 4264-p/2015 and on

13.04.2017, the Finance Department Peshawar intimated

the court that judgment/order of the court has been

fully implemented and Rs. 140.730 million had been

released on 05.04.2017 (Annex: EE). Hence, physical

work on the schemes remained suspended on account of

the aforementioned court cases from 17.02.20115 till

05.04.2017.

Perusal of the record shows that Finance Department vide its letter No. SO(Dev-IV)FD/8-20/2018-19 dated 01.01.2019 has released an amount of Rs. 140.73 million for District Hangu out of the 10% Gas Royalty fund (Annex: FF). Further, Perusal of the record shows that the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu had sanctioned payments of Rs. 1.95 million for the scheme "WSS at Village Karbogha Sharif" on 27.02.2019 and Rs. 0.95 million for the scheme "Sanitation Scheme at Banda Bagatu" on 01.03.2019 (Annex: GG & HH). No payment was made in "WSS at Gandari Dallan" in financial year 2018-19. The physical progress and utilization of funds

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was very low and funds to the tune of Rs. 25.839 million had been lapsed in the financial year 2018-19.

According to the written statement of Mr. Abid Zaman, Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu, he had remained the AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu for the period from 01.03.2016 to 12.12.2019 and again from 05.08.2020 till date (Annexed-X). He was asked to state the reasons for such low progress in his tenure. In his written response, he stated that the main reasons of slow implementation were court cases, one case was filed by contractors and cne by Mufti. Syed Janan in Peshawar High Court Peshawar. Moreover, proper site identification was not received on time. A revised site identification list for the scheme "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" was provided in Financial year 2018-19. Further, on ground of court cases, the DDC extended the completion period of the scheme from May, 2017 by four months till August, 2017. However, it was observed that the said Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu failed to complete the schemes after disposal of court cases during financial year 2018-19 despite the release of fund.

Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu for the period from 20.11.2018 to 13 09.2019 stated in his written statement that he performed duty as Sub-Engineer as well as the Assistant Engineer for financial year 2018-19. After the funds were released, he prepared a bill amounting to Rs. 2.00 million (Approximately) for the scheme "Sanitation Scheme at Mishto Banda Bagatu" which was duly processed and paid to the contractor. For the scheme "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" he alongwith

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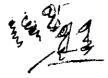


Mr. Karim Saifullah, the then Sub-Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu prepared and recommended a bill amounting to Rs. 3.712 million. But, the said bill was regretted by the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu due to non-availability of Technical Sanction for the scheme. A bill of Rs. 400,000/- (Approximately) for the scheme "WSS at Gandari Dallan" was also regretted by the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu for the reason mentioned above. He added that payments were to be made to the contractors on actual work done basis and the same had been recommended to the Assistant Director, LGE&RDD timely.

Mr. Karim Saifullah, the then Sub-Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu was also asked to state the reasons for non utilization of funds and delay in completion of the scheme. In response, he stated in his written statement that he had submitted bills of the work carried out by the contractor. He further mentioned that one reason for delay in work was that one previous bill of the contractor was not cleared from the DC, Hangu office due to which he was not willing to do further work. He also mentioned that financially the contractor was weak and wished to work on advance payment which could not be allowed.

d. Perusal of the record also showed that Finance Department vide letter No.SO(Dev-IV)FD/7-30/2018-19 dated 22.10.2019 had revived and released an amount of Rs. 28.420 million from 10% Oil & Gas Royalty for District Hangu (Annex: II). In the said financial year of 2019-20 funds to the following tune had been utilized by the LGE&RDD, Hangu.





No	Name of the Scheme	Bill No	Date	Amount (Rs. M)	Annex
1	Sanitation Scheme at Banda Bagatu	2nd	17.12.2019	2.187	IJ
2.	23 m. 27m . 4 g3	3rd	27.02.2020	2.41	.KK
	Fund Utilized in FY 2019- 20 in "WSS at Karbogha"	0		0	;A
	Fund Utilized in FY 2019- 20 in "WSS at GandariDallan"	0,		0	
Mal	fund utilized in FY 2019-20.			4.597	

Thus, out of 28.732 million, the AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu had utilized only 4.597 million in financial year 2019-20.

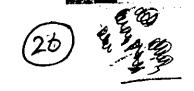
Mr. Dilawar Khan, the then concerned Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated in his written statement that he had neither processed nor signed any bill in his tenure' and that no progress was made in his tenure. No satisfactory answer and cogent reasons were given when asked about no progress of schemes in question.

Mr. IrfanUllah the concerned Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated in his written statement that the fund could not be utilized timely because of slow/no physical execution of work on site by the contractor in the scheme "WSS at GandariDallan". He further stated that there were issues in the scheme "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" as the work done by the contractor was carried out without verification/identification of the Sub-Engineer concerned. As a proof he provided letters dated 11.03.2020 and 12.05.2020 wherein he raised the issues regarding the site identification (Annex: LL&MM).

It was observed that after disposal of court cases on 05.04.2017, the Finance Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had released twice the funds for LGE&RDD, Hangu office for the schemes under inquiry. Both times huge share of fund had been lapsed. In more than four (4) years they had achieved the following financial progress;

Name of the Scheme	Cost (Rs. M)	Released (Rs. M)	Expenditure (Rs. M)
Wastellation of Hand/Pressure	10.00	10.00	1.250
Pump) at Gandari Darium	10.00	10.00	1.950
t b\ at Karboylla Jilaini	10.00	10.00	5.55
Sanitation Scheme at Mishtu Banda Bagato.	10.00		8.75
Total	<u> </u>		the job

As per notification of LGE&RDD it was the job description of the Assistant Director, LGE&RDD to have timely executed the schemes (Annexed-U). In almost three years they had taken no notice of the contractor progress. The concerned Assistant Directors, LGE&RDD presented the excuse that there was identification issues in the scheme, but have taken no step in this regard to resolve the said issue. The court cases were decided in financial year 2016-17 and funds were released for the schemes in financial year 2018-19. If they wanted, they could have resolved the issues of identification of schemes within that dormant period of 2016-17 to 2018-19. But they did not avail the said opportunity and till date they are arguing the issue of identification of site for installation of hand pumps/pressure pumps, which is not only negligence and inefficiency but also a grave misconduct on their part for which they must be held responsible.



As per sules technical sanction for a scheme is obtained from the competent authority before the commencement of work. In the instant case, the LGE&RDD, flengu office had failed to obtain the same till 2018-19 white the scheme was approved in 2014-15 resulting into regretting of bills from the office of DC, Hangu in financial year 2018-19. It also shows slackness on part of the LGE&RDD, Hangu office being the executing agency. In addition, as per procedure, District P&D office was required to conduct survey and identify schemes as per the needs of the general public. However, no such record was presented regarding survey or feasibility of the schemes resulted into delay in utilization of funds.

Misplacement of Record/Files of the Schemes "WSS at Gandari Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha Sharif".

During the course of inquiry, the Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu in his brief dated 13.04.2021 informed PIT that files/record of two schemes "WSS at Gandari Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" were misplaced/missing. Therefore, the concerned officers/officials were asked as to how, when and where the record was misplaced?

In this connect on Mr. Sajjad Ali, the then Sub-Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated in his written statement that files in questions were reportedly missing during the year 2020 and he relinquished the charge of Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu on 13.09.2019. He was the custodian of the "Sanitation Scheme at Mishtu Banda Eagatu" while the other two sites were looked after by

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Mr. Karim Saifullah, the then Sub-Engineer and Mr. Irfan Ullah, Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu. Since, the schemes were not related to him therefore, neither he had seen those files nor touched them at the time of misplacement of the files.

Mr. Shahzad Hussain, Junior Clerk, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated in his written statement that he was posted as Junior Clerk in the LGE&RDD, Hangu office since September, 2015 and was performing the duty of Diary and Dispatch till March, 2020. On 03.03.2020, he was posted as Assistant, LGE&RDD, Hangu in his Own Pay Scale (CPS). He also mentioned that as far as the files/record of the scheme under inquiry is concerned, the same had never been handed over to him till 18.06.2020. He was handed over only the file/record of "Sanitation Scheme at Mishtu Banda Bagatu" on 18.06.2021 through proper handing taking which was still in his custody.

In this regard, Mr. Abid Zaman, AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu sated in his brief that those files were missing before his posting as AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu on 06.04.2021.

No such record was presented to reflect that any legal action i.e., FIR or Inquiry was conducted for ascertaining the responsible staff for missing files. This reason leads that the files were lost willfully by all the staff, particularly by the AD Local Govt. office Hangu. As a matter of fact, protecting the official record/file is the responsibility of every officer/official to whom the file is related. In the instant case, files/record of two schemes mentioned

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above had been lost from the LGE&RDD, Hangu office for which the technical staff of LGE&RDD, Hangu as well as the Assistant Director were equally responsible and it also shows negligence on their part.

Doubtful/Fake Payment of Rs. 6.495 million in "WSS at Gandari Dallan".

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Mr. IrfanUllah, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. Karim Saifullah, Sub-Engineer, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated in their joint written statement that Mr. Arshad Mansoor, the then Deputy Commissioner, Hangu and Mr. Dilawar Khan, the then Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu in connivance of each other had sanctioned 2nd/final bill. amounting to Rs. 6.495 million for the contractor of "WSS at Gandari Dallan" in illegal manner in June, 2020 by bypassing the technical staff of LGE&RDD, Hangu (Annex: NN). The contractor had actually executed 24 hand/pressure pumps at site. Out of which 5 hand/pressure pumps were non-functional. The net payable amount of the contractor as per actual work done(after deduction of previous bill amount of Rs. hand/pressure million and non-functional pumps,)was Rs. 55,507/. They mentioned that actual situation of the scheme "WSS at Gandari Dallan" as per report of technical staff was as under;

Description	Cost (Rs. M)	Remarks
		The Scheme was approved in 2014-15
Tetal Cost	10.00	for total 100 No. of pressure pumps.





2.	Technical Sanction Cost	7.76	Approved by the competent authority
3.	1st R/Bill	1.250	Payment was made on supply of the items
4.	Actually executed work on site after verification	1,876	Joint committee report dated 23.05.2021 (Annex: I).
5.	Net cost of the work.	0.629	After deduction of 1st R/Bill
6.	Net payment of the contractor.	0.0557	After deduction of non-functional pumps

They further stated that on site only 19 hand/pressure pumps had been installed while the sanctioned fake bill was for 81 hand/pressure-pumps. The then Deputy Commissioner, Hangu first misplaced the file and then to hide his fault te levelled baseless allegations against the technical staff of LGE&RDD, Hangu. On 19th June, 2020 he transacted Rs. 6.495 million from the public exchequer and instead of transferring the said amount into the account of real contractor M/S Asmatullah Khattak, it was transferred to a fake account made on the name of M/S Asmatullah Khattak. The fake bill was signed by Retired Engr. Javid Iqbal which was completely unjustified. To hide his fault the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu conducted an inquiry. The technical staff submitted an application regarding the illegal transaction to the Director, Anti-Corruption Establishment, Khyber Pakthunkwa (Anenx: OO). After hearing about the Anti-Corruption Establishment, the DC, Hangu and AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu recovered the amount and deposited it in the government exchequer. They further stated that due to non-payment to the contractor was levelling contractor, allegations and also lodging different complaints through various fora against them just to tease them. In

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the end, they raised the question that if files/record was missing as mentioned in Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu letter dated17.06.2017 then how sanction of Rs. 6.495 million for the abovementioned scheme was granted? They further stated that it implies that the record/files was not missing but was lying in the office of Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu.

Mr. Dilawar Khan, Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu stated that he came to know about the cheque and file after about 10 to 15 days after the issuance of the cheque. Before, that he was unaware that such malafide act had been done. The cheque was issued by the District Account Office, Hangu and they came to know about it after 10 to 15 days. When he was asked that whether payment of Rs. 6.495 million was made to the contractor? In response, he stated that cheque was submitted by the contractor in MCB, Hangu from where it was forwarded to MCB, Kohat. Mr. Ihsanullah, a petty contractor presented the said checque to a female Bank Manager where he was told by her that his account was a business account, while the cheque had been issued for account in the name of a contractor. Further, the cheque amount was Rs. 6.495 million while in his account there were only Rs. 2000/- and so she asked the contractor that his cheque was doubtful. Mr. Ihsanullah then started threatening her. However, the cheque was sent back to MCB, Hangu. Meanwhile, he came to know about the cheque then he wrote a letter to MCB, Hangu with a copy to Deputy Commissioner, Hangu and thus, the cheque could not be drawn and the amount was recovered.

The Deputy Commissioner, Hangu (Now Deputy Commissioner, Tribal District Khyber) in his letter No. 1462/DC(Khyber) dated 15.04.2021 stated that the file in question was processed by Assistant LGE&RDD, Hangu recommending the bill of scheme amounting to Rs. 7.750 million on proper note-sheet (Annex: PP). Although AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu vide his letter No 285 dated 10.06.2020 had intimated that the said file had been missing, however, recommendation of the AD, LGE&RDD, Hangu and statement of the contractor duly undertaken on affidavit substantiate that the file was in the office custody of LGE&RDD, Hangu. which was processed for payment (Annex: QQ). It was astonishing that if the file was missing then how Assistant Engineer, LGE&RDD Hangu in his application dated 23.06.2020 write to Director Anti-Corruption, Khybei Pakhtunkhwa against Assistant LGE&RDD for alleged fraudulent payment. Content of the note sheet, affidavit and letter of Assistant Engineer of LGE&RDD Hangu of above reference indicate that the file was not missing rather it were maneuvering of office of LGE&RDD, Hangu (Annex:RR). He also mentioned that the file/record of the scheme "WSS at Dallan" was not missing but, the file/record of "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" was missing for recovery of which proper inquiry was conducted and reportedly the said file is still missing.

Regarding the sanctioning the bill amounting to Rs.

6.495 million the then concerned Deputy Commissioner,

Hangu stated that file processed by AD, LGE&RDD

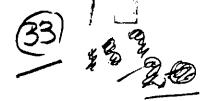
Hangu was thoroughly checked and all the formalities

were found completed i.e. contractor bill, MB, TS and completion certificate etc.

The PIT also asked Mr. Dilawar Khan the then Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu vide letter dated 21.04.2021 to clarify whether the recommendations for the aforesaid payments was his own or otherwise (Annex: SS). But, he did not respond to PIT letter.

As per general procedure, the Sub-Engineer of a scheme initiate the file which after processing through Assistant Engineer and Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, the same is sent to the Deputy Commissioner of the .concerned district for sanctioning the amount being utilized. In the instant case, Mr. Dilawar Khan, the then Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu had directly recommended the bill for approval of the Deputy Commissioner, Hangu. Mr. Arshad Mansoor, then Deputy Commissioner, Hangu without 'soking for signature of the technical staff of \*GE&RDD, Hangu on the note-sheet has sanctioned 3. 6.495 million. Besides above mentioned negligence, Deputy Commissioner also failed to confirm the Etual work done before sanctioning fraudulent syment of Rs. 6.495 million in the name of fake Prson due to the reason that the bill was not ined/verified by the concerned Technical staff. ence, both were equally involved in this fraudulent scess of the bill for which they need to be held

2 above situation reveals that files of the schemes SS at Gandari Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha rif" had been deliberately misplaced having



malafide intentions by the then Assistant Director, LG&RDD, and the then Deputy Commissioner, Hangu in order to avoid responsibility of the fraudulent payment.

### DINGS.

on the observations at Para-4 (a to g) of this report, findings - =nder;

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resident, Tehrik-e-Insaf, Hangu did not own the mplaint. Hence, the complaint is pseudonymous.

Implementation of the Schemes, Misplacement of cords and Attempt of Fraudulent Payment.

pended due to a civil suit filed by Mr. Akbar Gul to ther in District Court Hangu on 17.02.2015 against ir disqualification, which was decided by the District on 29.01.2016 in favour of the executing agency. ilarly, another writ petition filed by the Ex-MPA PK-ihall (Mufti. Syed Janan) against the allocation of the emes during the year 2015-16 which was decided in favour on 11.05.2016 also caused delay in the cess of execution. Hence, delay in execution for the rementioned period being beyond control of the cuting agency is justified.

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After the disposal of the aforementioned court cases the following Assistant Directors Local Government Office Hangu being responsible for the execution and administration of the schemes failed to complete the schemes during their tenure despite release of Funds;

S.No	Name	Designation	Tenure
1	Mr. Abid Żaman	Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, Hangu	01.03.2016 to 12.12.2019
2	Mr. Dilawar Khan	Assistant Director, LGE&RDD, D.I.Khan	01.01.2020 to 05.08.2020

was further transpired that the execution of schemes WSS at Gandari Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" has been halted since june 2020 due to missing of Files of the said schemes after eruption of the issue of traudulent payment attempt of Rs. 6.495 million in Scheme "Sanitation Scheme at Gandari Dallan" during 2020. The said amount was processed in the name a fake person's account against no physical work. lough the amount was not paid due to interception of cheque by the concerned Bank Manager and the equer sustained no loss, yet it confirmed the Lafide and negligence on the part of those who were olved in payment process. The Assistant Director recommended the above payment and the Deputy missioner who gave sanction as counting Officer without confirmation of physical gess and without checking the remarks/signatures concerned technical staff (Assistant Engineer and responsible for

the above fraudulent payment attempt and the resultant delay in execution of the schemes in question since june 2020.

The circumstances and emerging facts reveal that the Files of the two schemes i.e., "WSS at Gandari Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha Sharif were deliberately misplaced in order to avoid the responsibility of processing the aforementioned fake/fraudulent payment.

The subordinate staff of the AD Local Govt. office i.e., the Assistant Engineer and the Sub-Engineer also failed to properly handle and protect the Files of their Schemes.

The PIT found that due to negligence and inefficiency, the technical sanction for the scheme "WSS at Ganderi Dallan" and "WSS at Karbogha Sharif" could not be issued till February, 2020, for which the Assistant Director, LGE&RDD (Mr. Abid Zaman) was responsible.

h. The Administrative Department (LGE&RDD) did not furnish its comments in the matter despite repeated requests, which is beyond comprehension.

No legal action regarding missing of record which manifests willful and malafide intentions of the concerned AD Local Govt. office Hangu.

The Public amount was not utilized due to inefficiency and ulterior motives. This delay may have escalated the cost of the schemes as result of their individual inefficiency.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS.

the basis of observations and findings of this report,

Strict Disciplinary action as per law may be taken against the following for their omissions/commissions referred to against each:

<b>rw</b> e	Designation	Omissions/commissions
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5id Zaman	The then AD	As mentioned in para-
	LGE&RDD, Hangu	5(c)& 5(g)
awar Khan	The then AD	As mentioned in para-
	LGE&RDD, Hangu	5(c), 5(d) 5(e)& 5(i)
Arshad	The then Deputy	As mentioned in para-
> <b>&gt;</b> 01	Commissioner,	5(d) & 5(e)
	Hangu	
Irfa	n Assistant Engineer	, As mentioned in para-5(f)
	LGE&RDD Hangu	,
	Sub-Engineer	As mentioned in para-5(f)
	LGE&RDD Hangu	

its silence during the instant inquiry proceedings

be further directed to complete the schemes in

as per law without further delay and the resultant

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escalation of the schemes may be recovered from the see as per their tenure.

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