

Award by the Ombudsman MGNREGA in accordance with Instructions on Ombudsman para 13 of instructions (under section 27 of MGNREGA Act, 2005) District Kangra, Vikas Bhawan, DRDA, Dharamshala (H. P.)

Award No. MGNREGA/2010/23-1307

Dated 26-09-2011

A complaint on the letter pad of Pradhan Gram Panchayat Pharian, Dev. Block Nagrota Surian dated 03-07-2011 was received in this office on 19-07-2011, which was signed in the name of present Pradhan Smt. Santosh Kumari. As per contents of the complaint, the complainant (Pradhan) has alleged that Sh. Susheel Kumar J.E. who is posted in Dev. Block Nagrota Surian generally charges ₹ 1,000/- per estimate and in case this amount is not given to him, he deducts the wages of MGNREGA workers. The complaint was sent to BDO-cum-PO MGNREGA Nagrota Surian vide Ombudsman/1005 dated 19-07-2011 for conducting fact finding prelim inquiry in the light of allegations as alleged in the complaint. The fact finding inquiry report of BDO-cum-PO MGNREGA Nagrota Surian was received in this office vide letter no. 2437 dated. 19-08-2011. Perusal of the contents of the report reveals that as per statement of Pradhan Pharian, the complaint submitted on the letter pad of Gram Panchayat Pharian dated 03-07-2011 has not been written by her and the allegation as alleged against Sh. Susheel Kumar J.E. are not based on facts and are false. Has further stated that the signatures on the above complaint are not her signatures.

Sh. Joginder Singh Secretary G.P. Pharian has stated that he has seen the letter pad on which complaint dated 03-07-2011 has been written. This letter pad pertains to the tenure of ex-Pradhan G.P. Pharian. Has further stated that he has also seen the Panchayat letter pad dated -03-08-2011 on which the present Pradhan has submitted clarification regarding allegations as alleged in the complaint on the letter pad dated 03-07-2011. The Panchayat stamp affixed on the letter pad dated 03-07-2011 (complaint) is old stamp and the Panchayat stamp affixed on the letter pad dated 03-08-2011 is new stamp which has been given to him by the Ex-Pradhan and which has further been handed over to the present Pradhan. These two stamps are different stamps.

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From the report of BDO it has been transpired that the signature on the letter pad of G.P. Pharian dated 03-07-2011 are not signatures of the present Pradhan Smt. Santosh Kumari and appears to be forged signatures and it appears to be a case of forgery. To further verify the facts proceedings were conducted on 15-09-2011 and statement of present Pradhan Smt. Santosh Kumari was recorded who has stated that she has not made any complaint to the Lokpal MGNREGA Kangra on the letter pad of G.P. Pharian dated 03-07-2011. She has further stated that the letter pad which has been used in writing the complaint is not of her tenure. Infact the letter pad and the stamp affixed pertains to the tenure of Ex-Pradhan and this complaint is totally false. Has prayed that use of Panchayat stamp on the Panchayat letter pad by the unauthorized person is a serious matter and necessary investigation may be got conducted from the competent agency in this matter so that such things may not be repeated in future.

In this instant case on the basis of BDO-cum-PO MGNREGA report, statement of Pradhan Smt. Santosh Kumari and Sh. Joginder Singh Panchayat Secretary recorded on 15-09-2011 it has transpired that the complaint is false and the signature on the letter pad of G.P. Pharian dated 03-07-2011 are forged and it appears to be a case of forgery and needs further investigation from Police authorities. As such to find out the facts a copy of the

complaint dated 03-07-2011, 03-08-2011 and statements of Pradhan and Secretary may be sent to Sub Divisional Police Officer, Jawali, District Kangra for further necessary action in the matter in accordance with law.

Copy of this order be sent to the Smt. Santosh Kumari, Present Pradhan & Secretary G.P. Pharian, Teh. Jawali, Dev. Block Nagrota Surian, the Block Development Officer-Cum-P.O. (MGNREGA) Dev. Block Nagrota Surian, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) and the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Programme Coordinator (MGNREGA) Kangra at Dharamshala for information and further necessary action.

Copy of this order/award may also be sent to the Principal Secretary (RD), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information.

Announced- 26-09-2011

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26/9/2011
Ombudsman (MGNREGA)
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