

CASE STUDY - 2

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE MANOEUVRES STATE RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL ASSETS MULTIPLICATION AND FINALLY FACES CONVICTION

CH SHER ALI, EX-MNA AND MAYOR M.C. FAISALABAD SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS OF R.I. WITH FINE OF RS. 100 MILLION ON CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND ACCUMULATION OF ASSETS

In a democratic set up public representatives are supposed to be the custodian of state resources and its people's interest. The case of Ch. Sher Ali ex-MNA/Mayor of Municipal Corporation, Faisalabad speaks volumes about misuse of public office, criminal breach of trust in running the affairs of a public office and multiplication of assets as mayor of Municipal Corporation.

The investigations revealed that the accused belonged to a low-income family and held the office of Mayor Faisalabad Municipal Corporation from (November, 1983 to January 1985), (July 1986 to November 1987) & (January 1988 to January 1992). He was elected MNA twice in 1990 and 1993-1997. He accumulated properties/assets worth crores of rupees during his tenure of public office. These were disproportionate to his known sources of income and a criminal result of his misusing public office while committing illegal practices. Before entering politics, Ch. Sher Ali lived in a 300 SqF of house owned by his father. He held 1/6th share of the only enterprise (Kashmir Sizing) for his livelihood wherein his mother, brother, brothers in law wife and two other persons held joint share holding. He thereafter moved from said enterprises to his own project (Amir Weaving Factory). He started accumulating wealth through corruption by receiving illegal gratification with connivance of officials/contractors of Municipal Corporation, Faisalabad by illegally disposing off state land earmarked for cafeteria. He caused embezzlement in the record (receipts) of the said land in collusion with his associates and accomplices - thus causing loss to the corporation and illegal gain to his personal benefit of Rs.20 million. He granted lease of Shalimar Restaurant to his close relatives, and illegally allotted Wagon Stand to his close associates/relatives. He indulged in illegal occupation of State land, illegal gratification from officers/officials of FMC and Food/Sanitary Inspectors. He exacted bribe from octroi post.

Through these corrupt practices, he accumulated huge property worth Rs.543.98 million while his total declared income from 1984 to 1995 was Rs.1.38 million.

Finally he was convicted to 5 years of RI with fine of Rs.100 million. He was earlier convicted by the same court in another case to 10 years of RI with fine of Rs.20 million.