

CASE STUDY - 1

PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIALS MANIPULATE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PROCEDURE TOWARDS PERSONAL BENEFITS & ASSETS MULTIPLICATIONS

**ALI HASAN SHAHWANI, HAFEEZUR REHMAN (EX-SECRETARIES
WORKERS WELFARE BOARD AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT BALOCHISTAN)
ALONGWITH CO-ACCUSED MUHAMMAD ASHFAQ CONVICTED TO 3 YEARS
R.I., 2 YEARS R.I. AND 1 YEAR OF R.I. FINE OF RS. 2.5 MILLION, 1.5 MILLION
& 0.4 MILLION RESPECTIVELY**

The case of Mr. Ali Hasan Shahwani and Mr. Hafeez ur Rehman, former Secretaries Workers Welfare Board, Balochistan (Labour Department) joined hands with Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Proprietor Majid Autos Karachi causing a loss of Rs. 5.3 Million plus to government exchequer.

The facts reveal that the accused (Mr. Ali Hasan Shahwani & Mr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman) formed a purchase committee that decided to purchase 7 vehicles required to be converted into Ambulances at an exorbitant price of Rs.16,96,739/- per unit. The actual per unit price was Rs.8,50,000/-. Finally a loss of Rs.5.3 Million plus was caused to state exchequer through manipulating govt.'s financial scrutiny procedures whereby inflated quotations were obtained.

Both the accused colluded with the proprietor of Majid Autos Karachi, Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq to divert public funds to personal benefit. This reflects an ugly nature of human ambition whereby public officials connive with private sector stakeholders to defraud the government funds and finally face the due process of law to their life long disadvantage.

CASE STUDY - 2

PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIAL PLUNDERS STATE RESOURCES TO PERSONAL BENEFITS, BUT SURRENDERS RS. 304 MILLION IN PLEA-BARGAIN BESIDES FACING CONVICTION

USMAN FAROOQUI SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS OF R.I. AND 21 YEARS OF DISQUALIFICATION ALONGWITH FORFEITURE OF ASSETS/PROPERTY TO STATE

The case of Usman Farooqi, ex-Chairman Pakistan Steel Mills is a classical example of financial plunder of state resources by a public official. It reflects morbid personal ambition leading to multiplication of personal assets – in total disregard to national interest and the call of conscience.

The facts reveal that the accused was an employee of Pakistan Steel Mills Karachi (1981-1996) who rose to the position of Chairman. He committed uncountable irregularities in official proceedings and finally faced four judicial references (3/2000, 49/2000, 50/2000 & 52/2000) on charges of corruption and corrupt practices and misuse of authority. He mercilessly diverted Steel Mills resources through violating legal procedures in awarding bids to the contractors under various operational heads. He monetarily accumulated millions both in local and foreign assets through various bank transactions that stood exposed as a result of investigations. The list of his assets reveal (two plots worth RS. 3.2 Million, local & foreign currency in bank lockers worth RS. 3.336 Million, jewelry worth RS. 4.68 million, saving certificates & others worth RS. 253.836 million total RS. 265.05 million) from his illegal proceeds.

Finally he was convicted to seven years of R.I. and 21 years of disqualification in two references. In the remaining two references he entered into plea-bargain with state, surrendering two residential plots, jewelry worth Rs.4.67853 million, saving certificates worth Rs. 253.836 million and Pak. Rupees in cash to the tune of 2.324 million along with 11,003 pounds sterling that were held in Midland Bank, Baker Street, London in November, 2001 and earlier surrendering Rs.39.5 million in April this year.

CASE STUDY - 3

PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIAL MANIPULATES STATE RESOURCES TO PERSONEL BENEFITS, AND FINALLY FACES CONVICTION

SAEEDULLAH SOOMRO, EX-DIVISIONAL ENGINEER PTCL CONVICTED TO 5 YEARS OF R.I. AND RS.20 MILLION OF FINE

The case of Saeedullah Soomro is an example of corrupt practices leading to accumulation of assets disproportionate to known sources of income during his public office tenure.

Investigations reveal that the accused joined PTCL in August 1989 as Assistant Divisional Engineer. From 1995 to 2000, his bank accounts recorded huge financial transactions that fell beyond his known sources of income (i.e. Rs.12.18 and Rs.1.87 million respectively). The accused owned residential plot in DHA Karachi worth Rs.3 million along with 2 apartments worth Rs.1.59 million and 32 acres of agri land worth Rs.0.256 million. The accused purchased shares of Kashmir Polytex and Fidelity Leasing. He purchased a brand new car in 1999 paying a down payment of Rs.0.324 million.

Saeedullah Soomro amassed all these assets during 10 years of public service and caused huge loss to public exchequer. He was supposed to be the custodian of state funds and assets – which he never bothered to be. He turned out to be a dishonest public official and finally met his fate. (Sentenced to 5 years of R.I. and Rs.20 millions of fine).