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Delay in pensions Ombudsman deplores EOBI system, summons chief

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ISLAMABAD: Taking cognizance of inordinate delay in payments of pensions by Employees' Old-Aged Benefit Institution, the federal ombudsman took suo moto action and summoned the head of the institution on Feb 09, along with the official record.

The federal ombudsman Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi said that despite the fact pensioners had made contribution in the economic and industrial development of the country as well as in EOBI funds, they were being deprived of their legal right. "A laborer is forced to make nu-

merous visits to the office of EOBI for merely Rs8000 as pension," he deplored.

He said that no facilitation was being provided to laborers at EOBI's regional offices, adding that the entire system of the institution had entailed many lapses and required complete overhauling on modern lines.

The federal ombudsman directed the head of EOBI to appear on Feb 09, along with details of pending cases and action plan.

It is pertinent to mention that the Supreme Court had earlier taken action against EOBI officers for their involvement in financial corruption.

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summons EOBI chief
with action plan**

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ISLAMABAD. Federal Ombudsman of Pakistan Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi has directed the chairman of Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) to appear before him on February 9 with details of all pending complaints and the department's plan to address them.

The federal ombudsman had taken a suo motu notice of complaints of negligence against EOBI officials after he was forwarded thousands of these by President Dr Arif Alvi.

He said that poor Pakistanis who spend their lives working get merely Rs8,000 in old-age pension, but they have to constantly visit the office to retrieve it.



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Federal ombudsman takes suo motu on EOBI's pension cases

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ISLAMABAD

Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi on Friday took suo motu action on thousands of pending pension cases of Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI).

The ombudsman had received a reference from President Dr Arif Alvi that thousands of pending pension cases of labourers were pending and the EOBI was using delaying tactics in getting them cleared.

The ombudsman has summoned the head of the EOBI on 9th February along with all details of pending cases and action plan.

Qureshi in a statement said that that a large number of pensioners, who

have given their heart and soul to the economic and industrial development of the country along with their contribution to EOBI funds, are being deprived of their legal rights. A labourer pays numerous visits to the offices of EOBI to get his merely Rs 8000 per month pension, he said.

The ombudsman said that no facilitation was being provided to these labourers at EOBI's regional offices. He took very serious note on unnecessary delaying tactics in payment of pension dues to the poor labourers. He said that the entire EOBI system entailed many lapses and required complete refurbishing of mechanism on modern lines. It is pertinent to mention that the Supreme Court had also taken action on alleged financial corruption of EOBI officials.

Pakistan OBSERVER

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Federal Ombudsman summons EOBI head over thousands of pending pension cases

ZUBAIR QURESHI

Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi has taken Suo Moto action against EOBI on a news appeared in a section of media and on a reference received from President of Pakistan against thousands of pending pension cases of laborers.

The Federal Ombudsman has summoned the head of the EOBI on 9th February with all details of pending cases and action plan.

He observed that a large number of pensioners, who have given their heart and soul to the economic and industrial development of the country

along with their contribution to EOBI funds, are being deprived of their legal rights.

A laborer pays numerous visits to the office of EOBI for his merely Rs8000/- pension.

The FO in a statement observed that no facilitation was being provided to these laborers at their regional offices.

The Federal Ombudsman took very serious note on unnecessary delay and on red-tapism in payment of pension to the poor laborers. He said that the entire EOBI system entails many lapses and requires complete refurbishing of mechanisms on modern lines.