

ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Vs Govt. of the Punjab etc.

S.No.of order/ Proceeding	Date of order/ Proceeding	Order with signature of judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary.
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04.03.2021 Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for the Commission.
Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, Advocate with Dr. Amin Khan, DED, NAPHDA.
M/s M. Azhar Siddique, Ahmad Rafae Alam and Sheraz Zaka, Advocates for petitioners in connected petitions.
Ms. Scheherezade Advocate for applicant in C.M No.10 of 2020.
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl. A.G with Nawaz Manik, Director Law and Ali Ejaz, Dy. Dir. Environment, Lahore.
Mr. Tahir Mehmood Ahmad Khokhar, D.A.G.
Mr. Dilshad Arshad from PCRWR.
Mr. Usman Naeem, IGC/NGO.

Report No.83 has been filed by the Judicial Water & Environmental Commission with special emphasis on the action taken against sugar mills with regard to the compliance of the environmental standards. It mentions the fact that 15 sugar industries were directed to submit EIA along with waste water treatment design. Nine sugar industries have submitted their respective EIA along with the design and the names of which have been mentioned in paragraph 5 of the report. Seventeen sugar industries have been issued notices which may be pursued by the Commission.

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2. The learned counsel for Water Commission has also apprised that the Commission took notice of sewage trunk infrastructure charges which are to be paid by the LDA's approved housing schemes and cooperative societies subsequent to the notification dated 26.5.2011. The Water Commission is authorized to initiate action against these societies and to file a report on the next date of hearing. According to the report, 82% of the brick-kilns have converted to zigzag technology. The relevant departments are directed to expedite the process of conversion of the rest of the brick-kilns within the shortest period of time.
3. Notices shall also be issued to the respondent No.10 by the office as WWF is a specialized agency and it is imperative that this agency be engaged in the task being performed by the Commission set up by this Court.
4. The companies which were given notices and which use plastic bottles have filed a report. However, these companies will file a updated report regarding the steps initiated by them for the proper disposal of plastic bottles and for their recycling.
5. Learned Addl. A.G shall apprise this Court on the next date of hearing regarding the traffic plan for PSL as it is due to commence from 10.03.2021 in

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Lahore. This is being necessitated on account of the fact that Lahore is now the second most polluted city in the world and most of its portion comes from vehicular emissions. Because of the holding of PSL in Lahore, traffic congestion and blockade occurs during the time when the cricket match is in progress and this will add automatically to the portion with which Lahore already suffers.

6. To come up for further proceedings on **08.03.2021.**


(SHAHID KARIM)
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Rafaqat Ali

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