

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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05.08.2020

Mr. Abuzar Salman Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.
 Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for the Commission.
 Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl.A.G.
 Mr. Zahid Sikandar, Asst. Attorney General.
 Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, Advocate for LDA.
 Mr. Ahmad Pervaiz, Advocate for the applicant in
 C.M No.10 of 2020.

Report has been filed on behalf of the
 Chairman, Judicial Water & Environmental
 Commission which gives the taken pursuant to the
 orders passed by this Court on the last date of
 hearing. It has been mentioned that a meeting was
 held with regard to the smog issue in which the
 Secretary Agriculture, Govt. of the Punjab and others
 were present. It was decided that the Environment
 Protection Department shall write a letter to the
 Home Secretary, Govt. of the Punjab for issuance of
 an order under Section 144 Cr.P.C prohibiting the
 stubble burning etc. However, it is directed that
 Water Commission shall hold a meeting at least once
 a week to oversee the entire issue and Environment
 Protection Department is directed to write a letter
 within the next three days on which the notification
 under Section 144 Cr.P.C shall be issued by the
 Home Department. It has further been mentioned in

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the report that mechanized cutting of the stubble is also being undertaken by the Agriculture Department so that the farmers do not indulge in burning of crops which is a major cause of smog in the winter. This issue shall also be continued to be overseen by the Water Commission.

2. The report mentions the update on the issue of pollution caused by steel melters. It has been informed that the Steel Melters Association met with the Chairman of the Water Commission and undertook to put in place certain instruments which are required to be installed so that the pollution can be curtailed substantially. A period of ninety days has been given to the steel melters to do the needful. A continued oversight shall be done by the Chairman Water Commission so as to follow up on the promise made by the Association on behalf of the steel melters.

3. The Environment Protection Department shall file a report regarding the misuse of plastic bags by the shopping stores, bakers etc. as directed by this Court on the previous dates of hearing.

4. Learned Addl. A.G has informed that funds have been released by the Government for two of the major projects being undertaken by WASA at Lawrence Garden and Data Darbar. It is directed

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that the work shall be completed within the shortest period of time.

5. Vice Chairman, LDA is directed to appear in person tomorrow in order to apprise this Court of the steps being taken by LDA for undertaking the future projects so that they may conform to the environment standards laid down for the purpose.

6. Adjourned for tomorrow i.e. **06.08.2020**.


(SHAHID KARIM)
JUDGE

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