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ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE  
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P. No.227807/2018

No. of order/ Proceeding	Haroon Farooq Date of order/ Proceeding	Versus Order with signature of judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary.	Government of Punjab, etc
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08.10.2021

Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for Judicial Water Commission.  
M/s Shezada Mazhar, M. Jawwad Khan Lodhi and Syed Samir Sohail, Advocates for DIIA, Multan.  
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Mr. Amer Riaz Amir Minhas Advocate for the respondent in C.M.No.04/2021.  
M/s. Mansoor Usman Awan and Barrister Hamza Shehram Sarwar, Advocates in C.M.No.06/2021.  
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Mr. Farooq Amjad Mir, Advocate in C.M.No.32/2020.  
M/s Ahmad Rafay Alam, M. Azhar Siddique, Sheraz Zaka and M. Yasin Hatif, Advocates for petitioners in connected petitions.  
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M/s. Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh, Jahanzeb Sukhera and Osama Qamar, Advocates for RUDA.  
Mr. Ashtar Ausaf, Advocate in C.M.No.34/2020.  
Sardar Balakh Sher Khosa, Advocate for Cantonment Board.  
Mr. Ahmad Pervaiz Advocate in C.M.No.10/2020.  
Mr. Arslan Riaz, Advocate for the respondent-PEPSI.  
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Muhammad Nawaz Manik, Director Law EPA and Miss Nabila Khalid, A.D (Legal), EPA and Kashif Sajjan Assistant Legal EPA.  
Mr. Haider Ali Khan, Advocate for PCB with Mr. Salman Waseer, Acting CEO, PCB.  
Mr. Muntazar Mehdi, Chief Traffic Officer and Imran Ahmad Malik, S.P Security, Lahore.

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Chief Traffic Officer as well as S.P Security have appeared and stated that instructions were received from the Home Department and which are being complied with. The acting C.E.O of Pakistan Cricket Board has also appeared and states that as a standard SOP, PCB informs the Home Department regarding holding of a tournament which was done in this case as well and the instructions have gone out by the Home Department. It seems that the Home Department has not consulted the stakeholders while issuing the instructions as an all important aspect of climate change and environmental pollution was not part of the exercise while issuing instructions to the concerned authorities. It is directed that the Home Secretary shall appear on the next date of hearing to explain the circumstances under which order for zero traffic was issued for the domestic teams while leaving from their hotel to the venue of the match. It is necessary in order to inquire as to whether domestic tournaments of this nature are also to be accorded the protocols which have now been set down by the Home Department. In the meantime Chief Traffic Police as well as S.P Security have stated that it is possible to escort the teams without zero traffic protocol. Therefore, it is directed that till the next date of hearing,


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the policy of zero traffic shall be discontinued and the policy of traffic clearance will be followed which means that signal to signal traffic clearance will be undertaken while teams are travelling. It is also made clear that adjoining roads will also be closely monitored by the traffic personnel in order to ensure that there is no traffic congestion as according to the report of the Environmental Protection Department, blockage of traffic on these roads causes an enormous amount of carbon dioxide to be emitted due to burning of fuel of vehicles and which is a major cause of environmental pollution. To be precise, 1.5 million of idling vehicles are likely to cause waste of 1.125m liters of fuel per hour and cause 6m pound of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions besides other pollutants.

2. Adjourned to 14.10.2021.

  
(SHAHID KARIM)  
JUDGE

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