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**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Case No.      W.P. No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq      Versus      Government of 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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10.02.2022 Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Syed Kamal Ali Haider and Ms. Hina Hafeezullah Ishaq, Advocates/Members of the Judicial Water Commission.  
Mr. M. Azhar Siddique and M. Yasin Hatif Advocates for petitioners in connected petitions.  
Mr. Akif Majeed, Advocate for the applicant.  
Mr. Waqar A. Sheikh Advocate for PHA.  
Mian Irfan Akram, Advocate for WASA.  
Mr. Shezada Mazhar Advocate for DHA, Multan.  
Mr. Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali and Afsar Raza Khan, Advocates for the LDA.  
Mr. Alta fur Rehman Khan Advocate for DHA.  
Pir Moammar Hussain Rasool Advocate for Cantonment Board.  
Mr. Ahmed pervaiz Advocate for the applicant.  
Mr. Ehsan Ullah Manj Advocate for Walton Cantonment Board.  
Mr. Asad Ali Bajwa, Deputy Attorney General.  
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl.A.G. Salman Alam Khan, A.A.G with, Abdul Razzaq Chohan, Chief Engineer TEPA and Muhammad Nawaz Manik, Director Law EPA.  
Mr. M. Umer Hayat Law Officer on behalf of Commissioner Lahore Division.  
Mr. Ali Ejaz Deputy Director EPA

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Report No.117 has been filed by the Members of the Judicial Water and Environmental Commission which sets out the action taken for installation of treatment plants in the sugar industries which is a continuing action. Various sugar mills are in the process



of installation of the treatment plants and an overview has been given in the report. Etihad Sugar Mill Ltd., according to the report has completed the installation of the treatment plant phase-I and the timeline has been given for completion of phase-II by 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022. Report also refers to the installation of waste water treatment plants at Sunder Industrial Estate, according to which installation of treatment plants has been finalized with a company which has initiated testing and is in the phase of preparation of feasibility and installation of ETP plant.

2. Learned Members of the Judicial Water and Environmental Commission apprise this Court on the issue of recharge wells and their installation across Lahore. The officer from Pakistan Council of Research and Water Resources (PCRWR) was also present and informed that it has conducted trials regarding installation of recharge wells which are being monitored at different sites. Annexure has also been attached with the report which shows water quality result conducted by PCRWR office, Lahore. The Members of the Commission submit that a direction be issued to the Government of Punjab, Housing Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Department and its attached authorities to install recharge wells in their respective

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major parks for the purpose of replenishment of the fast depleting ground water. Report prepared by PCRWR is also attached. Learned Addl.A.G shall touch base with the Secretary in this regard and inform this Court regarding the issue and its implementation by the Department.

3. With regard to rooftop gardening, it has been stated in the report that a meeting was held in the office of the Commission for compliance of the orders passed by this Court. The Chief Town Planner, LDA, Lahore has appeared in person and informed that notices have been issued to the owners of high rise buildings to undertake rooftop plantation/gardening and setting up of solar energy panels for which ten days have been given and in case of failure action shall be taken against the owners. On the directions of the Commission list of various plantations were provided by PHA highlighting the various pieces of plants which have been categorized into three divisions. Also the Commission shall inform the Court regarding availability of a specific quality of paint on rooftops which is being used around the World for reflecting the heat. In this regard further report shall be filed on the next date of hearing.

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4. The Members of the Commission have placed along with the report a traffic management plan



prepared by City Traffic Police, Lahore. It has categorized the roads in order to show priority for which work needs to be undertaken. Learned counsel for LDA shall peruse the report and inform this Court regarding the action that can be taken immediately regarding A-category roads mentioned in the report in the Shahdara circle. Also learned Addl.A.G has informed this Court regarding appointment of focal persons for which letter has already been written on 24.01.2022 to the Chief Secretary, Punjab. The appointment of focal person is necessary for speeding compliance of the order passed by this Court through the Commission.

5. Learned counsel for LDA has also filed a report which mentions that there is a need for acquisition of latest air quality index monitoring machine by EPA. The officer present on behalf of EPA informs that this process is being undertaken and is likely to be completed in near future.

6. As regards Bhatta Chowk traffic congestion, it is proposed that an underpass is the only answer to the increasing traffic problem in that area. For the purpose Commissioner Lahore Division shall inform this Court regarding the possibility of construction of underpass at Bhatta Chowk and the steps which are required to be

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taken for this purpose so that necessary directions may be issued by this court.

7. Learned Addl.A.G has also placed on the record an order made by the Chief Executive Officer, LWMC dated 02.02.2022 by which a complete ban has been imposed on burning of garbage waste of any kind by the employees of LWMC. A further order has also been issued directing the employees to counsel the owners of the houses and shops etc for proper disposal of garbage waste in order to ensure cleanliness of roads and green belts.

8. Relist on 17.02.2022.



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