

ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Vs Govt. of the Punjab & others

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10.03.2022 Presence as before.

Report has been filed by the Deputy Director (Environment) Lahore showing the progress regarding smog through the year 2022. It has been stated in the report that massive operations were conducted against violation of smog emitting industries and heavy fines were imposed on the polluting industries. Further that all the brick-kilns in District Lahore have been converted to zigzag technology and continuous monitoring is being done by the officers of EPA. Significantly, 126 industries have installed cameras which has given online access to EPA. The report further refers to number of units which were sealed on violation with fines which is to the tune of Rs.80245000. This is commendable progress indeed and according to the report, Lahore witnessed very low quantity of smog during the month of February as compared to the same period of last year. It is directed that learned A.A.G shall ensure that the officer who has been tasked by this Court to undertake the entire operation Mr. Ali Ijaz is recommended for honorarium by the Govt. of the Punjab.

2. The members of the Commission have also filed their report which shows the industrial units to whom notices have been issued to install treatment plants. These industrial

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units have sought time for completion of installation of treatment plants which are under progress. With regard to roof top gardening, the report states that a seven days' period has been given to highrise buildings for roof top gardening. In case of non compliance these premises will be subject to scaling. Joint report on behalf of LDA and PIA has also been filed which is placed on record. The issue regarding encroachment is also an ongoing thing and according to focal person of CTO encroachments are being cleared on regular basis and LDA has also informed of the names of the officers who are responsible for removal of encroachments in different areas. The Commission shall also give details on the next date of hearing regarding lease of the park adjacent to Mushtaq Gurmani Road. Further the Commission has issued notices regarding cutting of trees for Sargodha-Khushab-Mianwali road. Learned A.A.G shall contact the Chief Conservator of Forests who shall file a detailed report regarding cutting of trees and it shall be impressed upon the Conservator that in case any of the trees shall be cut down, he shall be personally responsible for any such action.

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3. Further PIA shall inform this Court regarding operation of generators on green belts which is being done in connection with the spring festivals being held in Lahore.

4. Adjourned to 11.03.2022.


(SHAHID KARIM)
JUDGE