

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P. No.227807 of 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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Presence as before.

Learned Dy. Attorney General has placed on record a circular issued by the office of the Inspector General of Police, National Highways Motorway Police, which has been issued to all the patrolling units and which also mentions the appointment of focal person of a rank of D.I.G. The Members of the Commission shall continuously keep in touch with the focal person who shall be provided with a WhatsApp number on which the patrolling units shall relay the pictures of the places within their jurisdiction and which they notice are subject to stubble burning. They shall also identify the area within which stubble burning is taking place and the Deputy Commissioner of that District shall be responsible for any violations regarding stubble burning. Learned Members have also placed satellite imagery which has been downloaded from the site of NASA to clearly show red spots indicating that stubble burning is taking place in different areas. These pictures shall be shared

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with the learned Addl. A.G. who shall contact the Deputy Commissioners of these areas and inform them regarding the violations and they are directed to take immediate remedial measures against all violators and it is also made clear that the satellite imagery for the next one week shall also be placed before this Court and in case this continues, the Deputy Commissioner of that District shall be held liable as stated in the previous order of this Court for the contempt of the orders of this Court.


2. A report has also been filed by the Environment Protection Department (EPD) which is placed on record. It sets out different measures which have been taken by the department. It has further been informed that the violating industrial units are operating at night for which the Deputy Director, Environment, Dengue & Health, is present and states that he has been conducting regular visits in order to find out whether the industrial units are operating at night and are in violation of the basic standards relating to use of fuel which is prohibited. It is directed that in future his visits to these industrial units shall be pre-informed to the Members of the Commission who shall assign an officer of the Environmental Protection Agency who shall also accompany the officer on these

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visits. It is further directed that the fact which has been mentioned in the report of the EPD relating to monitoring of the special squads through a dashboard linked with an android application will also be shared with the Members of the Commission who shall also have firsthand access to these dashboard who can therefore monitor as well the performance of the special squads. Further proceedings are now adjourned for 14.10.2022.

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(SHAHID KARIM)
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