

ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Vs Government 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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21.02.2020

Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.
 Syed Kamal Haider, Advocate for Water Commission.
 Mian Irfan Akram,, Advocate for WASA.
 Mr. Altaf ur Rehman, Advocate for DHA.
 Sardar Balakh Sher Khosa, Advocate for Cantt Board.
 Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, Advocate for LDA.
 Ch. Zubair Ahmad Kasana, Asst. Attorney General.
 Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, A.A.G with Capt. (Retd.) Liaqat Ali Malik, CTO, Lahore, Syed Ali Raza Zaidi, Deputy Director (Law) and Mian Ijaz Majeed, D.D (L&E) EPA.

Report No.49 has been filed on behalf of the Chairman Water Commission which brings forth various steps taken by the Commission on the issues which are within the remit of the Commission. In this regard, substantial steps are being taken for making the industries compliant in respect of water treatment plants and to stop them from injection of waste water into subsoil. These steps may be continued by the Commission and it is expected that strict action shall be taken against all industries which are in contravention of the directions issued by EPA in this regard. It has also been mentioned that WASA intends to construct six waste water treatment plants on priority basis to treat municipal wastage of water in Lahore before its discharge into river Ravi. The feasibility study has been approved

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by the Chairman P&D and is awaiting the approval of the government. Learned A.A.G is directed to seek instructions in this regard from the relevant department and to inform this Court as to the time within which the feasibility study shall be approved so that the work can commence on the construction of these treatment plants.

2. Learned counsel for Water Commission also informs that Auqaf Department has been approached with regard to the construction of ablution water tanks on the shrines in Lahore which are under the administrative supervision of Auqaf Department.

3. The minutes of the meeting regarding issuance of traffic congestion in Lahore have also been attached in which the hurdles which are the major cause of traffic conjunction has also been placed on record. Follow up steps shall be taken by the Water Commission and as directed on the previous date of hearing TEPA shall file a report of plan regarding road infrastructure so that the issues of traffic congestion be reduced.

4. Learned Asst. Attorney General has sought instructions from D.G Oil who has informed that the policy has been formulated with regard to Euro-4 fuel to be used by vehicles. Two weeks time is given to the relevant Ministry of the Federal Government and the D.G Oil to submit a report giving the

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timeline of the approval of the policy and its implementation.

5. The Deputy Director (Environment) Lahore has filed a compliance report regarding the orders of this Court in respect of making the major stores compliant of following a policy to stop the use of polythene bags. Two weeks time was given however it has been noticed that the due to late release of the order which could not be conveyed for compliance within the time of two weeks further time till the next date of hearing is granted to the stores to comply with the steps to stop the use of all kinds of polythene bags including oxibiodegradable bags. Strict compliance of the order shall be made by EPA and a report shall be filed on the next date of hearing regarding non compliance by any of the stores which have been mentioned in the report submitted today.

6. Adjourned to 28.02.2020.

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Rafaqat Ali
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(SHAHID KARIM)
JUDGE