

ORDER SHEET**IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT****Case No. W.P. No.227807 of 2018**

Haroon Farooq

Versus

Government of Punjab, etc.

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21.10.2022

M/s. Syed Kamal Ali Haider and Hina Hafeezullah Ishaq, Advocates/Members of the Judicial Water Commission.

Mr. Zain Sheikh, Advocate for the petitioner.

M/s. Talaat Farooq Sh. And M. Yasin Hatif, Advocates for the petitioner in connected petitions.

Mr. Shazib Masud, Advocate for LCBD.

Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, Advocate for respondents-LDA.

M/s. Mian Irfan Akram and Mohsin Mumtaz, Advocates for respondent-WASA.

Mr. Waqar A. Sheikh, Advocate for respondent-PHA.

Syed Moazzam Ali Shah, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Asad Ali Bajwa, Dy. Attorney General.

Mr. Tipu Salman Makhdoom, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab along with Nawaz Manik, Director (Law) EPA, Ali Ejaz, DD EPA, Shahzad Khan, SPP City Traffic, Shahid Anjum Minhas, Chief Town Planner, LDA and Umer Hayat, Law Officer.

The progress report No.141 has been submitted by the Members of the Commission. The Members have referred to the letter dated 14.10.2022 written by the Director, Provincial Disaster Management Authority to the Deputy Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, Lahore for retrieving the official vehicles by PDMA which were handed over at some point of the time. They are not being returned to PDMA which requires these vehicles for its campaign against smog. Learned Addl. Advocate General shall

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ask the Deputy Secretary, Chief Minister's Office to act upon that letter and ensure the retrieval of the vehicles as demanded in the letter and a report shall be filed before the next date of hearing.

2. The report also lists units which have been sealed by the Anti-Smog Squads set up on the direction of this Court by the Chief Secretary, Punjab. It is directed that the campaign is ongoing, hence shall be followed up with steps to ensure that these units are not de-sealed unless they are compliant with the standards of emissions.

3. The representative of PHA is present who shall propose the future Miyawaki Urban Forestation at different places of Lahore. According to him, the Anti-Corruption Department is making some inquiries and the officers of PHA are reluctant to proceed with fresh schemes. Despite this, the PHA is directed to propose its future schemes and shall also submit in writing acts of the Anti-Corruption Department which are impediment in the way of the officers in executing of the future schemes. It has also been informed in this regard that a meeting was held between the officers of PHA and the officers of MCL. The meeting was held on 20.10.2022 under the chairmanship of DG, PHA and in which certain decisions were taken regarding

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green belts. It has been informed that the two departments have reached a consensus on the wayforward regarding the green belts. It is directed that the decisions made in that meeting shall be implemented in letter and spirit by MCL in future. Learned Addl. Advocate General has proposed to engage the Agriculture University, Faisalabad and University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore to assist in various projects being carried out by the Commission. It is directed that the Members of the Commission as well as learned Addl. Advocate General shall contact the Vice Chancellors of these universities who shall appoint a focal person to liaison with the Members of the Commission and explore various ways in which the expertise of these universities can be used to advance the projects which are being carried out on the directions of this Court by the Members of the Commission.

4. The report also alludes to the issue of buses to be used by the private schools. According to the report, a number of buses have been made functional and are now put for use. However, the Members have pointed out that one of the buses had been ordered to be handed over to the Kinnaird College purportedly on the directions of the Chief Minister, Punjab. Learned

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Addl. Advocate General shall seek a report from the Secretary, Chief Minister, Punjab in this regard and place it before this Court on the next date of hearing as in the opinion of the Members of the Commission, Kinnaird College is an autonomous college and these buses should be used for the public sector colleges and cannot be given to autonomous college like Kinnaird College.

5. Mr. Muhammad Shahzad, DSP Police has informed that a WhatsApp number has been set up and the public is being informed regarding this number at which complaints may be registered on traffic violations taking place throughout Lahore. Further, two drones have also been acquired by the Traffic Police of Lahore and a dedicated staff has also been trained to operate those drones which will go long way in enhancing the capability of the Traffic Police, Lahore to deal with various issues of traffic.


6. A report by Commissioner, Lahore has also been filed according to which Chairing Cross has been cleared on the directions of this Court. Learned Addl. Advocate General shall seek instructions regarding present status of the law which was required to be enacted by the government to control protests in and

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around the red zone to be declared under that law.

Adjourned to 28.10.2022.


(SHAHID KARIM)
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