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ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

WP No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Versus etc. GOP, etc

S.No. of Order/ Proceeding	Date of Order/ Proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of Parties of counsel, where necessary
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22.01.2021

Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi Advocate for petitioner.
Syed Kamal Ali Haider Advocate for the Commission.
M/s M. Azhar Siddique, Ahmad Rafay Alam, Sheraz Zaka
and M. Yasin Hatif Advocates for petitioners in
connected petitions.
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M/s Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali and Aamir Saeed Rawan
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Mr. Balakh Sher Khosa Advocate for Cantonment Board.
Ms. Nadia Adil, Advocate for DHA.
M/s Tariq Bashir, Arslan Riaz, Ahmad Pervaiz, A.D.
Ishaq, Sabeel Tariq Manan, Mahr Abid Hanif and Ch. M.
Shahid Ansari Advocates for applicants.
Mr. Monim Sultan A.A.G. a/w Dr. Amin Khan Dy.
Executive Director, NAPHDA, PM Office, Islamabad.
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi Addl. A.G. a/w M. Nawaz Manik
Director Law, Ali Ijaz, Dy. Director, EPA Lahore and
Ahmed Aziz Tarar, DG, LDA.

A report has been submitted by Chairman, Naya
Pakistan Housing and Development Authority
("NAPHDA") in which it has been stated that the
authority complied with the directions issued by this
court and has applied for EIA to be issued by the EPA.
Also that the project is still in planning phase and no
construction has started in site. The chairman of the
Authority is directed to submit a report on the next date
of hearing with regard to the environmental aspect of the
project so as to ensure that the project is green and
smart project.

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2. Learned Addl. A.G. has also placed on record a letter dated 21.01.2021 which is an invitation by the Chief Minister Punjab meeting with Water Commission so as to acknowledge the progress made on various aspects of this petition.

3. A report has also been submitted on behalf of the EPA in which it has been stated that publication of notice of public participation for issuance of EIA has been issued and the process shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with the environmental standards prescribed by law. A further report shall be submitted by the EPA on the next date of hearing.

4. Learned counsel for Water Commission submits that at least 68% of the brick kilns have been converted to Zigzag technology. The counsel for the brick kilns has contended that there are other technologies available which are equally efficacious and environment friendly. This is endorsed by the representative of EPA, present in court, who submits that EPA is in the process of analyzing those technologies and hearing of representatives of brick kilns have also been held. It is directed that the matter shall be expedited and the process shall be completed before the next date of hearing with a report filed to this Court.


5. The Director General LDA submits that an amnesty scheme has been prepared for approval of the authority in accordance with law as well as Cabinet of the

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Government of Punjab. That amnesty relate to regularization of unapproved private housing societies and settlement in Lahore. That amnesty scheme has been perused and is hereby approved. It may be got approved in accordance with law firstly by the authority and thereafter by the Cabinet of Punjab Government.

6. Learned counsel for the Water Commission has also brought on record progress made regarding sugar mills setup in Punjab and the treatment plants to be installed by them. Hearing shall be conducted according to the learned counsel and at least 16 sugar industries have given affidavits in compliance for installation of waste water treatment plants in accordance with the environment standards. To come up on the next date of hearing for further proceedings.


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