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ORDER SHEET
IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P. No.227807/2018

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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22.04.2022

Syed Kamal Ali Haider and Mis. Hina Hafeezullah Ishaq
Advocates/Members of the Judicial Water Commission.
Mr. M. Azhar Siddique and M. Yasin Hatif Advocates
for petitioners in connected petitions.
Mr. Belal Awais, Advocate for PHA.
Mian Irfan Akram, Advocate for WASA.
Mr. Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali and Afsar Raza Khan,
Advocates for the LDA.
Mr. Tahir Mehmood Ahmad Khokhar, Deputy Attorney
General.
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl.A.G. Salman Alam Khan,
A.A.G.
Mr. Ali Ejaz Deputy Director EPA.

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Report has been filed by the Members of the
Commission which refers to the progress made
regarding installation of treatment plants in Sunder
Industrial Estate. It seems that commendable progress is
being made in this regard and some of the industries
have installed treatment plants and other industries are
in the process of doing so. The Members of the
Commission also visited the premises of Noon Sugar
Mill and have concluded that the officials of the
industrial unit claim that there was no discharge of the

effluent into the water body. It was noticed by the Members that the industry was not in production as the crushing season has come to an end and it was difficult to determine at this juncture as to whether industry was producing any effluent or not. This matter shall be kept pending and will be taken up at the start of the next crushing season. With regard to distillery, instructions were issued to the officers of the EPA who collected samples from the final outlets of NOON sugar mill discharge which fall into DR drain. Further instructions were issued by the Members of the Commission to the mill's management to convert the service of two earthen lagoons into concrete to prevent any absorption of the effluent in to aquifer. It has also been mentioned in the report that PITB is in the process of integration of the proposed complaint management system in the application for the purpose of curtailing environmental pollution. It is directed that PITB shall do so expeditiously and a report shall be filed on the next date of hearing.

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2. It was proposed that education department should be taken on board in order to implement proposals regarding use of public transport in school children who travel to and from their respective schools. This will result enormous reduction of air pollution. A

meeting shall be called by the Members of the Commission with the relevant officers of the education department to analyse the proposal alongwith officers of Punjab Mass Transit Authority for making a plan in this regard. Further the education department shall also come up with a scheme by which directions will go out to the private schools for the buses to be arranged so that majority of the school children may travel in buses in order to curtail the use of private transport.

3. Learned counsel for LDA has furnished report regarding rooftop gardening. It is directed that since three notices have already been issued, LDA shall take action to implement the directions issued in the notices for necessary steps to be taken by owners of high rise building to either install solar panel or carryout rooftop gardening in order to curb the menace of heat.

4. Reply to show cause notice has also been submitted by Mr. Basit Aziz, Deputy Director Encroachment, LDA who has requested this Court to discharge the notice and has made a statement in categoric terms that he was not involved in any of the activities alleged against him and will not do so in future. The officer will be let off with a warning by the LDA and he is directed to remain meticulous in the implementation of the orders of this Court. Learned

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counsel for the LDA shall also propose name of independent consultants to undertake the survey regarding commercialization of roads as learned counsel for LDA states that initially the reports were prepared by NESPAC, however, it is imperative that independent consultants should be engaged or the purpose.

5. Adjourned to 28.04.2022.


(**SHAHID KARIM**)
JUDGE

Abdul Waheed

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