

ORDER SHEET**IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE**
(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)Case No. W.P. No. 227807/2018*Haroon Farooq***Versus***Govt. of Punjab, etc.*

Sr. No.of order/ Proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signatures of Judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary.
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23.05.2019

Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for Judicial Water Commission.

Mr. Muhammad Bilal Akhtar, Advocate for respondent No.4.

Mr. Sibtul Husnain, Advocate for respondent No.7.

Mr. Zafar Hussain Ahmad, Additional Advocate General Punjab.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Chairman Water Commission, Lahore gave run down of the report prepared and submitted through C.M.No.4 of 2019. Attention of the court was drawn to the steps recommended for the purposes of ensuring water conservation. Learned counsel sought implementation of proposed recommendations, inter alia seeking provisioning of supplementary grant for Auqaf Department - to facilitate construction of ablution water tanks in Mosques and major Shrines – mechanism for collection of outstanding aquifer charges, sealing of such service stations which are operational without installing recycling plant, have outdated washing system – to be replaced with jet washing system - and failed to pay cost for use of water, effective

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participation of stake holders for the review of draft legislation on the subject, arrangement of security for the Assistant Commissioner appointed by the Water Commission, who is exposed to serious threat while performing its duties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that participation of stake holders to review draft legislation, i.e. draft Punjab Water Act 2019 is essential to ensure comprehensive and effective laws, placement of permanent establishment to ensure conservation of water and provisioning of safe drinking water.

3. In view of the submissions, learned Law Officer is directed to examine the report, particularly the recommendations proposed therein and seek instructions regarding mechanism and time frame for implementation thereof. Since the implementation part has to be performed by the Government, it is imperative to direct respondents No. 1 & 2 to submit government's response to the report and recommendations therein by way of comments in writing, before the next date of hearing. Respondents No. 1 & 2 are further directed to depute some responsible Officer for attending hearings of the case, holding expertise and conversant with the matter. The Office of Advocate General Punjab is directed to depute and assign this case to incumbent

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Law Officer to ensure continuity, who shall appear on each and every date of hearing.

4. This matter is adjourned to 19.06.2019.

*M. Nadeem**


(Asim Hafeez)
Judge

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