

Form No:HCJD/C-121
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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24.02.2021

Mr. Faiz Ullah Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for Water
Commission.
M/s Ahmad Rafay Alam, M. Azhar Siddique and Sheraz
Zaka Advocates for petitioners in connected petitions.
Mr. Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, Advocate for the
respondents.
Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh Advocate for RVDA.
Sardar Balakh Sher Khosa, Advocate for Cantonment
Board.
Mr. Ahmad Pervaiz Advocate in C.M.No.10/2020.
Mr. Monim Sultan, Assistant Attorney General.
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl.A.G.
Dr. Amin Khan Deputy Executive Director, Naya
Pakistan Housing & Development Authority, Islamabad.
Mr. Usman Naeem, IGC/NGO.

Report has been filed on behalf of Naya Pakistan
Housing & Development Authority, Islamabad in which
it has been mentioned that the management and the
authority is committed to environmental management
and the project shall be environmentally friendly project.
However, it is directed that the project being undertaken
by the Authority at Lahore which is being executed by
Lahore Development Authority shall be submitted for
final approval by this Court as it is imperative that the
project should not only be environmental friendly

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project, should conform to the regulations of Lahore Development Authority in this regard as also should take specific measures for water conservation. The details of the project will be shared on the next date of hearing by the Chairman, NAPHDA through a report which shall be analysed by the independent experts appointed by this Court.

2. Report No.82 has been filed by the Water Commission in which various steps have been mentioned which have been taken by the Water Commission for the control of smog in Lahore. At least 223 industries were sealed for emitting environmental hazardous material as pollutants. It also mentions the action taken against smog emitting vehicles against whom a fine of Rs.11,403,550/- has been imposed and recovered whereas 2463 vehicles have been impounded. Report also refers to the action taken in respect of 26 sugar industries which have been given a deadline of 2nd March, 2021 for submission of environmental impact assessment along with respective design of the waste water treatment plans. In case compliance is not made of the directions issued by this Court and being implemented by the Water Commission, sealing of the premises of these sugar industries shall be undertaken

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by the EPD. Further Data Darbar Ablution water tank has almost been completed in which according to the report almost 60000 gallons of water has been stored. The lorry hydrants have also been installed and the water tank shall be functional in another couple of days. Learned Addl.A.G submits that an application has been made to the Supreme Court of Pakistan for clarification of the order of the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding purchase of vehicles.

3. Mr. Usman Naeem IGC/NGO has appeared and states that significant progress has been made for installation of the instruments in the steel and textile industries in and around Lahore. It is directed that Mr. Usman Naeem shall hold a meeting with learned Addl.A.G Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi and apprise him of the next steps to be taken and if at all there are any impediments in the way, learned Addl.A.G shall contact the relevant Government Department for easing out the process so that it can be expedited. Learned Addl.A.G shall also initiate steps so that Mr. Usman Naeem can also have a meeting with the Secretary Agriculture as there are certain important suggestions which are necessary to be shared with the Secretary in respect of control of stubble burning in the Province of Punjab.

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4. Learned counsel for the petitioner shall also assist this Court on the next date of hearing regarding appointment of Environmental Experts to assist the Water Commission so that the report may be compiled with regard to the short term steps which can be taken to control the unusual phenomena of smog in Lahore.

5. Adjourned to 25.02.2021.


(SHAHID KARIM)
JUDGE

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