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ORDER SHEET
IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Vs Govt. of the 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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29.10.2020 Mr. Abuzar Salman Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Syed Kamal Ali Haider, Advocate for the Commission.
Mr. Anis Ali Hashmi, Addl.A.G.
Mian Irfan Akram, Advocate for WASA.
Mr. Zahid Sikandar, Asst. Attorney General.
Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali and Mr. Amir Saeed Rawan, Advocates for LDA with S.M Imran, Vice Chairman, LDA.
Mr. M. Azhar Siddique, Advocate for applicant.

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Notice to the petitioner as well as the respondents on this application under Section 12(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure. Reply shall be filed to this application before the next date of hearing.
Adjourned to 23.12.2020.

Main Case

2. A report has been filed by the learned A.A.G on behalf of Director of Agriculture which gives details of the action taken regarding emission of smoke which includes FIRs lodged, the training conducted of the farmers and the social media awareness campaign carried out as also harvesters employed in the fields of rice crop for sowing of wheat without burning of rice straw. The report is placed on record and it is directed that pursuant to this report, the

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Agriculture Department shall take all steps to compel the farmers to use the harvesters and not to indulge in stubble burning.

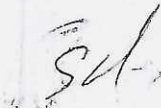
3. The learned counsel for Water Commission has informed that the necessary steps have been taken by the C.T.O, Lahore in order to curtail the smoke emitting vehicles from plying on the roads. However, there do not seem to be enough measures taken in this regard although the report clearly states that given the human recourse constraints, the CTO is taking all steps under his power to monitor the smoke emitting vehicles and different chocking points have been identified on which severe action shall be taken. A report dated 24.10.2020 compiled by the Safe City Authorities has been filed with the Chairman Water Commission which gives detail of the 4th meaningful progress report and the measures taken on it. It is directed that the Water Commission shall convene a meeting with the CTO regarding problem of smoke emitting vehicles and shall ensure that the traffic police takes the strict measures for the enforcement of the orders passed by this Court on the previous dates of hearing. The report of Water Commission also mentions the action taken against industrial units for non compliance of the orders and directions issued by this Court. The report is also accompanied by a copy of the presentation of smog

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by Deputy Commissioner. Lahore which gives details of the action taken regarding vehicles and the fines imposed on these vehicles. It mentions that only 14 vehicles have been impounded which is too less in number to make any significant impact. The report prepared by the Deputy Commissioner does not sufficiently mention substantial steps taken in this regard by the administrative authorities. Needless to say that various steps need to be taken manifold if any relevant progress can be made out of these steps.

4. To come up for further proceedings on 02.11.2020.


(SHAUQAT KARIM)
JUDGE

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