



SECRETARIAT OF BOARD OF REVENUE, PUNJAB
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Lahore, the 22nd November, 2021

ORDER

No.Smog-2020/174/Coord-II. WHEREAS, there is evidence of persistent deterioration in Air Quality Index of the city of Lahore, fluctuating from satisfactory to poor levels, which is likely to cause breathing discomfort, respiratory tract diseases and heart diseases amongst people of all age brackets;

2. AND WHEREAS, people in the Punjab, with highest ratio in Lahore, continue to be infected by Covid-19 and further overlap of conducive conditions for respiratory tract diseases due to smog could exacerbate the situation;

3. AND WHEREAS, the Provincial Cabinet of Punjab, in its 36th meeting has declared smog as calamity under section 3 of "The Punjab National Calamities (Prevention & Relief), Act 1958" which has been notified vide Relief Commissioner's Order No.Smog-2020/10/Coord-I dated 14.10.2020, and all possible measures to contain and arrest the deterioration of ambient Air Quality Index, especially in territorial limits of the city of Lahore and Punjab in general are required to be taken;

4. AND WHEREAS, in my opinion there are sufficient grounds to proceed under section 4 (2) (h) of "The Punjab National Calamities (Prevention & Relief) Act 1958", as an immediate preventive and speedy remedy and the directions hereinafter appearing are necessary to ensure public safety, conserve lives and preempt and mitigate imminent threat of smog in the province of Punjab.

5. NOW THEREFORE, I Babar Hayat Tarar, Relief Commissioner, Government of the Punjab, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 4(2)(h) of "The Punjab National Calamities (Prevention & Relief) Act, 1958", hereby order as under:

- i. All private offices being operated by companies, private sector entities and other individuals, within the territorial limits of Lahore Metropolitan Corporation, shall remain closed on every Monday, in addition to Saturday and Sunday, with effect from 27.11.2021 until 15.1.2022. However, their staff may work from home.
- ii. All public and private educational institutions (Colleges, Schools and Academies etc.) in territorial limits of Lahore Metropolitan Corporation shall remain closed on every Monday, in addition to weekly holidays which shall be observed on Saturday and Sunday, with effect from 27.11.2021 until 15.1.2022. However, they may arrange virtual classes.

8. The order shall be given wide publicity in official Gazette, Newspapers and broadcasting through Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and other TV Channels as news item as well as on social media for information of the general public.


(Babar Hayat Tarar)
RELIEF COMMISSIONER
PUNJAB

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Chief Secretary, Punjab
2. Chairman, Judicial Environmental Water Commission, Lahore
3. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab
4. Secretary Higher Education Department with the request to implement the order
5. Secretary School Education Department with the request to implement the order
6. Secretary Information Department, Punjab with request for wide publicity of this order in print and electronic media as news items.
7. Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab
8. Commissioner Lahore Division, Lahore, with the request to implement the order
9. Capital City Police Officer, Lahore, with the request to implement the order
10. Director General, Public Relations, Punjab
11. Deputy Commissioner, Lahore
12. PSO to Minister for Finance
13. PSO to Minister, Disaster Management Department
14. The Superintendent, Punjab Printing Press for Gazette Notification


**DIRECTOR GENERAL
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