



BOARD OF REVENUE, PUNJAB
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Lahore, the 21st December, 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, 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;

3. AND WHEREAS, Transport Department, Government of Punjab, has proposed to take certain immediate measures to control vehicular emissions causing smog;

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. **Public service vehicles without valid fitness certificates issued by VICS shall not be allowed entry in Lahore with effect from 23.12.2021.**
- ii. **Manual Vehicle Inspections shall be suspended for three months, with effect from 23.12.2021 to 22.03.2022, across Punjab. All public service vehicles shall obtain fitness certificate from the respective Vehicle Inspection & Certification System (VICS) stations.**
- iii. **Traffic Police shall detain/impound the documents of public service vehicles found plying without valid fitness certificates and forward the same to the concerned Secretary DRTA for release after verification of valid fitness certificate.**

6. 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

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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. Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab
5. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab
6. Secretary Transport Department, Punjab, with the request to implement the order
7. Secretary Information Department, Punjab with the request for wide publicity of this order in print and electronic media as news items.
8. DIG Traffic, Punjab, with the request to implement the order
9. Capital City Police Officer, Lahore
10. Director General, Public Relations, Punjab
11. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab
12. Secretary Provincial Transport Authority, Lahore, with the request to implement the order
13. All Secretaries, District Regional Transport Authorities, Punjab
14. PSO to Minister for Finance
15. PSO to Minister, Disaster Management Department
16. The Superintendent, Punjab Printing Press for Gazette Notification


**DIRECTOR GENERAL
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