



SECRETARIAT OF BOARD OF REVENUE, PUNJAB
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Lahore, the 18th November, 2021

ORDER

No.Smog-2020/173/Coord-II. WHEREAS, there is evidence of persistent deterioration in Air Quality Index of the city of Lahore in particular and Punjab in general, fluctuating from satisfactory to poor levels, which may cause breathing discomfort, respiratory tract diseases and heart diseases amongst people of all age brackets;

2. AND WHEREAS, people in the Punjab 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, the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, during hearings in Writ Petition No.227807/2018, has directed the Government of the Punjab to take necessary remedial measures to control smog with specific directions and fines pertaining to attendance of staff in private offices, polluting brick kilns & industry, stubble burning and smoke emitting private and public transport;

5. 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.

6. AND WHEREAS, vide order of Relief Commissioner, Punjab of even number dated 15th October 2020, the activities reproduced below have been prohibited, consequent to which, these are offences under Section 188 of Pakistan Penal Code;

- i. Burning of any type of crop residue.
- ii. Vehicles emitting visible smoke and pollutants falling into inadmissible limits.
- iii. All industries working without emission control system contributing deterioration in Air Quality Index.
- iv. All stone crushers operating without wet scrubbers.
- v. Burning of all types of solid waste, tyres, rubber and plastics.
- vi. Sale and use of all types of sub-standard fuels.
- vii. All types of encroachments which cause hindrance in the smooth flow of traffic on public roads including footpaths.
- viii. Any kind of parking which may cause hindrance in the smooth flow of traffic.
- ix. All types of activities without proper safeguard which contribute in generating fugitive dust.
- x. Uncovered and open dumping/storage of construction material.
- xi. Uncovered transportation of construction material like sand, mud and cement.
- xii. Any unauthorized activity which may cause pollution.

7. 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:

- Adm. Order*
- i. All private offices being operated by companies, private sector entities and other individuals, within the territorial limits of Lahore Metropolitan Corporation, shall ensure that 50% of the employees work from home;
 - ii.
 - a) All Administrative Secretaries under Government of the Punjab shall make plans for reduction of official vehicles of their departments, plying on roads during the period 25th November 2021 to 15th January 2022, by 50%. The off-road vehicles shall be parked in the secretariat of each Department and shall be checked on daily basis by the administrative secretary concerned. The plans shall be prepared and put into implementation w.e.f 25th November 2021.
 - b) The Commissioners of Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujranwala and Multan divisions shall ensure similar arrangements for reduction of official vehicles in their respective Divisional Headquarters.
 - iii. All industrial units shall install scrubbers for emission control and cameras for monitoring by 4th December 2021. Necessary configuration for live monitoring of industrial emissions shall be made by Industries Department, Environment Protection Department and PDMA.
 - iv. School Education Department and Higher Education Department shall ensure that public and private educational institutions increase the use of buses / vans by 50% for pick and drop of students.
 - v. In compliance with order of the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, following fines shall be imposed on different violations:

Activity	Fine (Rs.)	Action to be taken by
a) Burning of crop residue and municipal waste	50,000/-	Deputy Commissioners and Revenue Officers under their administrative control
b) Brick Kilns not on zig-zag methodology or emitting black smoke	Minimum 50,000/- and upto 100,000/-	Environment Protection Department
c) Polluting and smoke emitting public and private transport	2,000/-	Transport Department and Traffic Police
d) Industrial units functioning without emission control equipment/ devices	Minimum 50,000/- and upto 100,000/	Deputy Commissioners and Revenue Officers under their administrative control/ Environment Protection Department

8. This order shall come in force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.

9. 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.


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


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