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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 08.11.2024



ADVISORY FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR PURIFIERS IN COMMERCIAL SHOPPING PLAZAS/ MALLS U/S 6(1)(o) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

ADVICE

WHEREAS, Govt. of Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impacts of prevailing smog season. Pre-emptive measures against all the sources of air pollution have already started by EPA as well as other concerned departments:

2. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 2(xxxiii) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, **pollution** means the contamination of air, land or water by the discharge or emission of effluents or wastes or air pollutants or noise or other matter which either directly or indirectly or in combination with other discharges or substances alters unfavorably the chemical, physical, biological, radiation, thermal or radiological or aesthetic properties of the air, land or water or which may, or is likely to make the air, land or water unclean, noxious or impure or injurious, disagreeable or detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of persons or harmful to biodiversity.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Under Section 6(1) (o) of the ibid Act, it is one of the functions of EPA to provide information and guidance to the public on environmental matters;

4. **AND WHEREAS** the **Health Advisory System for Critical Air Pollution Events (HAS-CAPEs)** had been notified on 13.12.2022 under which the 1st meeting of Provincial CAPEs Committee (PCC) was held on 21.10.2024 which declared that Critical Air Pollution Event has taken place in Lahore based on AQI. Now, Critical Air Pollution Event has taken place in Faisalabad, Multan and Gujranwala, keeping in view the current high levels of Air Quality Index (AQI).

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred upon me U/S 6(1)(o) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, do hereby advise the management of Commercial Plazas/Malls **in the whole Punjab** to install adequate number of efficient air purifiers to provide clean air to the visitors.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 8th day of November, 2024.

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DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)
Director General
Environmental Protection Agency
Punjab

Copy forwarded for information:

- The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- All the Commissioners, Punjab
- All the Deputy Commissioners, Punjab for implementation of this advice in true letter and spirit.
- ✓ ● The Capital City Police Officer, District Lahore
- All the District Police Officers, Punjab
- The Director General Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
- The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- The Deputy/ Assistant Director (Field), EPA, District Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Gujranwala
- PA to Director General EPA Punjab

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