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**ORDER**

**485/PA/DG/EPA/2026**

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(1)(j) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997  
FOR CONSTITUTION OF THEMATIC RESEARCH TEAMS UNDER THE CENTER FOR  
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE & POLICY DIALOGUE (CKE&PD)**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, and promotion of sustainable development in the Province;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, effective discharge of the statutory mandate of EPA Punjab requires evidence-based policymaking, scientific research, technical analysis, institutional coordination and structured knowledge-sharing mechanisms to address emerging environmental and climate-related challenges in the Province;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the “Center for Knowledge Exchange & Policy Dialogue (CKE&PD)” has been established vide Notification No. 436/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 31.12.2025 for strengthening environmental research, policy support, institutional coordination and knowledge management in furtherance of environmental governance objectives in the Province;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, EPA Punjab is presently equipped with qualified officers and technical experts, including officers possessing doctoral qualifications in various environmental and scientific disciplines, with academic attainments, professional experience and technical expertise enabling the undertaking of specialized thematic research, policy analysis and evidence-based studies in support of the statutory functions and institutional objectives of the Agency;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, section 6(1)(j) of the Act empowers Environmental Protection Agency Punjab to take measures to promote research and the development of science and technology which may contribute to the prevention of pollution, protection of the environment, and sustainable development;

6. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 6(1)(j) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby constitute the following Thematic Research Teams under the aegis of the Center for Knowledge Exchange & Policy Dialogue (CKE&PD) with the following composition and Terms of Reference (TORs):

**TEAM – I: CARBON MARKETS, OFFSET MECHANISMS & CLIMATE FINANCE**

- i. Dr. Sadia Batool, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Rawalpindi
- ii. Dr. Tahir Abbas Sial, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Multan

**TEAM – II: ESTABLISHMENT OF LOW EMISSION ZONES (LEZs) & EMISSIONS ANALYTICS**

- i. Dr. Hina Sattar, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Chiniot
- ii. Dr. Rabia Nousheen, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Attock

**TEAM – III: DECARBONIZATION & EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

- i. Dr. Aroosha Maqbool, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Pakpattan
- ii. Ms Maryam Khan, Deputy Director (Imp), EPA Headquarter, Lahore

**TEAM – IV: INDUSTRIAL WATER SOLUTIONS & SUSTAINABLE EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT**

- i. Dr. Munaza Naseem, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Lodhran
- ii. Dr. Muhammad Awais, Deputy Director (Tech/Field), Bahawalpur

The Terms of Reference (TORs) shall be as follows:

- i. To undertake detailed and evidence-based research in the assigned thematic area and prepare policy briefs, technical papers and actionable recommendations thereon;
- ii. To examine and review relevant national and international best practices, legal instruments, regulatory mechanisms, scientific literature and emerging environmental trends pertaining to the assigned subject matter;
- iii. To coordinate and engage, where necessary, with relevant government departments, academic institutions, research organizations, development partners and other stakeholders for collection of information, technical inputs and expert consultation;
- iv. To monthly present progress, findings and recommendations before the Coordinator, Center for Knowledge Exchange & Policy Dialogue (CKE&PD), and the Director General, EPA Punjab;
- v. To submit a comprehensive Research Report, along with policy recommendations and implementation framework, within a period of three (03) months from the date of issuance of this Order, extendable subject to approval of the undersigned.
- vi. All concerned officers shall treat the assigned research work as part of their official duties and shall ensure timely, diligent and effective execution of the assigned tasks.

M. [Signature]

**(DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH)**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**C.C.**

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

- 1) Secretary  
Environment Protection and Climate Change Department
- 2) ***The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab.***
- 3) Additional Director General , (Implementation)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 4) ***PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.***
- 5) ***All Directors EPA Punjab***
- 6) ***The Officer Concerned***
- 7) Deputy Director , (SAW)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 8) Coordinator , (CKENPD)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 9) Incharge IT Support , (Unit)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 10) Social Media Handler , (Social Media)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 11) Assistant Director (Public Relation Officer) , (Public Relation Officer)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 12) librarian , (EPA)  
Environmental Protection Agency
- 13) Personal Assistant , (PA To DG)  
Environmental Protection Agency

