



**ORDERS U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997
FOR IMPOSITION OF BAN ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CAR WASH STATIONS IN
PUNJAB**

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), through its National Drought Monitoring Centre (NDMC) issued advisory that Punjab province has experienced 42% below normal rainfall from 1st September 2024 to 15th January 2025, leading to mild to moderate drought conditions;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the operation of car wash stations involves the consumption of substantial quantities of water (around 400 liters per car wash). The establishment of new service stations during a period of impending drought would exacerbate the already strained water resources of the province, potentially leading to severe environmental and socio-economic consequences;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, is mandated to anticipate and mitigate potential environmental hazards and to ensure the prudent use of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, in exercise of powers under Section 6(1)(t) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is empowered to take all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, and promotion of sustainable development;

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby impose a complete ban on the establishment of new car wash stations within the territorial jurisdiction of the province of Punjab.

6. This order shall come into force with **immediate effect** and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.

7. Any violation of this order shall be punishable under **Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC)**.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 5th day of April, 2025

o/c

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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab.
- ii. The Secretary, HUD&PE Department, Lahore.
- iii. The Secretary, LG&CD Department, Lahore. *Jat 07/04/2025*
- iv. The Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab, Lahore.
- v. All Commissioners of Punjab to ensure compliance of this order
- vi. The Director General, Public Relation, Lahore with request to ensure wide publicity.
- vii. All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab to ensure compliance of this order
- viii. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Lahore. *APs 07-04-2025*
- ix. The Additional Secretary (Incharge, Environmental Affairs) to Chief Minister, Lahore.
- x. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- xi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- xii. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- xiii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab *7/4*
- xiv. All the Directors EPA Punjab *made copy 07/4 7/4*
- xv. All Deputy/Assistant Director (Field), EPA to ensure compliance of this order
- xvi. The In-charge, Smog War Room, EPA, Lahore.
- xvii. Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
- xviii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.

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