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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 09/04/2025

ORDERS U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997
FOR IMPOSITION OF BAN ON USAGE OF HOSE PIPE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
RESIDENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS FOR CAR WASH

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**, 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;

3. **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;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, The Environmental Protection Agency has already taken the following steps for conservation of water:

1. Immediate closure of all illegal / unapproved Car Wash / Service stations;
2. Mandatory installation of carwash wastewater recycling system and Channels at car wash stations;
3. Ban on use of oil washing of vehicles;
4. Ban on the use of water for washing of cars through use of hose pipes in the houses;
5. Ban on flood irrigation of lawns, gardens, golf courses and green belts;
6. Ban on use of groundwater in construction activities. Only surface water / recycled water can be used;
7. Ban on establishment of new car wash stations.

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, in addition to the aforementioned restrictions do hereby impose a complete ban on the usage of hose pipes in all the Government offices, buildings, residences for car wash 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 9th day of April, 2025.

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

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- i. All Administrative Secretaries of Punjab
- ii. All Commissioners of Punjab
- iii. The Director General, Public Relation, Lahore with request to ensure wide publicity.
- iv. All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab to ensure compliance of this order
- v. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Lahore.
- vi. The Additional Secretary (Incharge, Environmental Affairs) to Chief Minister, Lahore.
- vii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- viii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- ix. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- x. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- xi. All the Directors EPA Punjab *(M&D) 9/4/25*
- xii. All Deputy/Assistant Director (Field), EPA to ensure compliance of this order
- xiii. The In-charge, Smog War Room, EPA, Lahore.
- xiv. Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
- xv. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.

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