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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FEROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE**

Dated: 14/04/2025

**ORDER U/S 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 FOR  
MANDATORY PROVISION OF RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS IN SPECIFIED  
PROJECTS REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS**

**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**, The Environmental Protection Agency has already taken following measures for water conservation and protection of surface and groundwater:

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
8. 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.

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Under the Punjab Environmental Protection (Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2022 the following **23 Nos. of projects** have enough potential for installation of rainwater harvesting system for water conservation and protection of surface and groundwater:

- i. Controlled Poultry Farms, Hatchery, Livestock, stud and fish farms
- ii. Petroleum refineries
- iii. Textile Industry (Including All steps spinning, weaving units, dyeing and printing etc.)
- iv. Apparel including garments and leather stitching units
- v. Food processing industries including beverages, milk and dairy products
- vi. Flour mill, Rice mills, edible oils, fats and vegetable ghee and Feed Mills
- vii. Petrol and CNG Stations
- viii. Cement plant
- ix. Sugar mills and Distilleries
- x. Chemical manufacturing units, including pharmaceuticals and cosmetic
- xi. Paper and paperboard, paper pulping, paints and dyes
- xii. Pesticides and fertilizer manufacturing units
- xiii. Tannery and leather units
- xiv. Ceramics and glass units
- xv. Auto mobile manufacturing and assembling units
- xvi. Airports
- xvii. Housing Schemes including Land Sub Division
- xviii. Multistoried buildings either commercial or residential
- xix. Hotels
- xx. Industrial estates
- xxi. Educational institutions including Medical Colleges and research Institutes
- xxii. Marriage halls and event centers
- xxiii. Bus and wagon stands.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 empowers the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab 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.

6. **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 order that, henceforth:

- a. Applications for environmental approvals shall not be processed for any aforementioned projects unless their Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)/ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports, as the case may be, explicitly provide plan and design for the rainwater harvesting system and its effective utilization.
- b. The following condition shall be added in the Environmental Approval to be issued to the aforementioned projects: **"The Proponent shall ensure planning, designing, construction and operation of rainwater**

harvesting system in its premises for appropriate use of the said rainwater”

7. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force unless modified or withdrawn.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



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



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- i. The Secretary, Environment protection and Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. All Commissioners of Punjab
- iii. All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
- iv. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- v. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- vi. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore
- vii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- viii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P & D
- ix. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- x. All the Directors EPA Punjab
- xi. All Deputy/Assistant Director (Field), EPA to ensure compliance of this order
- xii. The In-charge, Smog War Room, EPA, Lahore. ✓
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- xiv. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.



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