



Subject: ORDER U/S 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 FOR CONTROL OF BIRD HAZARDS NEAR AIRPORTS

ORDER

WHEREAS, under Section 2(xxxv) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, "waste" means any substance or object which has been, is being or is intended to be, discarded or disposed of, and includes liquid waste, solid waste, waste gases, suspended waste, industrial waste, agricultural waste, nuclear waste, municipal waste, hospital waste, used polyethylene bags and residues from the incineration of all types of waste;

2. AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2(1)(a) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, "adverse environmental effect" means impairment of, or damage to, the environment and includes *impairment of, or damage to, human health and safety or to biodiversity or property*;

3. AND WHEREAS, under Section 6(1)(n), the Environmental Protection Agency may assist the local councils, local authorities, Government Agencies and other persons to implement schemes for the proper disposal of wastes to ensure compliance with the standards established by it;

4. AND WHEREAS, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, Punjab vide memo No.147/DG/W&P/Mgt/2025 dated 08.07.2025 has declared following areas as "No Bird Zones";

	Locality Name	Latitude	Longitude
North	Lahore Eastern Bypass	31.609738	74.402379
North-East	Manawan Hospital	31.592223	74.459308
East	Dahuriwala	31.529229	74.491999
South-East	Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute (PKLI)	31.455102	74.464801
South-West	Chungi Amer Sidhu	31.44851	74.352172
West	lcchra	31.532469	74.318276
North-West	Chah Miran	31.589146	74.344794

5. AND WHEREAS, the rationale for declaration of "No Bird Zone" mentioned following grounds;

Bird strikes pose a serious safety risk to aircrafts, especially during takeoff, landing, and low-altitude operations. Such strikes can lead to catastrophic engine failure, loss of life, and aircraft crashes as tragically seen in aviation incidents worldwide. Lahore is surrounded by dense urban habitats, slaughterhouses, open garbage dumps, and unauthorized bird feeding or poultry activities, which significantly attract and increase bird concentration near flight paths, heightening the risk of bird- aircraft collisions.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 6(1)(r), the Environmental Protection Agency may specify safeguards for the prevention of accidents and disasters which may cause pollution, collaborate with the concerned person in the preparation of contingency plans for control of such accidents and disasters, and co-ordinate implementation of such plans;

7. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1) (t) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development;

8. **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 the following measures to be taken in bird hazard control zone duly declared vide memo No.147/DG/W&P/Mgt/2025 dated 08.07.2025:

i. The following activities are hereby **banned**:

- a. Open dumping of garbage, food waste, offal or slaughter remains;
- b. Unauthorized poultry farms or bird breeding facilities;
- c. Feeding of pigeons or birds in large public gatherings or religious shrines;
- d. Establishment of bird-attracting businesses (slaughterhouses, tandoors, bakeries without waste management);
- e. Unregulated rooftop grain scattering and bird and animal feeding;
- f. Placement of uncovered waste collection bins;

ii. **There shall be complete ban** on processing of cases of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for controlled poultry farms, hatchery, livestock, stud and fish farms, tanneries and leather units (involved in manual processing of raw hides in open spaces), poultry waste

processing units / rendering units, food processing industries (limited to butcher and meat shops), slaughterhouses and landfill / transfer station, waste storage warehouse (limited to organic waste);

- iii. All unauthorized or authorized but non-compliant sectors mentioned in para 8(ii) shall be **sealed**. In case of violation (Construction without approval), legal action will be taken under Section 17 read with Section 21(3)(a) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 which may lead to stoppage of pollution causing activities or **fine up to 05 Million** or both;

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

Issued under my hand and seal on this 9th day of July, 2025.

o/c

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

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- i. The Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Department, Punjab
 - ii. The Secretary, Local Government & Community Development, Punjab
 - iii. The Commissioner, Lahore
 - iv. **The Deputy Commissioner, Lahore for devising comprehensive plan for implementation of this order**
 - v. The Cantt. Executive Officer, Lahore Cantt.
 - vi. The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore
 - vii. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
 - viii. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
 - ix. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
 - x. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
 - xi. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA HQs, Lahore.
 - xii. The Director (EIA), EPA Punjab with the direction to ensure implementation of 8(ii)
 - xiii. All the Directors, EPA HQs Punjab
 - xiv. **The Deputy Director (Field), Lahore EPA Punjab with the direction to enforce 8(ii) & 8(iii) and coordinate with relevant Authorities for implementation of 8(i) PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.**
 - xv. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA, Lahore.
 - xvi. Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
 - xviii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.