



ORDERS TO BAN PUBLIC ENTRY IN ALL PARKS (PUBLIC & PRIVATE), ZOOS, PLAY GROUNDS, JOY/PLAY LANDS, HISTORICAL PLACES, MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS, JOY/PLAY LANDS U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

ORDER

WHEREAS, Government of Punjab is striving hard to control all possible intrinsic factors which cause air pollution and deteriorate quality of ambient air. Pre-emptive measures against all the sources of air pollution have already been started by EPA as well as other concerned departments;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 2(xxxiii) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, **pollution** means the contamination of air, land or water by the discharge or emission of effluents or wastes or air pollutants or noise or other matter which either directly or indirectly or in combination with other discharges or substances alters unfavorably the chemical, physical, biological, radiation, thermal or radiological or aesthetic properties of the air, land or water or which may, or is likely to make the air, land or water unclean, noxious or impure or injurious, disagreeable or detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of persons or harmful to biodiversity;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Government of Punjab has notified a Health Advisory System for Critical Air Pollution Events (HAS-CAPEs) on 13-12-2022 under which the 1st meeting of Provincial CAPEs Committee (PCC) was held on 21-10-2024 which declared that Critical Air Pollution Event has taken place in Lahore, keeping in view the current high levels of Air Quality Index (AQI).

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 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;

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred upon me u/s 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order **complete ban on public entry in**

all parks (public & private), zoos, play grounds, historical places, monuments, museums and joy/play lands.

6. This order shall come into force with effect from **8th November 2024 (Friday)** and shall remain in force till **17th November 2024 (Sunday)** within the territorial jurisdictions of Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Multan Divisions i.e., **Districts of Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahudin, Sialkot, Narowal, Faisalabad, Chiniot, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Multan, Lodhran, Vehari and Khanewal.**

Any violation to this order shall be punished U/S 188 P.P.C

Issued under my hand and seal on this 8th day of November, 2024.

**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, Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Department, Lahore.
- iv. The Secretary, LG&CD Department, Lahore.
- v. The Secretary, Tourism, Archeology & Museums Department, Lahore.
- vi. The Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab, Lahore.
- vii. The Commissioner, Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Multan.
- viii. The Director General, Walled City of Lahore Authority, Lahore.
- ix. The Director General, Public Relation, Lahore with request to ensure wide publicity.
- x. The Deputy Commissioners, District Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahudin, Sialkot, Narowal, Faisalabad, Chiniot, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Multan, Lodhran, Vehari and Khanewal.
- xi. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- xii. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- xiii. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- xiv. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- xv. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
- xvi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- xvii. The Deputy/Assistant Director (Field), EPA, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahudin, Sialkot, Narowal, Faisalabad, Chiniot, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Multan, Lodhran, Vehari and Khanewal.
- xviii. The In-charge, Smog War Room, EPA, Lahore.
- xix. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.