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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, LAHORE
Dated:18.08 2025



EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject:- **MANDATORY PLACEMENT OF WASTE SEGREGATION BINS FOR EPA SMART WASTE CERTIFIED STATUS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER SECTION 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, and promotion of sustainable development;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, educational institutions play a vital role in fostering environmental responsibility, and segregation of waste at source through color-coded bins is the first step towards recycling, safe disposal, landfill reduction, and compliance with international best practices, Sustainable Development Goals, and Pakistan's environmental commitments;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, improper waste management, including indiscriminate disposal of biodegradable, recyclable, and non-recyclable waste, results in environmental degradation, public health risks, unhygienic conditions, and loss of valuable resources that could otherwise be recovered for reuse in a circular economy;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the Punjab Climate Resilient Action Plan 2024, under Clause 5.14 underscores the importance of introducing segregation of waste at source, recycling, and institutional capacity-building as critical measures to reduce environmental stress and build resilience; and since these actions directly contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), the introduction of structured waste segregation in educational institutions shall operationalize this policy commitment at the community level;

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**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby order the implementation of a **Smart Waste Management Process** in all public and private educational institutions across the Province, in accordance with the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):

- i. All public and private educational institutions across Punjab shall install separate, color-coded waste bins in prominent and accessible locations. These bins shall be clearly labeled by category, placed at central collection points, and maintained in a hygienic condition with regular emptying, as per the following categories:
 - a) **Yellow Bin – Paper waste** (paper, cartons, office paper, packaging material)
 - b) **Green Bin – Glass waste** (bottles, jars, broken glass items, laboratory glassware)
 - c) **Grey Bin – Organic / Biodegradable waste** (food scraps, fruit peels, leaves, garden waste)
 - d) **Red Bin – Metal waste** (aluminum cans, tins, foils, small scrap)
 - e) **Orange Bin – Plastic waste** (wrappers, bottles, disposable cutlery, bags)
- ii. For facilitation in the collection and transportation of segregated waste, all educational institutions may utilize the **Punjab Waste Management Helpline 1139**, operated under the Local Govt and Community Development Department, to ensure timely and proper disposal.
- iii. The concerned **Field Offices of EPA Punjab** shall conduct periodic inspections to verify that:
 - a) Waste segregation bins are properly installed, maintained, and in active use; and
 - b) Awareness programs on waste segregation are effectively imparted to students and staff.
- iv. Upon successful verification of compliance, the institution shall be issued a **EPA Smart Waste Management Compliance Certificate**” by EPA Punjab through its respective Field Office.

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- v. Every certified institution shall ensure that the **Waste Management Compliance Certificate is prominently fixed at the main gate** of the institution, making it clearly visible to students, staff, parents, and visitors as a public demonstration of compliance.

7. This order shall come into force with effect from **01.09.2025 (Monday)**.



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

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1. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
2. The Secretary, School Education Department, Punjab
3. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
4. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
5. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
6. All the Deputy Commissioners / Chairpersons District Education Authorities, Punjab
7. The President, All Punjab Private School Association, Punjab
8. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
9. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
10. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
11. All the Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors (Field/Technical) with the direction to coordinate with DCs & CEOs of DEAs for effective implementation of this initiative.
12. All the CEOs of District Education Authorities, Punjab.
13. PSO to Senior Minister, Punjab
14. The In charge Strategy and Analysis wing EPA, Punjab
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