



No. 263/PA/DG/EPA/2025
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 05/06/2025



Subject: **ORDER FOR EXEMPTION OF MOTOR CARS / LTV NOT OLDER THAN THREE YEARS FROM EMISSION TESTING U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 REGARDING TESTING OF VEHICULAR EMISSION OF MOTOR CARS AND LTV**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab, vide Order No. 240/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 16.04.2025, issued directions under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, for the testing of vehicular emissions from Cars and Light Transport Vehicles (LTVs) to ensure conformity with the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS);

2. **AND WHEREAS**, data collected and analyzed over the past month by EPA Punjab indicates that newly manufactured vehicles, particularly those not older than three years from the year of manufacturing i.e. 2022, have consistently demonstrated compliance with the prescribed emission standards during their early operational lifespan, provided they are properly maintained in accordance with manufacturer specifications;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, it has further been observed that such vehicles, due to their recent manufacture and advanced emission control technologies, do not contribute significantly to ambient air pollution, and their immediate inclusion in routine emission testing may not produce proportionate environmental benefits, while potentially overextending enforcement capacity and imposing undue regulatory burden upon owners of compliant vehicles;

4. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in continuation of the aforementioned order and 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 that all Cars and Light Transport Vehicles (LTVs) not older than three years from the year of manufacturing i.e. 2022 shall stand exempted from the emission testing requirement as laid down in Order No. 240/PA/DG/EPA/2025.

5. This order shall come into force with effect with immediate effect.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 5th day of June, 2025

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

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- i. The Secretary Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- iii. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity
- iv. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
- v. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- vi. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- vii. The Additional Secretary (Incharge Environmental Affairs), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- viii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- ix. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
- x. All the Directors, EPA HQ, Lahore.
- xi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- xii. All Deputy/ Assistant Directors (Field) Punjab
- xiii. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA, Lahore for necessary action.
- xiv. The Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
- xv. PA to Director General EPA Punjab