



No. 260/PA/DG/EPA/2025
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 29/05/2025



Subject: **ORDER U/S 15(2) OF PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 TO PROHIBIT USE OF SUB-STANDARD FUEL BY MOTOR VEHICLES IN PUNJAB**

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

2. **AND WHEREAS**, source apportionment studies have reported that vehicular emissions are major contributor in smog formation and air pollution. The vehicular emissions due to sub-standard fuels (petrol / diesel) further deteriorate the air quality especially during the smog season. Poor Air Quality has been linked to increased incidence of respiratory illnesses, environmental degradation, and violations of air quality standards;

3. **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;

4. **AND WHEREAS** the Environmental Protection Agency vide order No. 259/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 29.05.2025 has declared that any specification of automobile fuel (Gasoline and High-Speed Diesel) other than approved by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) shall be deemed as sub-standard fuel;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, U/S 15(2) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency is empowered to issue directions to any motor vehicle or class of vehicles to use such fuels as may be prescribed to ensure compliance with the standards;

6. **NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 15(2) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, I, **Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS)**,

Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby order that **no motor vehicle plying on the roads within the territorial jurisdiction of Punjab shall use any Gasoline or High-Speed Diesel which does not conform to the specifications approved by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA);**

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 This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force unless modified or withdrawn.

8. Any contravention to this order shall be punishable U/S 17 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 29th day of May, 2025.



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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Secretary Environment & Climate Change Department, Punjab
2. All the Commissioners of Punjab
3. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
5. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
6. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
7. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
8. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
9. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA HQs, Lahore.
10. All the Directors, EPA HQs Punjab
11. All the Deputy / Assistant Directors (Field/Labs), EPA Punjab
12. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab
13. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA, Lahore
14. Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab
15. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.