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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 15/10/2025



Subject: ORDER U/S 6(1)(T) AND 12 OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 FOR MANDATORY AREA ALLOCATION FOR INSTALLATION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS IN HOUSING SOCIETIES

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (as amended), to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment and the prevention and control of pollution;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the disposal of untreated municipal or sewerage wastewater from housing societies poses serious environmental and public health concern, leading to contamination of water bodies, groundwater pollution, and spread of waterborne diseases;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, it has been observed that a large number of housing societies fail to provide adequate wastewater management systems, resulting in untreated sewage being discharged into open drains, water bodies, and agricultural lands, causing environmental degradation and public health hazards;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, housing societies are mandated under Section 11 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, to ensure that all wastewater generated within their premises is properly treated before discharge in compliance with the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS).

5. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 12 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, no project involving construction shall be commenced unless the proponent has filed an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and has obtained environmental approval from the competent authority;

6. **AND WHEREAS**, the Section 6(1)(t) of the Act ibid 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;

7. **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) read with Section 12 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that:

- i. **Henceforth, no case of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of any housing scheme, whether public or private, shall be processed for environmental approval by the Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, unless an adequate and clearly demarcated area is earmarked and reserved within the project's layout plan for the installation of a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP);**
- ii. No environmental approval (IEE/EIA) shall be granted to any housing society or development project that fails to allocate proper space for the wastewater treatment facility in its master plan or layout design;
- iii. The land reserved for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) shall not be used for any other purpose, including but not limited to waste disposal stations or ancillary facilities. The project's layout plan shall clearly and separately mark both the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the disposal station locations to avoid ambiguity;
- iv. All proponents of housing projects shall be required to submit a detailed engineering design, treatment capacity plan, and operation and maintenance mechanism for the proposed WWTP as an integral part of their IEE/EIA submission to the Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab.

This order shall come into force with effect immediately.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 15th day of October, 2025.



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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Director General Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency (PHATA), LDA, MDA, GDA, FDA, RDA, BDA, DGDA and SDA
- ii. **All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab for compliance in granting Environmental Approvals to Land sub-divisions**
- iii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- iv. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- v. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- vi. The Director (P&C) / Specialized Effluent Monitoring & Enforcement Unit EPA Punjab
- vii. All the Directors EPA Punjab.
- viii. **Director (EIA) with the request to ensure compliance of this order and for issuance of necessary letters to concerned**
- ix. **All Deputy/Assistant Director (Field), EPA to ensure compliance of this order**
 - x. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW), EPA HQs
 - xi. PS to Secretary Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
 - xii. PS to Secretary Housing Urban Development & Public Health Engineering, Punjab
 - xiii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.