



No. 93 DG/EPA/2024  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE  
Dated: 22.10.2024



**BAN ON FIRE WORKS U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impacts of smog that is likely prevail from October-December, 2024. Addressing critical air pollution events is crucial to protect public health, especially for vulnerable groups like children and the elderly, as prolonged exposure to pollutants can lead to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

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

3 AND WHEREAS the Health Advisory System for Critical Air Pollution Events (HAS-CAPEs) has been notified on 13.12.2022 under which the meeting of Provincial CAPEs Committee (PCC) was held on 21.10.2024 in which it was unanimously agreed to issue the health advisory keeping in view the recent rise in Air Quality Index above critical level of 150 for two consecutive days.

7. 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 that, henceforth, there shall be complete ban on use of fireworks in territorial jurisdiction of District Lahore.

8. Any contravention to this order shall be punished U/S 188 PPC.

9. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and will remain in force till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct, 2024.

IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)  
Director General  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Punjab

**Copy forwarded for information:**

- The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- The Commissioner Lahore Division, Lahore
- The Capital City Police Officer, Lahore
- The Director General Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity of this order
- The Deputy Commissioner, Lahore
- The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- PSO to Provincial Police Office/ IGP, Punjab
- The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- The focal person concerned.
- The Deputy Director (Field), EPA, Lahore
- PA to Director General EPA Punjab