To

1. All the Chief Officers, Metropolitan/ Municipal Corporations in the Punjab.
2. All the Chief Officers, District Councils in the Punjab.
3. All the Chief Officers, Municipal Committees in the Punjab.

Subject:-

IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTION UNDER SECTION 144 CPC, 1898 AGAINST BURNING SOLID WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The undersigned is directed to refer to this department’s earlier correspondence in this regard made vide letters of even number dated 29-09-2017 and 24-10-217, wherein it was requested to undertake certain specific activities and to take immediate necessary measures against burning of solid waste in open in order to mitigate the pollutants, control the smog and to save the environment and human health.

2. Further directed to enclose herewith a copy of Order No. SO (IS-II)1-1/2004 Dated 17th October, 2017 issued by the Home Department, Government of the Punjab, wherein restriction under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1898 has been imposed on the below mentioned act in the whole Province of Punjab:

"Burning of crop residues, solid waste management, tyres, plastics, polythene bags, rubber and leather items etc."

3. You are requested to take immediate necessary action for lodging FIRs on the violation of restrictions imposed by Home Department and the progress in this regard may be shared through your respective Deputy Commissioners on daily basis to be further discussed in the meeting of Minister for Environment Protection to be held on daily basis at Environment Protection Department.

(MUHAMMAD ASLAM NADEEM)
SECTION OFFICER (COMPANIES)

CC:

1. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Environment Protection Department.
2. All the Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
3. PSO to Secretary, LG&CD Department.
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HOME DEPARTMENT
Lahore, the 17th October, 2017.

No. SO (IS-I)-1/2004, WHEREAS, it has been made to appear that burning of agriculture residues is not an appreciable activity by virtue of its multiple negative effects which is being carried out due to death of competitors, machines, high labour wages and planting of next crop at the earliest, this practice has been observed in paddy areas for preparation of the seed bed for the next crop which creates smog in the atmosphere.

2. AND WHEREAS, Province of Punjab suffered from the worst kind of smog during the last winter. In addition to cause of poor visibility which affected daily life, smog caused various health issues as well.

3. AND WHEREAS, in my opinion above are sufficient grounds to proceed under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, as an immediate prevention and speedy remedy is desirable and the directions hereinbelow appearing are necessary to control prevailing smoggy weather condition to prevent danger to human life, property and disturbance of public peace and tranquillity within the territorial limits of the Province of Punjab.

4. NOW THEREFORE, Government of Punjab, in view of the request made by Environment Protection Department and in exercise of powers vested under section 144 (j) Cr.P.C. 1898 do hereby impose ban on the below mentioned activity in the whole Province of Punjab:

"Burning of crop residues, solid municipal waste, tyres, plastics, polythene bags, rubber and leather items etc."

5. This order shall remain in force in the Province of Punjab for a period w.e.f. 18th October to 16th December, 2017 unless modified.

6. This order shall be given wider publicity in the Official Gazette, Daily Newspapers and broadcasting through Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and other TV Channels as news item for information of the general public.


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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (HOME)
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB

No. & Date Even:

A copy is forwarded to: Information and necessary action to:

1. Chief Secretary, Punjab.
2. Federal Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad.
3. Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
4. Secretary, Govt. of the Punjab, Environment Department.
5. Secretary, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Punjab.
6. Secretary, Information Department, Punjab with the request for wider publicity of this order in print and electronic media as news item.
7. Provincial Police Officer/OGP, Punjab.
8. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
9. All Regional Police Officers in Punjab.
10. Capital City Police Officer, Lahore.
11. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab.
12. All City/District Police Officers in Punjab.
15. P.S to Minister for Law & Parliamentary Affairs, Punjab.
16. P.S to ACS (Home), Punjab.

SECTON OFFICER
(Informal Security II)