

**ORDER SHEET.**  
**ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.**

**W.P.No.2573/2023**  
**Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan**  
**Vs.**  
**Federation of Pakistan and others**

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
09	12.02.2024	Ms. Natalya Kamal, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Tariq Zaman Ch., Advocate / proxy counsel for the CDA / respondent No.2. Mr. Arshid Mehmood Kiani, learned DAG. Mr. Haseeb Hassan, advocate for interveners. Mr. Muhammad Ramzan, A.D. (Legal and Enforcement), Pak. EPA.

The petitioner's primary grievance was that the construction activity on the "*Alexander Road Project*" was taking place without obtaining an Environmental Impact Assessment ("E.I.A."). During the pendency of the instant petition, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency ("Pak. EPA") passed orders stopping further construction activity at the site. Furthermore, during the pendency of the instant petition, the process envisaged by the Statute for obtaining an E.I.A. has taken place. I am told that an approval in this regard has already been granted. With these developments having taken place during the pendency of the instant petition, the grievance of the petitioner has been redressed. Therefore, further proceedings in this matter are not

necessary and the instant petition to the said extent stands disposed of.

2. The order sheet reveals that this Court had expressed an anxiety over the lack of the manpower in the Pak. EPA in adequately performing the statutory obligations. In this regard, the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination had tendered appearance and had made submissions as to the vacant posts in the said Agency. Now that these proceedings are being disposed of, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination shall ensure that the vacant posts in Pak. EPA are filled in accordance with the applicable recruitment Rules expeditiously and preferably within a period of two months from the date of the receipt of this order. A report in this regard be submitted to the Court through the Registrar of this Court.

3. Disposed of in the above terms.

**(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)  
JUDGE**

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