



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
MINES & MINERAL DEPARTMENT  
Dated Lahore, the 03 March, 2023

**ORDER**

**SUBJECT: - No. Law/M&MD/General-I (ORDER 05/2023)- DIRECTIONS REGARDING COURT CASES.**

Whereas, it has been observed that a number of court cases of diversified nature involving Government Exchequer are pending at different forums (Supreme Court, High Court, Session Courts, Civil Courts) against the Mines & Minerals Department.

2. **And, Whereas,** no proper mechanism has been developed to follow up & monitor the court cases which results in inefficiency, loss to public exchequer and embarrassing situations before the Honorable Courts.

3. **Now, Therefore,** in order to ensure proper follow up and monitoring, following directions are issued to all the attached department & field formations, for strict compliance:

- i. All the heads of attached departments and field formations shall ensure proper follow up/ review of court cases on daily basis and shall submit **consolidated weekly report** on prescribed excel format, **every Friday**, before close of office hours.
- ii. All the heads of Attached Departments (DG M&M, CIM, MLWC, MD PUNJMIN, Chairman BOD, PMC/ CFO, PMC) & Additional Secretary M&M, Deputy Secretary (A) M&M and Deputy Secretary (T) M&M shall peruse the submitted reports on weekly basis. **Fortnightly review meetings, or as and when required,** shall be held to discuss pendency of court cases and to issue necessary directions to concerned formations.
- iii. **Report & Annotated Para Wise Comments shall be submitted in courts well before the date of hearing.** In this regard, the concerned head of field formations/ office shall be personally responsible to get the report / comments approved from the concerned heads of all attached formations/ respondents. In case of any issue/problem, the matter shall be brought into the notice of Additional Secretary M&M Department, Deputy Secretary (Technical) & Law Officer M&M Department. **In no case, the stipulated date as given in the Order of Court shall lapse.** Secretary Office shall be approached with accurate facts of the case, **at least 06 days before the due date of submission** to the Courts, save in exceptional circumstances, in case any officer in the Administrative Department is indicated as respondent.

- iv. All the concerned head of field formations/ office shall **review all already submitted report & comments** within a period of one week to ensure their correctness as per Law, Rules and Facts. In case of any discrepancy/ misrepresentation, concerned officer shall be held responsible.
- v. **Special importance** shall be given to those court cases where **loss to Government exchequer** is involved. The Heads of Attached Departments & field formations shall take immediate necessary measures for **vacation of stay orders** by filing appeals, ICA's, CPL's etc. In this regard, the efforts of the concerned officers shall be verified.
- vi. All those cases in which **contempt proceedings** have been initiated against Secretary M&M Department shall be immediately brought into the notice of Secretary M&M Department at least ten days before the date of hearing, save in exceptional circumstances. In this regard, the contempt cases shall be highlighted in the consolidated weekly report.

**(BABAR AMAN BABAR) (PAS)**  
**SECRETARY**  
**MINES & MINERALS DEPARTMENT**

**No. & Date Even:**

A copy is forwarded to:

- 1) Hon'ble Registrar Lahore High Court, Lahore
- 2) Learned Advocate General, Punjab
- 3) Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab
- 4) Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab
- 5) Secretary Law and Parliamentary Department, Govt. of the Punjab.
- 6) All Commissioners in Punjab
- 7) Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Punjab
- 8) Director General, Mines & Minerals, Punjab, Lahore
- 9) All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab
- 10) Chief Inspector of Mines, Punjab
- 11) Mines Labor Welfare Commissioner, Punjab
- 12) Managing Director, Punjab Mineral Development Corporation (PUNJMIN)
- 13) Chief Financial Officer, Punjab Mineral Company Pvt. Limited

14) PS to Secretary, Mines & Minerals Department

15) PA to Additional Secretary, Mines & Minerals Department

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**Law Officer**

**Mines & Minerals Department**