

**Commissioner's report on heavy traffic, SHC directs stakeholders to submit reservations**

KARACHI: Sindh High Court (SHC) Tuesday directed all the stakeholders to review the compliance report of Commissioner Karachi to streamline and regulate heavy traffic in metropolis.

The court fixing the hearing of the case for May 8, 2019 ordered that stakeholders should submit their reservations on the report, if any in next hearing and ruled that court want to resolve the issue of traffic problem in the city by taking all the stakeholders on board.

The compliance report of Commissioner Karachi stated that all the transport association would provide their suggestions and way-forward to resolve the heavy traffic issues in Karachi in writing, so that the same may be incorporated in the comprehensive report.

It suggested that Deputy Commissioner, District South, Karachi should take appropriate action for removal/shifting of shops from Shireen Jinnah Colony to Zulfiqarabad Oil Terminal (ZOT) in collaboration with Project Director, ZOT and KMC staff with coordination of district administration of Malir should remove all illegal oil tankers yards along National Highway immediately in order to make ZOT functional.

Report also proposed that police pickets along Northern Bypass be established by area police within a period of one month and stated that Sindh Government has initiated Malir Expressway project under Public Private Partnership.

It also mentioned that Federal Government also initiated the development work of dual carriage of Northern Bypass and the National Highway Authority may be directed to submit such progress report on monthly basis to court. To resolve the allotment of land matters in respect of construction of bus terminal, truck terminal, car showroom yards, vehicle carriers' terminal, construction of proposed under passes and overhead bridges, it is suggested that a high level committee comprising of all stakeholders be constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sindh.

It proposed that all the schemes/projects of new truck terminal, bus terminal etc be initiated through Transport and Local Government Departments, Government of Sindh including KMC and Federal Government, KPT Management and National Highway Authority may be directed to initiate appropriate action and plan for development and construction of Southern Bypass.

Report said that intercity bus terminal along RCD Highway and Super Highway have already been established, however for the establishment of intercity bus terminal plan on National Highway, Transport Department, government of Sindh and KMC may be directed to take appropriate measures for early initiation of such scheme.

Report also stated that traffic police be directed to implement the heavy traffic timing movements in the city areas under the purview of orders passed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in letter & spirit.

**RECORDER REPORT**