

Form No: HCJD/C-121  
**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Writ Petition No.3386 of 2012**

Nasir Mehmood.

**Vs**

Federation of Pakistan, through Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Islamabad and 03 others.

<b>S. No. of order/ proceedings</b>	<b>Date of order/ Proceedings</b>	<b>Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.</b>
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<b>24.10.2019.</b>	<b>Mr. Mir Aurangzaib, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Riaz Ahmed Khalil, Advocate for respondent No.2. Mr. Hafeez Ullah Yaqub and Zaitoon Hafeez, Advocates for respondents No.3&amp;4. Raja Khalid Mehmood Khan, learned Deputy Attorney-General. Mr. Nazar Hussain Shah, learned Assistant Attorney-General. Mr. Shahid Yousaf, DG (Gas), Ministry of Petroleum. Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, DED (CNG), OGRA. Mr. Ali Rukh Khattak, Executive Law Officer, SNGPL. Syed Faisal Ishtiaq and Syed Jaffar, Law Officers, OGRA. Mr. Usman Arif, Director (Law), Ministry of Petroleum. Mr. Taj Ali Khan, R.M., Mardan.</b>
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Through the instant petition, the petitioner seeks direction to the respondents to act in accordance with law, particularly to respondent No.2 to issue marketing license for connection of gas supply.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter-alia*, contended that the petitioner fulfills all the formalities yet the respondents are not

issuing him marketing license and doing the needful.

3. On one of the dates of the hearing, it was agitated on behalf of the respondents that there is a moratorium on establishing and granting of license to new CNG stations, hence the Court issued the notice to Director General (Gas), Government of Pakistan to clarify the position. In response to the order of the Court, Director General (Gas), Government of Pakistan appeared and submitted that the moratorium on supply of gas to CNG stations as such does not exist but as a matter of policy, new license are only being issued and connection are being made for LNG and not natural gas. It was further stated that in case the petitioner fulfills the requirements and pay the requisite amount, the needful shall be done by the respondents.

4. Arguments advanced by learned counsel for the parties have been heard and the documents placed on record examined with their able assistance.

5. The petitioner applied for marketing license for establishment of CNG station. The matter is pending since long. OGRA has expressed inability to do the needful as it was stated on its behalf that the

policy of Federal Government is not clear regarding supply of natural gas and/or LNG. In this behalf, the statement made by Director General (Gas) is clear regarding policy of the Government. The Director General (Gas) also stated that in response to the letter written by OGRA the matter shall be clarified.

6. In view of the above position, the instant petition is **disposed of** with direction to the petitioner to approach respondent No.2, who shall process the application of the petitioner in line of the Policy of respondents No.1 to 3 for granting license to CNG stations. In this behalf, the respondents shall act in accordance with the rules, regulations and policy.

**(AAMER FAROOQ)**  
**JUDGE**

*\*M. Zaheer Janjua\**