



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) in due consideration of the environmental impact caused due to littering of plastic carry bags, issued Circulars prohibiting the manufacture, sale, use & storage of plastic carry bags having thickness below 40 microns and size below 16" X 12" from June 2007 vide Memo No.216-46L/WPB/2003 (P-I) dated 04-06-2007, also vide Memo No.524-46L/WPB/2003 (PART-I) dated 20-08-2007 [Corrigendum] and 748-46L/WPB/2003-PART-I dated 29-10-2007 within the territorial jurisdiction in the State of West Bengal. This Circular was issued by the Board on 04-06-2007 in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act read with Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 in compliance with the Circular issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal vide Memo No.EN/981/T-V-1/002/2004 dated 23rd May, 2007 on the said matter.

WHEREAS, the Alipore Regional Office of the Board inspected the following plastic carry bags manufacturing units on various dates in the month September, 2007.

1. M/S. FLEXIBLE PRINT, 2, Tarpan Ghat Road, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053
2. M/S. SMAK FILM, 2, Tarpan Ghat Road, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053
3. M/S. SWASTIK Udyog, 3, Tarpan Ghat Road, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053
4. M/S. P. K. POLYMERS, 123 B. L. Saha Road, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053
5. M/S. SHAKUNA INDUSTRIES, 17/104, Buroshibtala Main Road, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053
6. M/S. UTTAM Aich P-117, Pashupati Bhattacharjee Road, Prafulla Sen Colony, P. S. – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053

WHEREAS, it was observed during the inspection that the above plastic carry bags manufacturing units are engaged in manufacturing and processing of banned category of plastic carry bags and/or its' immediate precursor in the form of plastic films, less than 40 microns thick for the purpose of use and sale, violating the norms fixed up under the Act, Rules and the provisions of the Circulars as referred above.

WHEREAS, the above units engaged in illegal activity as referred above were called for a hearing in the Head Office of the Board on 05-10-2007

WHEREAS, during hearing the above referred units failed to submit any coherent reason for their violation of the statutory norms under the aforementioned circulars.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with the Recycled Plastic Manufacture and Usage Rules 1999, as also amended time to time and also the Circulars referred above the above mentioned six plastic bags manufacturing units/immediate precursor units are closed by the Board with disconnection of electricity.

The General Manager-Operations (C&M), M/S. CESC LTD. is requested to necessary action to disconnection the electricity connection of the above referred six units.

This closure order will take immediate effect and the Officer-In-Charge, Behala Police Station, Kolkata under West Bengal Police to execute the closure order against the aforementioned units immediately and submit a compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the date of receipt of this Memo.

This order has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Behala Police Station and M/S. CESC LTD. in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

The Environmental Engineer, Alipore Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the unit involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order and disconnection of electricity of the above units.

It may be noted that the aforementioned units should not be allowed to operate in any other name/names in the premises, where they are presently functioning, without prior permission of the State Board.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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