



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) received a public complaint from the Secretary, Kendriya Vihar Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd. alleging emission of huge black smoke and violation of the directive issued by the Board on 21-05-2006 by the following small earthen potteries located at 14/43, 14/1A & 14/43B, East Mall Road, Kolkata – 700 080

1. Earthen Pot Manufacturing unit run by Shri Chedi Kumar/Shri Anturam Prajapati
2. Earthen Pot Manufacturing unit run by Shri Chedi Kumar/Shri Ramsakal Prajapati,
3. Earthen Pot Manufacturing unit run by Shri Chedi Kumar/Shri Jag Ram Prajapati
4. Earthen Pot Manufacturing unit run by Shri Chedi Kumar/Shri Pancham Prajapati
5. Earthen Pot Manufacturing unit run by Shri Chedi Kumar Shri Ramdev Prajapati

WHEREAS, all the above units are engaged in manufacturing small clay pots (bhars), generally used by the tea stalls.

WHEREAS, an inspection on 03-08-2007 revealed that units are situated very close to the residential complex and generate copious black smoke during their operation which is being belched out through a very small stack of about 30 ft. The residential complex is about 60 ft. high. Obviously the smoke coming out from the common chimney of the potteries enters the residential complex through open windows and affects the residents of the adjoining housing complex.

WHEREAS, it is to be mentioned here that the unit were called for a hearing in the Head Office of the Board on 21-04-2006 after receiving a complaint from the complainant. Subsequently on 21-05-2007 a direction was issued by the Board allowing the industries to operate at their units till 15 June, 2006 with the condition that they will use their coal-fired kilns on Friday only for burning of the earthen pots from 10 A. M. to 05-00 P. M.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 21-09-2007. Although the complainants appeared in the hearing, no body turned up on behalf of the units.

WHEREAS, during hearing the complainants submitted that the units are not complying with the direction of the Board and are carrying out their activity including baking of earthen pots throughout the entire week.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the inspection report and the submission made by the complainants all the above five earthen pot manufacturing units are hereby closed by the Board. The electricity connection of the above five units will also be disconnected immediately.

This order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder

The General Manager-Operations (C&M), CESC LTD. is requested to take action to disconnect the electricity connection of the above mentioned potteries immediately.

The Officer-In-Charge, Rajarhat Police Station under W. B. Police is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned unit and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Rajarhat Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

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

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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