



West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Jesu Ashram (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit) is a charitable hospital and destitute home of capacity 360 beds having leper ward, TB ward, male and female wards, x-ray and pathology sections located at P.O. & P.S. Matigara, Dist.- Darjeeling, Pin 734 010

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit (HCU) was inspected by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 05/01/2011 and the following were observed:

- 1) The HCU does ward level segregation of bio-medical waste but burns it in a chullah inside their premises. They have needle destroyer in every ward.
- 2) The HCU has an unsecured yard for accumulation of bio-medical wastes.
- 3) The HCU has failed to join the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a hearing on 25/02/2011 following gross violation of Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 as amended as observed during inspection by the Board officials.

The Director of the HCU appearing in the hearing admitted to the lapses observed during inspection carried out by the Board. He mentioned that the HCU had failed to join the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility due to financial constraint.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the observation of the inspecting officials and the submission made by the HCU, **M/s. Jesu Ashram is hereby directed to join the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility positively within one month from date of issuance of this Direction.**

The Asst. Environmental Engineer, In-charge Siliguri Regional Office of the Board is requested to inspect the industry **within 17/04/2011** to check the status of compliance of this direction and send report to the headquarters accordingly. If the HCU is still found continuing to violate the above direction, the Board will be at liberty to take stricter regulatory action including issuance of 'Notice for Closure' against the HCU.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 specially the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 and amendments there of after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

Chief Engineer

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