



West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, North East Frontier Railway Hospital (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit) is a 100 bed capacity hospital run by Indian Railways having Labour ward, Male medical ward, Female medical ward, Male surgical ward, Female surgical ward, outpatient treatment facility and pathological labs located at New Jalpaiguri, P.S.- Bhaktinagar, Dist.- Darjeeling, Pin- 734007

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit (HCU) was inspected by the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 06/01/2011 and the following were observed:

1. The HCU segregates the bio-medical waste in various coloured bins at ward level and has needle destroyer in every ward as well as puncture proof containers with hypochlorite solution.
2. The HCU does not have any secured yard for accumulation of bio-medical wastes and has only a few open plastic containers.
3. The HCU has not joined the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility and disposes its Biomedical through Siliguri Municipal Corporation without autoclaving.

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

The Sr. DMO/NJP appearing in the hearing on behalf of the HCU admitted to the lapses observed during inspection carried out by the Board. He mentioned that they were willing to comply with the directions issued by the Board and that immediate steps would be taken to rectify the non-compliances observed during inspection by Board officials

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the observation of the inspecting officials and the submission made by the HCU, **North East Frontier Railway Hospital is hereby directed to join the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility positively within 10 (ten) from date of issuance of this Direction and inform the Board.**

The Asst. Environmental Engineer, In-charge Siliguri Regional Office of the Board is requested to inspect the industry after the stipulated timeframe 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 thereof after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

Chief Engineer

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