



**WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**  
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**Date: 12/04/2011**

### **DIRECTION**

**WHEREAS, M/s. Apex Clinic Private Limited**, (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit) is a forty two bedded nursing home located at 844A, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, P.O.- Barisha, P.S.- Behala, Kolkata – 700 008.

**AND WHEREAS**, inspection of the Health Care Unit (HCU) by the officials of **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 12/01/2011 revealed gross non-compliance with respect to violation of Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments as mentioned below:

- Proper segregation of bio-medical wastes at source was not found.
- Colour coded plastic bags which are specified for collection of Bio-medical Waste was found to be used for packing of bio-medical wastes before handing over to the common facility operator.
- Before disposal, mutilation of disposable syringes is not done, needle destroyer/needle cutters were not found during inspection.
- On inquiry, it was learnt that empty saline bottles, I-V fluid bottles etc. are not mutilated before disposal through the common facility.
- Bio-medical wastes were scattered within the HCU's premises.
- The nurses and the Group D staff handling the bio-medical wastes were not familiar with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the Rules as well as the guideline provided by the operator of the common bio-medical waste treatment facility, M/s. Semb Ramky Environmental Management Pvt. Ltd.
- A room was shown to the inspecting officer by the representative of the HCU as Bio-medical Waste storage room. But in the said room other general wastes were also found and no colour coded bags of BMW were found. The room was not marked with bio-hazard symbol.
- Bio-medical waste generation record is not properly maintained.
- There is no committee to look after the in-house management of bio-medical waste.

**AND WHEREAS**, the HCU was called for a hearing by the Board on 27/01/2011 for the above non-compliance. The representative of the HCU appearing in the hearing could not submit any proper explanation to the non-compliance as recorded above. The Board also takes an exception to the fact that a Radiographer appeared for the hearing on behalf of the HCU instead of a person designated for the purpose being conversant with the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 and its subsequent amendments

**NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, especially the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments, **M/s. Apex Clinic Private Limited**, located at 844A, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, P.O.- Barisha, P.S.- Behala, Kolkata – 700 008 is hereby directed to improve the bio medical waste management and handling operations and comply with the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 and submit compliance report to the Board in respect of all the above violations at the earliest.

Further the HCU is directed to deposit a Pollution Cost Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only from the date hereof by Demand Draft to be drawn on Service Branch, Kolkata / Banker's cheque in favour of **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** for non-compliance with environmental norms.

The Environmental Engineer, Alipore Regional Office of the Board is requested to cause an inspection to the HCU to verify the compliance of the Board's Directions by the HCU. If the HCU fails to take necessary steps towards compliance of Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 stricter regulatory action will be taken including closure of the HCU. This order has the approval of the competent authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

(Subrata Ghosh)

**Chief Engineer**

**Operation & Execution Cell**

**West Bengal Pollution Control Board**