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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Arogya Maternity & Nursing Home, (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit) is a twenty five bedded nursing home located at 71, Tollygunge Circular Road, P.O-New Alipore, P.S – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the Health Care Unit (HCU) by the official of **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 12/01/2011 revealed complete 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. General wastes were found to be mixed with BMW
- Colour coded plastic bags which are specified for collection of Bio-medical Waste was not 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 as well as white puncture proof containers for collection of needles 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.
- 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.
- No separate room was provided for storage of BMW. As stated, BMW are stored in open space within the nursing home premises.
- Bio-medical waste generation record is not properly maintained and in-house management of BMW is not looked into properly.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a hearing by the Board on 25/02/2011 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 staff engaged in Marketing 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. Arogya Maternity & Nursing Home**, located at 71, Tollygunge Circular Road, P.O-New Alipore, P.S – Behala, Kolkata – 700 053 is hereby directed to take adequate steps to rectify all the violations and to submit a compliance report within (15) fifteen days. A copy of the inspection report was also handed over to the representative of the HCU during the hearing.

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 after the time period given 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