WHEREAS, M/s. Bagha Jatin State General Hospital (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit), located at Jadavpur, P.O. Regent Estate, P.S. Patuli, Kolkata – 700 092 is a Govt. hospital with 100 beds, pathology and operation theatre facility.

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit (HCU) was inspected by the official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 01/03/2016. The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Colour coded plastic bags were observed at every ward, but bio-medical wastes are not segregated at source properly.
- Needle cutters were found at concerned places. But used disposable syringes, needles were found mostly in non-mutilated condition.
- The nurses and Gr. D staff handling the bio-medical waste were not well conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste handling & management as per the provision of the BMW Rules.
- The unit has identified a room inside the hospital building for intermediate storage of bio-medical waste, but the said room is not provided with bio-hazard symbol. Mixed bio-medical wastes (even content of white puncture proof container) were observed in blue bags kept at the temporary storage room.
- The unit has no weighing machine to check weight of bio-medical waste generated from the unit.
- Bio-medical waste generation records are maintained. Bio-medical wastes are disposed of through common bio-medical wastes treatment facility.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and Bio-medical authorization of the HCU were valid up to 30/11/2015 (fee valid upto 30/11/2017).

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 29/03/2016 at the Head Office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they would take necessary action within three months for compliance of BMW rules. He mentioned that they would arrange a training programme regarding bio-medical waste handling/management at the earliest for their staff.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Bagha Jatin State General Hospital located at Jadavpur, P.O. Regent Estate, P.S. Patuli, Kolkata – 700 092 is hereby directed as follows:-

1. That, the HCU shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

2. That, the HCU shall segregate different categories of bio-medical wastes at the point of generation and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW rules.
3. **That**, the HCU shall mutilate used disposable needles/syringes before disposal. All the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles shall be mutilated before disposal.

4. **That**, the HCU shall provide bio-hazard symbol for the BMW intermediate storage room & arrange weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

5. **That**, the HCU shall arrange in-house training programme for their staff regarding the methodology of the bio-medical waste handling & management as per the provisions of the BMW rules.

6. **That**, the HCU shall submit a compliance report to the Board in regard to the above directions within 30th June, 2016.

7. **That**, the HCU shall submit Annual Return in Form-II within 31st January every year.

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the HCU after June 2016 to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. In case of further non-compliance, State Board may initiate strict regulatory action against the HCU.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

*Sd/-*  
Chief Engineer  
Operation and Execution Cell  
West Bengal Pollution Control Board