DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit), located at 37, S.P.Mukherjee Road, Kolkata – 700 026 is a Govt. hospital with 200 beds.

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:-

- No colour coded plastic bags were observed at the wards, bio-medical wastes are not segregated at source properly.
- Needle cutters were not found at concerned places, used disposable syringes, needles were found 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 HCU has no separate room for intermediate storage of bio-medical waste.
- The HCU has no weighing machine to check weight of bio-medical waste generated from the unit.
- Bio-medical wastes are disposed of through common bio-medical wastes treatment facility, but waste generation records are not maintained.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and Bio-medical authorization of the HCU were valid up to 31/10/2015. The HCU did not apply for renewal of CFO & BMA.

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

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they would take urgent steps within one month for compliance of BMW rules. They mentioned that they have submitted online application for renewal of Consent to Operate and Bio-medical Waste Authorisation on 25/03/2016.

AND WHEREAS, the Board officials present in the hearing expressed that such gross non-compliance of BMW Rules by such a big Govt. hospital is not at all desirable. The representatives of the HCU were advised to look into the matter very seriously and take necessary actions on war-footing basis.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, located at 37, S.P.Mukherjee Road, Kolkata – 700 026 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 procure needle cutters and keep the same at the concerned places. 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 properly maintain bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

5. **That**, the HCU shall keep the biomedical wastes in an intermediate storage room marked with bio-hazard symbol before handing over to the common TSDF operator.

6. **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.

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

8. **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 April 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