WHEREAS, M/s. Maa Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-I), M/s. Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Oil division, Unit-II) and M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industries) are located at the same premises at Jalanga, P.O.- Narayanpur, P.S. & Dist.- Malda, Pin-732 141. M/s. Maa Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-I) & M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. are parboiled rice mill units and M/s. Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Oil division, Unit-II) is a crude rice bran oil manufacturing unit.

AND WHEREAS, the industries were inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 17/06/2019. The industries have 2 nos. husk fired boilers, one old loco boiler of capacity 3.5 Ton/hr. and a FBC boiler of capacity 8 Ton/hr. The loco boiler is not provided with any air pollution control system. The FBC boiler is connected to multi-cyclone separator and a stack of height 30m from G.L. During inspection stack monitoring was conducted for the common stack attached to the boilers and the unit failed to meet the PM emission standard (PM-1717.84 mg/Nm$^3$ against the permissible limit of 800 mg/Nm$^3$).

AND WHEREAS, a common effluent treatment plant (ETP) has been installed for all the units, but the same was found in defunct condition during inspection. Process effluent was being discharged outside the unit premises without any treatment. Similar observation was also made during earlier inspection on 13/05/2019.

AND WHEREAS, husk ashes generated from both the boilers was found to be dumped indiscriminately in an open land adjacent to the unit. No water spraying / sprinkling arrangement was observed. A portion of a water body is partially filled with ash. Public complaint has been received against the units from the nearby BSF camp. One private helipad of Hotel Golden Park is located on northern side of the unit at about 250-300 mtrs. away, traces of husk ash were noticed at the said hotel complex.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of M/s. Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Oil division, Unit-II) is valid upto 31/01/2023. The Consent to Operate of M/s. Maa Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-I) was valid upto 31/07/2018. As per available office record M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. has not obtained Consent to Operate from the Board.

AND WHEREAS, the industries were called for a hearing on 29/08/2019 for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board official.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the industries appeared in the hearing and agreed with the above mentioned observation. He submitted that their effluent treatment plant is functional. He also submitted that they would install air pollution control system for its loco boiler and apply for Consent to Operate for M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. within ten days. He mentioned that the ash dumping site is being covered with soil.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Maa Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Unit-I), M/s. Joytara Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. (Oil division, Unit-II) and M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. located at Jalanga, P.O.- Narayanpur, P.S. & Dist.- Malda, Pin-732 141 are hereby directed as follows:

1. That, M/s. Jatindra Modern Rice Mill Ltd. shall immediately obtain Consent to Operate from the Board.
2. That, the industries shall not operate the loco boiler without installing air pollution control system.
3. That, the effluent treatment plant shall always make functional so as to comply with environmental norms.
4. That, under any circumstances, the industries shall not discharge its untreated waste water directly outside the unit premises.

5. That, the industries shall always operate with efficient functioning of the pollution control system so as to comply with environmental norms and with valid Consent to Operate of the Board.

6. That, the industries shall dispose husk ash into a dedicated place in proper and safe manner and also take steps for proper capping of the same.

7. That, the industries shall submit an Environmental Compensation (EC) of **Rs. 50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty thousand) only, by Demand Draft in favour of **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** payable at Kolkata for non-compliance of environmental norms.

8. That, the industries shall submit a **Bank Guarantee** (proforma enclosed) of **Rs. 2,00,000/-** (Rupees Two lakh) only, valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen [15] days from the date of issuance of this direction in favour of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (Corporation Bank IFSC Code CORP 0000663) as an assurance to comply with the environmental norms.

The Asst. Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Malda Regional Office of the Board is requested to keep a strict vigil on the industries. If the industries are again found to be non-complying, the Board will take strict regulatory action like forfeiture of BG, closure with disconnection of electricity of the industries.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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