Memo No. 121-2S(BM)-1301/2002

Date: 11/05/2017

**DIRECTION**

WHEREAS, M/s. Serampore Sub-Divisional Hospital (Walsh S.D. Hospital) (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit) located at T.C. Goswami Street, P.O. Serampore, Dist. Hooghly, Pin-712201 is a Govt. Health Care Unit (HCU) with 266 beds.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 27.01.2017. The observations made by the inspecting official are as follows:

- Source segregation was more or less satisfactory.
- Needle cutters were found defunct in most of the wards. Disposable syringes and sharps were manually destroyed.
- Puncture-proof containers were found to be filled with sharp items without disinfectant solution.
- Saline bottles were mutilated before disposal.
- There was no specific intermediate bio-medical waste storage room. Bio-medical wastes were found to be stored in the common passage between the hospital building and the boundary wall without any segregation.
- Bio-medical waste generation register and manifest were produced at the time of inspection.
- No effluent treatment plant was found.

AND WHEREAS, Consent to Operate of the HCU was valid upto 31.03.2017. Bio-medical Waste Authorisation was granted upto 31.03.2015 (fee was valid upto 31.03.2017), validity was not extended because of non-compliances noticed during previous inspections. The HCU has not yet submitted renewal application for the same.

AND WHEREAS, earlier the HCU was called for a hearing at the Waste Management Cell of the Board on 03.07.2015 and the unit was directed to take necessary steps for compliance with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste Rules, 2016.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 18/04/2017 at the Head Office of the Board for non-compliance of environmental norms as recorded.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the HCU appeared in the hearing and stated that they have submitted an action plan regarding compliance with the provisions of Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 on 12/04/2017. She also submitted that they have taken steps like replacement of defunct needle cutters, disposal of used syringes in mutilated condition, maintaining bio-medical waste generation registers etc. She submitted that the hospital will be upgraded as super-speciality hospital and construction work for this purpose is under progress and ETP will also be erected.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the unit, M/s. Serampore Sub-Divisional Hospital (Walsh S.D. Hospital) located at T.C. Goswami Street, P.O. Serampore, Dist. Hooghly, Pin-712201 is hereby directed as follows:

1. **That**, the HCU shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2016.

2. **That**, the HCU shall ensure segregation of different categories of bio-medical wastes at source and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW Rules, 2016.

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 make a provision within the premises for a safe, ventilated and secured location for storage of segregated biomedical waste in colored bags or containers in the manner as specified in Schedule I of BMW Rules, 2016, to ensure that there shall be no secondary handling, pilferage of recyclables or inadvertent scattering or spillage.

5. **That**, the HCU shall install an effluent treatment plant for treatment of waste water generated from the unit. A time bound action plan in this regard shall be submitted to the Board within one (1) month from hereof.

6. **That**, the HCU shall submit applications for renewal of Consent to Operate & Bio-medical Waste Authorisation within one (1) month from hereof.

In case of any violation of the Board’s direction, strict regulatory action against the unit may be initiated by the Board.

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, 2016 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-Charge
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board