WHEREAS, M/s. Sri Aurobindo Seva Kendra (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit) located at 1H, Gariahat Road (South), Jodhpur Park, Kolkata – 700 068 is a Health Care Unit (HCU) having 155 beds with pathological testing and OT facility.

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit was inspected by the officials of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 18/12/2015. The following observations were made during inspection:-

- The HCU has provided colour coded plastic bags 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, saline bottles were found mostly in non-mutilated condition.
- The nurses handling the bio-medical waste are mostly conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste handling & management as per the provision of the BMW Rules, but Gr. D staff are not familiar with the guidelines of the Rules.
- The unit has intermediate storage room for temporary storing 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 not maintained properly.
- The unit representative stated that they are using digital thermometer and digital blood pressure machine instead of mercury bearing equipment.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was directed by the Board vide letter no. 223-2S/CON(BM)-1040/2001 dated 28.09.2015 to install effluent treatment plant (ETP) for the effluent generated from the unit.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate and Bio-medical authorization of the unit were valid up to 31/12/2015. The unit has applied for renewal of the CFO & Bio-medical Authorisation on 30/12/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a hearing on 19/01/2016 at the Head Office of the Board due to 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 stated that they would take necessary action within a month for total compliance of BMW rules and also submit an action plan regarding installation of effluent treatment plant.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Sri Aurobindo Seva Kendra located at 1H, Gariahat Road (South), Jodhpur Park, Kolkata – 700 068 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 properly maintain bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

5. **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.

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 29th February, 2016.

8. **That**, the HCU shall submit a time bound action plan regarding installation of effluent treatment plant alongwith its details within 29th February, 2016.

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board will inspect the HCU after 29th February, 2016 to verify the compliance status. In case of failure to comply with the Board’s direction, Board will issue stricter regulatory action.

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