WHEREAS, M/S. ISPAT DAMODAR LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its sponge iron unit at Nabagram, P. O. – Digha, Dist. – Purulia.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged against the industry before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) by the General Manager, HQ, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited alleging emission of high particulate matter by the industry and affecting the Garpanchkoit Eco-tourism Centre situated near to the Village Puapur, P. S. – Neturia.

WHEREAS, an inspection of the unit was carried out by the Regional Office of the Board on 02-04-2007. During inspection no non-compliance was recorded

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted at the head office of the Board involving the industry on 12-04-2007.

WHEREAS, in the hearing the industry submitted that they have started operating its sponge iron plant about 100 days back. The industry also agreed that they will arrange for disposal of dolo char and coal char in abandoned mines within a month and they will make arrangement for selling of carbon fines, which are lying accumulated in the factory premises.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder M/S. ISPAT DAMODAR LTD. is hereby directed as under.

1. That, the industry should ensure compliance of particulate emission standard for all unit operations of the sponge iron plant by efficient functioning of the pollution control system. Secondary emission from the industry should also be contained. This is to be done immediately.

2. That, the industry should undertake large-scale afforestation programme for development of the greeneries in and around the factory premises. This is to be done immediately during the rainy season in consultation with the local office the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited. An action plan in this regard to be submitted to the Board within fifteen days from the date hereof.

3. That, the industry should submit the progress report about the disposal of dolo char and coal char in abandoned mines within thirty day from the date hereof.

4. That, the industry will have to arrangement for selling of carbon fines and submit documents in connection with the same within one month from the date hereof.

In case of the non-compliance of the above directions by the industry within the stipulated time, the Board may have to issue necessary regulatory order without any further reference.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority. Order

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