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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/S. DURGAPUR THERMAL POWER STATION (hereinafter referred as DTPS) of Damodar Valley Corporation operating its power plant at Durgapur was called for a hearing in the Head Office of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 08-06-2007, for perpetual failure to comply with the particulate emission standard as also failure to achieve the environmental compliance targets under the CREP.

WHEREAS, the last date for compliance for particulate emission standard under CREP for existing thermal power plants has expired on 31st December, 2005, DTPS is yet to comply with the same. The unit also failed to ensure 100% ash water re-circulation system, adopting dry fly ash extraction or dry disposal system by December, 2004 as has been provided under CREP for thermal power stations.

WHEREAS, in the hearing The Deputy Chief Engineer, representing the DTPS could not satisfactorily explain the reasons for noncompliance. He also could not commit any time frame for compliance.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the noncompliance mentioned above and in exercise of the powers conferred under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 & Rules made thereunder, as also non-compliance of conditions stipulated under CREP for thermal power plant, M/S. DURGAPUR THERMAL POWER STATION of Damodar Valley Corporation is hereby directed as follows

1. M/S. DTPS is allowed three months time to comply with the particulate emission standard for power plant boilers.
2. M/S. DTPS will have to immediately adopt dry flyash extraction or dry disposal system or Medium (35-40%) as concentration slurry disposal system or Lean phase with hundred percent ash water re-circulation system as per the CREP condition.
3. M/S. DTPS will submit a time bound action plan to comply with the CREP conditions for thermal power plants as stated above within fifteen days (15) days from the date hereof.
4. M/S. DTPS will have to submit a Bank Guarantee [proforma enclosed] of Rs.15.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) valid for twelve (12) months within fifteen (15) days from the date hereof in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD as an assurance to comply with the particulate emission standard.

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
Sd/-
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