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DIRECTION

WHEREAS M/S. BHAGWATI SPONGE IRON (P) LTD. (hereinafter referred as the industry) operates its sponge iron unit at Vill. & Mouza – Ikrah, P. O. – Jamuria Hat, District – Burdwan.

WHEREAS, a public complaint was lodged before the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) against the all sponge iron industries operating within the Jamuria Industrial Estate alleging serious are pollution from the industries as also discharge of effluent in slurry form into an adjoining Jhorea resulting in choking of Jhorea.

WHEREAS, in connection with the public complaint M/S. BHAGWATI SPONGE IRON (P) LTD. one of the sponge iron units operating within the Jamuria Industrial Estate was inspected 28-07-2007 through a surprise inspection. During inspection the ESP was not in operation resulting in high emission of black smoke from the industry.

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted involving the industry and the complainants on 31-08-2007 at the Head Office of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

WHEREAS, during hearing the industry submitted that due to sudden fire in power cable of ESP, the industry was compelled to stop the operation of ESP. The industry further submitted the cable was immediately repaired and the ESP put in operation. The industry further submitted that they do not discharge any waste in the form of slurry into the nearby jhorea as they have the liquid effluent treatment system in their unit. The Technical Committee accepted the submission made by the industry and decided not to take any penal action at this stage.

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. BHAGWATI SPONGE (P) LTD. , is hereby directed as follows

1. That, that industry should always operate its pollution abatement systems during its manufacturing operation to meet the environmental norms in all the units of sponge iron plant.
2. That the industry should always discharge liquid effluent generated from its emission abatement system after proper treatment or the same can be recycled back for process use.

3. That, the industry should shut down its manufacturing activity whenever the pollution abatement system fails to function due to whatever reason and the same should be intimated to the Board.

4. That, the industry will have to submit the copy of the agreement between E.C.L. and the industry regarding disposal of coal char and dolochar to an abandoned coal mines within two months.

In case of the non-compliance of the above directions by the industry, 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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