
DATE: 04/06/08

ORDER

WHEREAS, M/S. M. B. ISPAT CORPORATION LTD. (hereinafter referred as the Industry) operates its sponge iron unit located at Plot No. – 1861, Durgapur-Bankura Road, P. O. & P. S. – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, PIN – 722 202.

WHEREAS, the industry was jointly inspected by the Officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred in the Board) accompanied by the BDO, Barjora Block, Savapati Barjora Panchayat Samity in response to a public complaint alleging gross environmental noncompliance in December, 2007.

WHEREAS the inspection report revealed major mismanagement of coal and dolo char as also dust recovered from emission control systems and found the same accumulated in heaps inside the factory premises as also being dumped in the adjacent agricultural land. Significant emission was noted through the ABC cap.

WHEREAS, a technical hearing of the industry was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 28-02-2008.

WHEREAS, Shri S. Agarwal, Director of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that after the inspection the industry has disposed the accumulated coal char and dolo char to a land purchased by the unit at about 2 k.m. away from the factory premises. The Technical Committee observed that this disposal is basically transferring the environmental problem from the factory premises to another area without addressing the environmental issues arising out of indiscriminate disposal of coal and dolo char.

NOW THEREFORE, in due consideration of the public complaint, environmental noncompliance of mismanagement of solid waste as referred above inspite of several directions issued in this regard, M/S. M. B. ISPAT CORPORATION LTD. is hereby directed to take appropriate measures for environmentally safe disposal of coal char/dolo char and recovered dust from emission control system within a month from the date of issuance of this order. The industry is also directed to submit pollution cost of Rs.5.00 Lakh (Rupees Five Lakhs only) within fifteen days from the date of issuance of this order for causing environmental damages in the adjoining areas of the factory premises.

This direction has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.
In case of noncompliance of the above direction within the stipulated time period, the Board may initiate regulatory action against the industry without any further reference in the matter.

By Order

Sd/-
(Dr. D. Chakraborty)
Chief Scientist & Head-Technical Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board