MEMO

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Memo No. 2960-SEE-Camac-WBPCB-1A-HCU-354/2010

WHEREAS, M/s. Jitendra Narayan Ray Sishu Seva Bhawan (hereinafter referred to as the Heath Care Unit) located at 58/1S, Raja Dinendra Street, P.O.- Beadon Street, P.S.- Narkeldanga, KMC Ward No. 28, Kolkata – 700006, is a 141 bedded charitable hospital with operation theatre facility.

AND WHEREAS, the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has inspected the Health Care Unit (HCU) on 22/11/2012. The following non-compliances were recorded:-

- Blue and yellow plastic bags were found at common passage of wards instead of inside the every ward of the hospital. No black colour plastic bag was observed at the hospital.
- The bio-medical wastes were not properly segregated. Mixing of bio-medical waste with general waste was also observed.
- Needle cutter was not provided at every ward.
- In some wards, used disposable syringes, needles were found in mutilated condition in white puncture proof containers but no disinfectant solution was observed in the containers. It was also observed that non-mutilated disposable syringe mixed with general waste was kept inside the white puncture proof containers. Non-mutilated disposal syringe was also found in yellow and blue bags kept at common passage
- Empty saline bottles were observed to be kept at paper box inside the hospital. The unit representatives stated that empty saline bottles, I-V fluid bottles are punctured before disposal.
- The nurses and the Group D staffs handling the bio-medical waste are not well conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation.
- There is no covered room for intermediate storage of bio-medical waste. The bio-medical waste was found to be stored at the rear side of the hospital in plastic bins kept under open atmosphere.

AND WHEREAS, almost similar type of non-compliances regarding in-house bio-medical waste management of the hospital were observed during inspections by the Board official earlier on 27/05/2010, 08/03/2011 and 08/07/2011.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 27.12.2012 at the head office of the Board for non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board officials.
AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the hospital appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they would take necessary measures within fifteen days to comply with the provisions of Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct M/s. Jitendra Narayan Ray Sishu Seva Bhawan, 58/1S, Raja Dinendra Street, P.S.- Narkeldanga, Kolkata – 700006 to comply with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998 and its subsequent amendments within one month

The Environmental Engineer, Camac Street Regional Office is requested to keep strict surveillance over performance of the HCU and inspect the unit after one month. If the HCU will found still violating the environmental norms and the directions issued by the Board, the Board will be at liberty to take stricter regulatory action including closure of the HCU.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 especially the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998 and its subsequent amendments after being approved by the competent authority.

By Order,

Sd/
Chief Engineer,
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board