WHEREAS, M/s. N.R.S. Hosiery Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is located at 493/C/A, G.T. Road (S), HMC Ward No.- 36, Howrah – 711 102.

AND WHEREAS, the industry applied for ‘Consent to Operate’ on 26/12/2012 to DIC, Howrah for stitching and knitting of fabrics with printing activity. However DIC, Howrah forwarded the application to the Howrah Regional office of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 16/01/2013 mentioning that the manufacturing process involves silk screen printing activity which may not be considered as ‘Green’ category. Subsequently Howrah Regional Office informed the industry on 24/01/2013 that their activity falls under ‘Orange’ category and hence the ‘Consent to Operate’ cannot be considered as per existing siting policy of the State Board as it is situated within HMC.

AND WHEREAS, the industry further applied for post-facto ‘Consent to Establish’ and ‘Consent to Operate’ before Howrah R.O. on 08/04/2013 under ‘Green’ category for stitching and knitting (without any printing) activity only. The industry also furnished an affidavit to that effect.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 02/07/2013 by the officials of the Board. The industry is situated at the first floor of a building (provided on rent by M/s. Howrah Mills Ltd.) comprising of office space, printing division and stitching division. During inspection the following observations were made:-

- The floor is bifurcated into two parts i.e. stitching division (upper part) and printing division (lower part). The stitching division was operating in full swing.

- The representatives of the industry accompanied the Board officials to the stitching division only, but denied entry to the printing division. During inspection, the industry representative extended utmost non-cooperation to the inspecting officials so that the printing division could not be inspected.

- It was learnt from the Works Manager of the neighbouring industry which was operating at the ground floor of the same building that the entire first floor belongs to M/s. N.R.S. Hosiery Pvt. Ltd. including printing activity.

AND WHEREAS, as per existing siting policy of the State Board, fresh ‘Orange’ category industries are not permitted within ward no. 1-45 of Howrah Municipal Corporation and the industry applied for NOC/Consent to Operate under ‘Green’ category suppressing its printing activity.
AND WHEREAS, the industry has obtained trade license from HMC for carrying out manufacturing and trading of readymade garments.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a hearing on 21/08/2013 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliance as mentioned above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the industry appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They regretted for non-cooperation with the Board’s officials during inspection and submitted that the same would not happen in future. They also submitted that they would shift the industry to Vill.- Moirampur, P.O.- Kharia Moynapur, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah within one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. N.R.S. Hosiery Pvt. Ltd located at 493/C/A, G.T. Road (S), HMC Ward No.- 36, Howrah – 711 102 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the industry shall not carry out any printing activity at the present premises. They may carry out only stitching and knitting activity after obtaining Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate from the Board.

2. That, the industry shall shift to the new site within six months from date of issuance of this order.

3. That, the industry shall deposit a Pollution Cost of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) only within 15 (fifteen) days from the date hereof by Demand Draft to be drawn on Service Branch, Kolkata / Banker’s cheque in favour of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD for non-compliance with environmental norms.

The Sr. Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep strict vigil on the industry. If the industry is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory order including closure with disconnection of electricity may be issued.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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