WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Dr. Lal Path Labs [hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit-HCU], located at P-845, Block-A, Lake Town, Kolkata – 700 089 is a pathological testing laboratory.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 12/09/2013 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). Bio-medical wastes were not properly segregated. Different types of general wastes were found to be disposed into blue and yellow bags which are dedicated for disposal of bio-medical wastes only. Disposable syringe is not mutilated before disposal. Sharps are not chemically disinfected before handing over the same to the operator of the CBMWTF. Bio-medical waste generation record is not maintained.

AND WHEREAS, ‘Consent to Operate’ and ‘Bio-medical Waste Authorisation’ of the HCU were valid up to 30.06.2013 and the HCU has applied for renewal of the same on 11.09.2013 which is under process.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 24.10.2013 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board Officials.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the pathological testing laboratory appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they have taken necessary steps for complying with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Dr. Lal Path Labs, P-845, Block-A, Lake Town, Kolkata – 700 089 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the HCU will strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

2. That, the HCU will segregate different categories of bio-medical wastes at the point of generation and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW rules.

3. That, the HCU will mutilate used disposable syringes and undertake chemical treatment of the same before disposal. Moreover, all the plastic disposable items will be mutilated before disposal.
4. **That**, the HCU will properly maintain records of Bio-medical Waste generation as provided in the Rules and submit Annual Return regarding the same in Form No.-II within 31st January every year.

5. **That**, the HCU will always operate with valid ‘Consent to Operate’ of the Board and clinical licence of CMOH.

6. **That**, the HCU will furnish a compliance report vis-à-vis the violations observed during inspection within 15 days from hereof.

The Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office is requested to inspect the H.C.U. again and if the HCU 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 Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and The Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

*Sd/-*

Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board