Memo No. 626-2S/CON(BM)-1148/2001

Date: 11/09/2014

DIRECTION

WHEREAS M/s. Dafodil Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. located at 276, Canal Street, Kolkata – 700 048 is a 100 bedded Nursing Home [hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit (HCU)].

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 14/07/2014 by official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Bio-medical wastes are segregated only in few wards. In most of the wards segregation was observed not to be properly done.
- Only one needle destroyer/ needle cutter was observed at the HCU.
- Mutilation of needles/syringes was observed not to be done by the HCU before disposal. The HCU has provided white puncture proof containers for collection of sharps but no disinfectant solution was present in the containers.
- The HCU has an intermediate bio-medical waste storage room which needs upgradation.
- Bio-medical waste mixed with municipal waste was observed in the blue and yellow bags kept in this intermediate storage room.
- Records of bio-medical waste generation were observed not to be maintained.
- The Nurses, Group-D staffs handling the bio-medical wastes are not conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) (BMW) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments as well as the guideline provided by the operator of Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF).

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was earlier inspected on 15/05/2014 by the Board and several non-compliances were also observed. The HCU submitted a letter on 02/06/2014 mentioning that they have taken necessary steps to comply with the provisions of BMW Rules.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the HCU expired on 31/07/2013. The HCU has applied for renewal of CFO on 17/02/2014 with fees cleared up to 31/07/2016. The clinical license of the HCU is valid up to 15/09/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 24/07/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they would take necessary measures in order to comply with the provisions of BMW rules immediately. However they mentioned that they have procured ten needle cutters and covered the intermediate bio-medical waste storage area and also stated that a committee has been formed to look after the BMW management of the HCU.
AND WHEREAS, the HCU was advised during hearing to submit a compliance report within 15 days and the HCU has submitted the same on 05.09.2014.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Dafodil Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. located at 276, Canal Street, Kolkata – 700 048 is hereby directed as follows:

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

2. That, the HCU shall 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 shall mutilate used disposable needles/syringes and undertake chemical treatment of the same before disposal. Moreover, all the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles shall be mutilated before disposal.

4. That, the HCU shall properly maintain bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

5. That, the HCU shall arrange lock and key for the BMW intermediate storage room & weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

6. That, the HCU shall submit Annual Return in Form No.-II within 31st January every year as per the provisions of BMW rules.

The Senior Environmental Engineer, Camac Street Circle Office of the State Board is requested to inspect the HCU to verify the status of compliance and if the HCU is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory order will be issued.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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