WHEREAS, M/s. Shusrusha Nursing Home Pvt. Ltd. [hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit-(HCU)], located at P-290, CIT Scheme VIM, P.S.- Phoolbagan, Kolkata – 700 054 is a 46 bedded Health Care Establishment.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 27/05/2014 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were observed during inspection:-

- Plastic bins in different wards were provided, but some of the bins were not covered with color-coded plastic bags for collection of bio-medical wastes. Wastes are thrown indiscriminately in the bins.
- Bio-medical wastes were not properly segregated in color coded bags at source.
- 1 No. electrical needle destroyer/ needle cutter was observed at each floor of the HCU.
- Disposable syringes were mutilated, but mutilation of saline bottles was observed not to be done by the HCU before disposal.
- The HCU has an intermediate bio-medical waste storage room at the back side of the HCU. The said room is not marked with bio-hazard symbol. The front side of the said room has a wire netted door and the door was found to be open during inspection. The yellow and blue bags kept in the room were observed not to be properly tied up.
- Posters containing segregation guideline of bio-medical wastes was not displayed on the wall.
- Some Nurses, technicians, sweepers handling the bio-medical wastes are not conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW Rules.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate (CFO) of the HCU expired on 31/10/2013. The HCU has applied for renewal of CFO on 04/04/2014 with fees cleared up to 31/10/2016. The clinical licence of the HCU is valid up to 09/08/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 24/07/2014 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 Director of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they would take necessary measures to achieve total compliance of BMW rules regarding segregation of bio-medical wastes at source, mutilation of saline bottles before disposal, arranging needle cutter/destroyer for every ward at each floor, maintaining bio medical waste generation register and manifest, arranging weighing machine to check weight of waste before handing over to TSDF and a committee will be formed shortly to look after the BMW management of the HCU.
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Shusrusha Nursing Home Pvt. Ltd., located at P-290, CIT Scheme VIM, P.S.- Phoolbagan, Kolkata – 700 054 is hereby directed by the Board as follows:

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

2. 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. The HCU shall dispose all the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles after mutilation.

4. The HCU shall properly maintain bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

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

7. 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 keep vigil on the HCU.

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