WHEREAS, M/s. South Calcutta Clinic (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 19A, Hindusthan Road, KMC Ward No. 85, Kolkata – 700 029 is a 52 bedded Health Care Unit (HCU) with pathology and OT facility.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was earlier called for a hearing on 20/02/2014 at the head office of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) as several non-compliances were observed during inspection on 18/12/2013 regarding handling of bio-medical wastes. Subsequently the HCU was directed on 24/03/2014 to comply with all the provisions of BMW Rules within one month. The concerned Regional office of the Board was also directed to conduct an inspection of the HCU after March 2014 to verify the status of compliance. Accordingly the HCU was again inspected on 14/07/2014. The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Blue and yellow bags were found in few wards, in most of the wards no blue or yellow bags were observed for collection of bio-medical waste.
- Bio-medical wastes are not segregated at source. Mixing of bio-medical waste with municipal solid waste was observed at every point of generation of bio-medical waste.
- Needle cutters were observed at the HCU and mutilation of disposable needles, syringes was observed before disposal.
- The HCU has provided an intermediate bio-medical waste storage room without bio-hazard symbol.
- Bio-medical waste generation records are not maintained.
- Nurses and the Group-D staff 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, a show cause notice was also issued to the HCU on 06/08/2014 for the above mentioned violations towards compliance of BMW Rules, but till date no reply has been received from their end.

AND WHEREAS, last ‘Consent to Operate’ and ‘Bio-medical Waste Authorization’ of the HCU expired on 30/06/2013 for 50 beds. The HCU has applied for ‘Consent to Operate’ and ‘Bio-medical Waste Authorization’ on 09/12/2013 for 52 beds along with ‘Consent to Establish’ for expansion (for 2 beds).

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 31/10/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they would take necessary steps to achieve total compliance of BMW rules within a month.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct M/s. South Calcutta Clinic located at 19A, Hindusthan Road, KMC Ward No. 85, Kolkata – 700 029 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 properly maintain record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.

4. **That**, the HCU shall provide bio-hazard symbol for the intermediate bio-medical storage room & arrange weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

5. **That**, the HCU shall arrange a training programme regarding handling of the bio-medical wastes for its staff involving the common TSDF operator.

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

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board shall conduct an inspection of the HCU after December 2014 to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. If the HCU is again found non-complying, strict regulatory action like issuance of Notice for Closure will be initiated.

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