WHEREAS, M/s. Marwari Relief Society Hospital, (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 225/227, Rabindra Sarani, P.O.- Burabazar, Kolkata – 700 007 is a 220 bedded Health Care Unit.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the HCU was carried out on 17/10/2014 by official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Blue and yellow plastic bags were found at every ward of the HCU. Bio-medical wastes are segregated at source except at pathology where bio-medical waste was observed to be disposed with general wastes.
- Disposable syringes, needles, saline bottles were found in mutilated condition before disposal. But in pathology syringes were observed to be disposed of in non-mutilated condition. Needle cutter was found in every ward. White puncture proof containers were also found at every concerned place for collection of sharp items.
- The nurses and the Group-D staffs handling the bio-medical waste are conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW Rules. As reported, the HCU arranges training programme regarding handling of bio-medical waste.
- The HCU has separate room for temporary storage of bio-medical waste marked with bio-hazard symbol.
- Bio-medical waste generation records are maintained.
- The HCU has no STP. Liquid waste is directly discharged to municipal drain.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the HCU expired on 31/10/2013. A direction was issued to the HCU on 21/08/2014 to submit the application for renewal of ‘Consent to Operate’ within thirty days, but the HCU has not applied for the same till date. However bio-medical waste authorization is valid upto 31/10/2016.

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 within a month regarding installation of ETP.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct M/s. Marwari Relief Society Hospital, 225/227, Rabindra Sarani, P.O.- Burabazar, Kolkata – 700 007 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 submit application for renewal of ‘Consent to Operate’ immediately.
3. **That**, the HCU shall submit an action plan regarding installation of ETP within 15th December, 2014.

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

If the HCU is found to violate the Board’s order, strict regulatory action like issuance of ‘Notice for Closure’ may 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