



Memo No. 1478-5L/WPB-2025/K-6385

Dated: 10-11-2025

**PUBLIC GRIEVANCE CELL**

<b>Complainant (s)</b>	<b>Respondent (s)</b>
Babu Biswas & Others	1. M/s K.T. Husking Mill, Prop: Kartick Tarafdar 2. M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House, Prop: Bishnu Tarafdar
Date: 07-11-2025	Time: 12:15 PM.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.**

On 24.01.2025 one Mr. Babu Biswas and many others, raised their grievance with the office of the Regional Office, Barrackpore of the State Board, against a paddy processing unit with boiler, runs by one Kartick Tarafdar, Ganesh Tarafdar and Bisthu Tarafdar at Vill: Bradangapara, P.O.: Nrisinghapur, P.S.: Santipur, Dist: Nadia, allegedly causing air and water pollution in the neighbourhood area during its operation.

The very complaint duly forwarded to the Grievance Cell of the Board for action on 31.01.2025.

To resolve the issue this Cell, asked the RO Barrackpore to look into the mater about veracity of the complaint. Accordingly, our officials of the Barrackpore Regional Office, WBPCB, being requisitioned, caused a physical inspection and on 12-09-2025, a report they submitted. Based on the report, this proceeding has been initiated.

Pending the matter before us, the complaint also approached the Land reforms Authority about illegal conversion the land changing its character, to set up a rice mill there, by the respondent units. They further filed a Writ petition before the Hon'ble Court for their relief.

Our official laid their observation in their report mentioning that:

*This is complaint against a paddy processing (boiling & sun drying) unit (without de-husking activity). The unit is engaged in boiling and drying of raw paddy in indigenous method. First raw paddy (obtained after cleaning and de-stoning) is pre-steamed in MS vat for 4-5 minutes, then the pre-steamed paddy is soaked in a concrete tank with water for several hours, after soaking the paddy is transferred to MS vat for final steaming partially with steam generated in MS tank. After final boiling of the raw paddy, same is sun dried on Chatal Dried boiled paddy is sold outside as final product to other's Husking Mill. The unit has no husking mill/huller of its own.*

*The unit uses old traditional method by using earthen kiln and MS tank for producing low pressure steam which is ultimately transmitted through pipeline for boiling of pre-soaked raw paddy kept in the vat. Steam generation activity takes place inside a brick walled room having GI roof shed. After boiling, the untreated process waste water is discharged to the low-lying area inside the unit premises. Rice husk is used as fuel for*

*producing the steam. But there is no arrangement to arrest the husk ash. The bottom husk ash is dumped in a low-lying area where the untreated process waste water also discharged.*

*Complainant house and the boiling section of the unit is located in two opposite ends of the drying chatal and the distance between the steam generation section (firing kiln) and the complainant building is about 300 ft.*

*During inspection, shri Bablu Biswas, complainant stated that they are affected by air borne ash/dust generated during handling of steam paddy manually, in the drying chatal. Drying chatal is spread up to the adjoining boundary wall of the complainant's house.*

*At the time of inspection, the unit was in operation. No deposition of dust could be seen in the complainant house.*

*Statutory compliance: The unit has obtained two separate Consent to Establish (CTE) certificate under green category of unit namely 1) "M/s KT Husking Mill" under proprietorship of Shri Kartick Tarafdar for rice mill (Rice huller only) and 2) "M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House" under proprietorship of Shri Bishnu Tarafdar, for production of fine rice. Although it is a single unit. It was informed that they have obtained two nos. of CTE as the land of the unit belongs to Mr. Kartick Tarafdar and Mr. Bishnu Tarafdar.*

In view of the inspection report of our official, notice has been served upon the parties above, to hear out them this day. Then said Mr. Bablu Biswas and another from the complaint side and one Mr. Bishnu Tarafdar, proprietor of M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House and Mr. Kartick Tarafdar, proprietor of K.T. Husking Mill, from the side of the respondents, appeared.

During hearing the complainant submitted that they are suffering from air and water pollution due to the illegal operations carried out by the respondent unit, which situates beside their house. He also submits that the emission and dust are coming from the respondent unit causing their family member life became miserable. They also raised grievance for illegal conversion of the agricultural land to set up the rice milling activity.

To counter the version of the complainants the respondents dispute the allegation made against them. It is claimed by the respondents that no Husking activity they are ever carrying though obtained trade license for it, but paddy processing through boiling and drying only on obtaining Trade licence as **M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House**.

During hearing representative of **M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House**, furnished a copy of trade license issued to them by the Haripur Gram Panchayat for the year 2023-2026 for the profession/trade of "**Wholesale Rice, Retail sale of Rice, Rice Mill, Rice Milling, Purchase of Rice and paddy, Rice Processing, Rice Flour and Oil Mill, Paddy, Paddy Arat, Retail Sale of Rice, Mill for Paddy, Rice and Paddy, Paddy Process, Paddy Trading**" and a copy of consent to establish under Green category of the State Board they obtained from the District Industries Centre, Nadia dated 16-04-2025. But failed to submit consent to operate of the State Board.

Similarly, representative of M/s K. T. Husking Mill, furnished a copy of trade license issued to them by the Haripur Gram Panchayat for the year 2023-2026 for the profession/trade of "Wholesale Rice, Rice Retail, Boiled Rice Production" and a copy of consent to operate under green category of the State Board they obtained from District Industries Centre, Nadia dated 19-01-2024.

Inspection report of our official, reveals of existence of one unit engaging in boiling and drying of raw paddy in indigenous method by the labour and there was no husking mill/huller is installed.

The nature of the above-mentioned activity of the respondent unit requires pollution clearance (*consent to operate*) from the State Board. Admittedly the respondent possesses no such required *Consent to Operate* from the Board to run the unit. More so, our official during inspection noticed lacking system in the unit to curb probable environmental hazard specially for treating the waste water and emission of smoke and dust. So, our intervention is needed.

This Board has no business to consider over the allegation of illegal conversion of the agricultural land by the respondent to establish Rice Mill over the subject premises.

Accordingly, considering the overall scenario, the contents of the inspection report of the State Board Official and submission of the complainant and respondent, **M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House**, is hereby directed to:

1. *Obtain all statutory licenses including consent to establish and consent to operate of the State Board in the appropriate category, within 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and do not operate thereafter if they failed to obtain such CTO.*
2. *Install appropriate air pollution control systems for controlling emissions and ventilate emissions from its husk fired steam generator through a stack of adequate height (as per Emission Regulations Part III of CPCB).*
3. *Install proper effluent treatment systems so as to treat such wastewater generated from the manufacturing process; and*
4. *Manage properly the solid wastes and take suitable and effective measures to avoid the dispersion of dust (ash) in the air.*

Further M/s K. T. Husking Mill, though they do not yet installed machinery for husking paddy, is hereby directed to run, if they so desire, their husking mill activity, only after obtaining all statutory licenses including consent to operate of the State Board in the appropriate category of the State Board.

The unit **M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House** is further directed to comply with the direction above and submit a compliance report to the In-charge of the Barrackpore Regional Office of the State Board within *15<sup>th</sup> December 2025*.

The In-charge of the Barrackpore Regional Office of the State Board and the Block Development Officer, Santipur Development Block, may be kept informed of this order.

The Officer in Charge, Santipur Police Station, is requested to oversee the compliance of this order and also see that the *M/s Tarafdar Rice Production House shall not operate their paddy processing activities without obtaining 'Consent to Operate' of the State Board after 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025.* In case of any violation of this order, the necessary action may be taken/initiated in accordance with law.

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