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Memo No.2046-5L/WPB-2024/R-4890

Dated: 04-10-2024

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| Complainant (s) | Respondent (s) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Bulbul Mitra (Malakar) | M/s Malakar Enterprise Prop: Ranjit Malakar |
| Date: 24-09-2024 | Time: 12:45 PM. |

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

This proceeding has been initiated over a complaint by Smt. Bulbul Mitra, against a chowmin manufacturing unit, located at Gopal Nagar Durga Mandir, Gopal Nagar, P.O.: Kalla Central Hospital, P.S.: Asansol (North), Dist: Paschim Bardhaman, Pin: 713340, West Bengal, allegedly causing air, water and environmental pollution in the neighbourhood area during their operations.

Over the matter, Officials of the Asansol Regional Office, WBPCB, being requisitioned caused an inspection and on 18/04/2024 and a report they submitted.

Excerpts from the inspection report are given below under head of their:

Observation:

- 1. This unit is engaged in manufacturing of chowmein, situated in ground floor of a two storied residential building.*
- 2. During inspection the unit was not in operation. It uses one dough kneader machine & one chowmein maker machine which are operated by electricity. The unit used portable chullah (coal fired) for boiling the chowmein in steamer. A closed room is used as heat chamber for drying the product. One portable chullah is used for heating the heat chamber. Stack of approx. 3ft from rooftop was present in the unit, but no suction hood was attached with either the chullah or the heat chamber.*
- 3. Coal was found to be dumped near the backyard of the building. Coal ash also dumped near the chullah in the unit.*
- 4. During inspection, the owner produced trade license issued by Asansol Municipal Corporation. The unit has CTE from State Board in green category. The unit has not applied for CTO.*
- 5. Bulbul Mitra, complainant resides at the first floor of the building. She complained about heat generated during the operation of the unit. Heat was felt from the room of the complainant as the heat chamber is under this room. She also complained that the immense heat felt throughout the whole night. The owner confirmed that they placed the chullah in the heat chamber after 5-6 pm & it remained there for whole night.*
- 6. Waste water generated from the activities of the unit is discharged to municipal drain without any treatment.*

And Remarks:

- 1. The unit has CTE in confectionery with electric/ gas oven. But it uses coal as fuel.*
- 2. Unit must shift to cleaner fuel to minimize the emission.*

3. Heat resistant material should be used in ceiling & wall of the unit.
4. Stack should be provided with suction hood & ID fan.
5. Basic treatment of waste water must be carried out before discharge into drain.
6. As This is a predominant residential building trading or selling of product may be allowed but manufacturing of food should not be done here.

Therefore, notice has been issued upon the parties above to hear out them this day, to resolve the issue. Then one, Smt. Bulbul Mitra, complainant, appeared in person and Mr. Ranjit Malakar, proprietor of M/s Malakar Enterprise, appeared in person along with Ld. Advocate, Prosenjit Mukherjee.

During hearing the complainant submitted that they are suffering tremendously due to severe air pollution resulting from the use of wood as a fuel by the respondent unit. She mentioned that continuous inhalation of dense smoke is resulting in medical complications for the residents living nearby and her family members.

In counter the respondent denied the allegation submitting that over the property dispute his sister being the complaint lodged this complain otherwise just to harass him. He furnished a copy of valid trade license issued to them by the Asansol Municipal Corporation for the profession/trade of "Chow Manufacturing" and a copy of consent to establish under green category of the State Board issued by District Industries Centre, Durgapur, dated 05-03-2021. But failed to submit consent to operate of the State Board.

In the inspection report there is indication about lacking of facility/provision to curb the probable air pollution in running the unit. So, interference of this office is needed. Accordingly considering the overall scenario, the contents of the inspection report and submission of the complainant and respondent, we direct the *M/s Malakar Enterprise*, to:

1. Obtain all statutory licenses including **consent to operate under 'Appropriate' category of the State Board within 15th November 2024 and do not operate thereafter if they failed to obtain such consent to operate of the State Board;**

M/s Malakar Enterprise, is further directed to comply with the recommendations as mentioned in the "**Remarks**" section of the above stated inspection report of the State Board. *i.e*

- **Unit must shift to cleaner fuel to minimize the emission.**
- **Heat resistant material should be used in ceiling & wall of the unit.**
- **Stack should be provided with suction hood & ID fan.**
- **Basic treatment of waste water must be carried out before discharge into drain.**
- **As This is a predominant residential building trading or selling of product may be allowed but manufacturing of food should not be done here.**

The unit is further directed to comply with the direction above and submit a compliance report to the In-charge of the Asansol Regional Office of the State Board.

We make it clear that the respondent unit shall maintain environmental norms strictly and take all necessary measures so that the people living in the neighbourhood may not suffer due to its activities in any way, whatsoever.

The unit is also at liberty to approach the Asansol Regional Office of the State Board in case of technical guidance they required, if any.

In-charge of the Asansol Regional Office is requested to dispose of the application of the respondent for issuance of *Consent to Establish/Consent to Operates*, on merit, if they applied upon complying the direction above, with an intimation to this Office.

The Commissioner, Asansol Municipal Corporation, may be kept informed of this order passed by the State Board today.

The Officer in Charge, Asansol (North) Police Station, is requested to oversee the compliance of this order and also see that the **M/s Malakar Enterprise shall not operate their activities without obtaining Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate under appropriate category of the State Board, beyond 15th November 2024.** In case of any violation of this order, he is at liberty to take necessary action in accordance with law.

Sd/-
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