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Memo No.

- IM-11/2009 (Part-XI)

Date: /11/2024

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Laxmi Narayan Brick Field (hereinafter referred to as the unit) located at **Gopinathpur, P.O.-Nakole, P.S.-Shyampur, Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711312** was inspected by the **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** (hereinafter referred to as the State Board) official on 26.07.2024 in connection with a complaint lodged by Shri Banibarata Mandal & Ors., Vill.+P.O.-Nakole, P.S.-Shyampur, Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711312 against the said brick field causing environmental pollution in the surroundings.

AND WHEREAS, the unit is situated on the bank of river Rupnarayan. During inspection the unit was not in operation. Shri Raj Kumar Paul, proprietor of the unit has informed that the unit was last operated before the start of rainy season. Stock of earlier produced hard bricks (red brick) was seen to be lying within the premises of the unit.

AND WHEREAS, for the purpose of brick manufacturing, the unit possesses one pug-mill and one kiln with fixed chimney of height approx. 29m from ground level, Unit personnel stated that the unit has adopted Zig Zag technology for burning of bricks. Production capacity of brick field is 6 lakh per month. Silt/soil deposited in the ditch connected to the river Rupnaayan are used major raw material and no top soil/silt of any agricultural land is used as informed during inspection. During inspection large quantity of soil/silt was found heaped at southern side of the unit.

AND WHEREAS, the total area of the brick kiln as stated by the unit personnel is approx. 25-30 bighas. Apart from the existence of few trees on the eastern sides of the brick field, there is no existence of a multilayer green belt of 10m width along the periphery of the unit.

AND WHEREAS, the unit is located within a radius of 100 kilometres from some coal based Thermal Power Plants (Budge Budge Generating Station, Kolaghat Thermal Power Station). It was informed by the unit personnel that the unit is uses fly ash mixing with soil/silt for manufacturing of bricks. But no storage of fly ash was observed during inspection and the unit personnel could not produce any document of procurement of fly ash during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, a boundary wall of approx. 1.5m height exists along the south eastern side of the unit to demark residential.

AND WHEREAS, during inspection, inspecting officer contacted over telephone with Shri Banibrata Mandal, complainant as he was not present during inspection. He alleged that earlier a canal was passing to the river through land of brick field which was used for cultivation purpose. But owner of the brickfield has established the brick field on the land of canal by filling the same. The allegation raised by the complainant could not be verified since existence of canal was not observed inside the brick field during inspection. M/s. Modern Brick Works owned by Shri Banibrata Mandal, complainant is located at the southern side of the boundary of M/s. Laxmi Narayan Brick Field.

AND WHEREAS, the Consent to Operate of the unit is valid upto 14.03.2027.

AND WHEREAS, the unit was called for a hearing on 03/09/2024 at the Head office of the Board. Shri Banibrata Mandal, complainant was requested to remain present during the hearing. Accordingly, he was present in person in the hearing and alleged that M/s. Laxmi Narayan Brick Field is operating on the land by filling a canal being Plot No. R.S. & L.R. 962 damaging ingress and egress the water of river Rupnarayan which was used for cultivation purpose.

AND WHEREAS, Shri Raj Kumar Paul, Owner of the unit appeared in the hearing and submitted that the brick kiln has started its operation since long back for which they have valid Consent to Operate of the State Board.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, **M/s. Laxmi Narayan Brick Field** located at Gopinathpur, P.O.-Nakole, P.S.-Shyampur, Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711312 is hereby directed to operate maintaining the environmental norms.

Since the complaint is related to land matter, this is being referred to the Additional District Magistrate & District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Howrah for verification of complaint as alleged by the complainant and request to send a report to the State Board in this regard.

The Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Howrah Regional Office of the State Board is requested to keep a strict vigil on the unit.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the provision of Section 33A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Section 31A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

By Order,

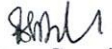
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1. M/s. Laxmi Narayan Brick Field, Gopinathpur, P.O.-Nakole, P.S.-Shyampur, Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711312
2. The Additional District Magistrate & District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Howrah, 12, Nityadhan Mukherjee Road, Shibpur, Howrah-711101
3. The Chief Engineer, Planning & EIM Cell, WBPCB
4. The Senior Law Officer, WBPCB
5. The Environmental Engineer & In-charge, Howrah Regional Office, WBPCB
6. T.A. to the Member Secretary, WBPCB
7. P.A. to the Chairman, WBPCB
8. Shri Banibarata Mandal, Gopinathpur, P.O.-Nakole, P.S.-Shyampur, Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711312
- ✓ 9. Technical Cell, WBPCB for updating the website
- 10 Environment Officer- Communication, WBPCB – for circulation through float file
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