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Memo No. 1304-5L/WPB-2023/ M-3720

Dated: 22-11-2023

PUBLIC GRIEVANCE CELL

Complainant (s)	Respondent (s)
Shyamal Barman	1. M/s Maa Manasa Butik Print- Prop: Khokan Khanra 2. M/s Ramkrishna Batick- Prop: Ram Prasad Manna 3. M/s Bhunia Printers- Prop: Shipra Rani Bhunia 4. M/s New Kalika Batik Print – Prop: Ghanashyam Adak
Date: 09-11-2023	Time: 11:45 AM.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

One, Mr. Khokan Khanra, proprietor of M/s Maa Manasa Butik Print, Mr. Ram Prasad Manna, proprietor of M/s Ramkrishna Batick, One, Mr. Swapan Kumar Bhunia, representative of M/s Bhunia Printers and One Mr. Ghanashyam Adak, proprietor of M/s New Kalika Batik Print, appeared during hearing being noticed.

This proceeding has been initiated over a complaint by one Shyamal Barman of Bishnupur GP of Sabang, Paschim Medinipur, which was registered on Grievance Redressal Monitoring Cell at the office of the Hon'ble Chief minister on 18-08-2023 against the above named four (04) nos. of sarees dyeing and colour printing unit, situated at Vill: Lachmichak, P.O.: Andulia, P.S.: Sabang, Dist: Paschim Medinipur, Pin: 721144, allegedly causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

Inspite of getting notice complainant did not turn up before us during hearing.

Over it, the officials of Haldia Regional Office, WBPCB, being requisitioned cause an inspection and on 19/09/2023. Excerpts from the inspection report are given below under head:

Observations:

All the units are of Red category dyeing and colour printing unit with same manufacturing /process. All the units are located at the bank of Keleghai River. White cloth to be printed. colour, wax and HNO₃ are the main raw materials of this activity. First of all white cloth is being waxed and after that it immerse into a solution of colour and HNO₃. Then it is being washed in hot water. None of the units provide ETP for treatment of waste water generated from the activity. This untreated waste water is discharged to nearby drain followed by Keleghai River. Heat is required for wax melting and hot water generation. For all the units heat source is wood / coal fired ovens without any APCD and stack.

A complaint lodged by Sri Shyamal Barman through SSM Call Centre of Hon'ble Chief Minister Office and was forwarded by P. G. Cell, WBPCB. The complaint stated that untreated waste water is discharged to Keleghai River and polluted the river water. This river water is main livelihood of local people. The local people are also agreed with the complainant.

And put below

Remarks:

- a) During inspection, none of the units provided the copy of CTE / CTO of the State Board.
b) None of the units provide ETP for treatment of waste water generated from the activity. This untreated waste water is discharged to nearby drain followed by Keleghai River.
c) For all the units heat source is wood / coal fired ovens without any APCD and stack.

During hearing, all the respondent units submitted their respective copy of valid trade license issued by the Bishnupur Gram Panchayat but all of them failed to furnish **requisite Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate** of the State Board to run such **Red** category unit.

Considering the gravity of the complaint and the contents of the **inspection report** and submission of the respondents, **all the respondent units**, are hereby directed to:

- 1) Obtain all statutory licenses including **Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate** under “Red” category of the State Board and operate **only after** obtaining **consent to operate** of the State Board;
- 2) Install adequate air pollution control system followed by a stack of adequate height for controlling emissions from its husk/wood fired oven so that the people living in the neighbourhood may not be inconvenienced due to emissions generated from their operations;
- 3) Take adequate effluent treatment measures for the effluent generated from manufacturing activity;

We make it clear that the respondent units 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 respondent shall carry out any manufacturing activity **only after** obtaining **consent to operate** under **Red** category of the State Board and after taking pollution control measures, as mentioned above.

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

The Block Development Officer, Sabang Development Block, may be kept informed of this order passed by the State Board today.

The Officer in Charge, Sabang Police Station, is requested to oversee the compliance of this order and also see that **all the respondent units does not operate without obtaining Consent to Operate under “Red” category of the State Board.** In case of any violation of this order, he is at liberty to take necessary action in accordance with law.

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Sr. Scientist & Incharge, P.G. Cell

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