



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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NOTICE FOR CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, **KASTURI MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE (P) LTD.** (hereinafter referred as Health Care Establishment) at Diamond Harbour Road, Thakurpukur, 3A Bus Stand, P. O- Joka, Dist. South 24 Parganas, generates various categories of infectious bio-medical waste (BMW), which are to be managed as per the procedure mentioned in the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

WHEREAS, the inspection of the Health Care Establishment by the official of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 29.03.2007 & 01.02.2008 revealed that they have failed to ensure the segregation of bio-medical waste at the source of generation as mandated by Rule-6 of the aforementioned Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules.

WHEREAS, the unit has also failed to mutilate of disposable syringes, puncturing of used saline bottles, chemical treatment of waste sharps etc. as required under the Rule

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted on 11.06.2007 after inspection on 29.03.2007. During hearing the unit was directed to take proper action for improving their in house bio-medical waste management system. After hearing the unit subsequently submitted a compliance report stating that they had taken initiative regarding proper segregation of bio-medical waste, construction of bio-medical waste storage room with bio-hazard symbol, arrangement of training programme for the staffs, maintaining of waste generation register etc. But further inspection on 01.02.2008 revealed that segregation of bio-medical waste at the source of generation, mutilation of used disposable syringes, puncturing of saline bottles etc. are still not carried out properly.

WHEREAS, another hearing was conducted by the Board on 16.04.2008 providing the hospital authority to explain their position vis-à-vis compliance of the above mentioned Acts & Rules.

WHEREAS, Mr. Sushanta Roy, Manager, Kasturi Medical Research Centre (P) Ltd. appearing in the hearing, failed to explain the reason for submission of a false report about compliance and continued violation regarding segregation, mutilation, chemical treatment etc. as per the provisions of the above mentioned Rules.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Provision of Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Board is hereby directing the Kasturi Medical Research

Centre (P) Ltd. to stop further admission of patients with immediate effect and close the hospital within one month from the date of issuance of this order.

This deferred closure order is issued in due consideration of the interest of the patients already admitted to the hospital so that the hospital authorities can shift the admitted patients to other suitable hospitals.

This closure order will however not be applicable to any mortuary/morgue, if situated within the premises of the Health Care Establishment.

The suspension of the closure order will only be considered after the Health Care Establishment will take positive steps regarding the in house bio-medical waste management like segregation, mutilation, chemical treatment etc. as required under the Rules and to safe guard the environment.

The Officer-In-Charge of the Thakurpukur Police Station is directed to execute the closure order after one month from the date of issuance of this order and submit the compliance report within seven days after the execution of the order.

This direction is issued to the Officer-In-Charge of the Thakurpukur Police Station in conformity of the Order of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court dated 21-08-1998.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order

Sd/-

Member Secretary

West Bengal Pollution Control Board