



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, THE AMTALA NURSING HOME (hereinafter referred as the Nursing Home) located at Amtala, PO. Kanyanagar, Diamond Harbour Road, Dist. South 24 Parganas. PIN. 743398, generates 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 nursing home by officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred as the Board) on 15.09.2008 revealed that they are not complying with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules. The inspecting team made the following observations

1. Bio-medical waste storage containers are not marked with bio-hazard symbol
2. There are no needle destroyers / cutters and disposable syringes are disposed without mutilation
3. Empty saline bottles, IV fluid bottles etc. are not mutilated before disposing
4. There is no interim bio-medical waste storage facility
5. Bio-medical waste generation records and manifest for waste transfer could not be produced during inspection.

WHEREAS, in view of the non-compliance a hearing was conducted on 15.01.2009 wherein a copy of the inspection report was handed over to the nursing home with a direction to improve the in-house management of bio-medical waste within 30 days and submit a self compliance report.

WHEREAS, the unit failed to submit the self compliance report within the stipulated time.

WHEREAS, Board official further inspected the nursing home on 13.04.2009 and once again observed similar non-compliance as observed during the earlier visit on 15.09.2008.

WHEREAS, another hearing of the nursing home was conducted at the Board's Head Office on 25.06.2009 and the representatives of the nursing home failed to offer a satisfactory explanation for the said non-compliance.

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 Amtala Nursing Home is hereby directed as under :

- A. The nursing home is allowed further 30 (thirty) days time from the date hereof to improve their in-house bio-medical waste management in view of the observations made by Board officials during inspection held on 25.09.2008 and 13.04.2009 to comply with the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules

The nursing home should pay a pollution cost of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only by demand draft payable at service branch at Kolkata/ Bankers cheque in favour of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board within 15 (fifteen) days hereof.

In case of non-compliance of above direction the nursing home will be closed by the Board without any further reference in the matter.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority

By Order,

Sd/-

(Dr. D. Chakraborty)

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