

West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, M/s. Haldiram Bhujiawala (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is an Orange category unit engaged in manufacturing sweets and snacks at Vill & P.O. – New Kolorah, P.S. – Domjur, Howrah.

AND WHEREAS, the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) received a public complaint from Shyam Kunja Ashram on 12/08/2010 alleging water and odour pollution due to operation of the industry.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was inspected on 30/08/2010 by the concerned Regional Office of the Board and the following were observed:

- **O** That the industry had Consent to Operate valid upto 31/03/2010.
- **O** That the industry is situated in a rural locality and is adjacent to the ashram premises.
- **O** That the industry is engaged in manufacturing sweets and snacks using 6 large and 19 small diesel-fired ovens and several LPG ovens none of which are provided with any suction or exhaust system.
- **O** That the industry has one large silent D.G. Set which was observed operating with its covers open. It has no proper stack and sampling arrangements.
- **O** That the industry has no proper treatment process for the waste water generated from its activities. A construction having 3 (three) chambers was observed filled with sludge and appeared to be an ETP defunct for a long time.
- **O** That waste water was observed flowing in and around the area. In fact the entire production process itself was observed carried out in a very unhygienic condition.
- **O** That the complainants strongly alleged against discharge of untreated effluent from the industry and complained that the vegetation as well as pisciculture was suffering from a long time and particularly during the monsoons due to the activities of the industry.
- **O** That the area inside the ashram boundary wall is filled with sludge and water. A foul smell was also felt during the time of inspection.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing was convened at the Head Office of the Board on 23/09/2010 involving both the industry and the complainant. However, none appeared in the hearing.

AND WHEREAS, another hearing was convened at the Head Office of the Board on 30/10/2010 involving both the industry and the complainant. Again both parties failed to appear.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder and considering the non-compliance on the part of the industry as stated above, **M/s. Haldiram Bhujiawala** located at **Vill. & P.O. – New Kolorah, P.S. – Domjur, Howrah** is hereby **closed by the Board with immediate effect.**

The industry is also hereby directed to submit a **Pollution Cost** of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only within fifteen [15] days from hereof by Demand Draft to be drawn on Service Branch, Kolkata / Banker's cheque in favour of the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** for non-compliance with the environmental statutes and directions of the Board.

The Closure Order will take immediate effect and the Officer-in-Charge, Domjur Police Station, Howrah is directed to execute the Closure order against the aforementioned industry and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven (07) days from the date of receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-in-Charge, Domjur Police Station, Howrah in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21/08/1998.

The Environmental Engineer, Howrah Regional Office of the Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the industry involving the local police station and the concerned Nodal Police Officer.

This order has the approval of the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/(Subrata Ghosh)
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board