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August 23, 2018

To,

M/s Society for Biomedical Waste Management,
Hubbathalai Village,
Coonoor Taluk, Nilgiri District,
Tamilnadu

CLOSURE DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986

WHEREAS the Central Government has notified the Bio-Medical waste Management Rules, 2016 and amendments thereof (herein after referred as BMW Rules) in suppression of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, and amendments thereof, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to improve the collection, segregation, processing, treatment and disposal of the bio-Medical wastes in an environmentally sound management thereby, reducing the biomedical waste generation and its impact on the environment;

WHEREAS Rule 5 of BMW Rules, 2016 stipulated duties of the operator of a Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF); and

WHEREAS as per Rule 7 (1) of BMW Rules, "bio-medical waste shall be treated and disposed of in accordance with Schedule I and in compliance with the standards prescribed in Schedule II of the BMW Rules, 2016"; and

WHEREAS Rules 14(1) of BMW Rules, "every authorized person shall maintain records related to generation, collection, segregation, storage, transportation, treatment, disposal and or any form of handling of Bio-Medical waste in accordance with these Rules and by guidelines issued"; and

WHEREAS the Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) operated by M/s Society for Biomedical Waste Management, Nilgiri District, Tamilnadu was inspected by the team from CPCB Regional Directorate Bengaluru on 19/04/2018 and the observations indicated that:

1. The facility was in operation without authorization under Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.
2. The operator of facility has not installed incinerator for disposal of yellow category of biomedical waste as required under Rule 7 of the BMW Rules, 2016.

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3. The existing deep burial pits were not as per the standard prescribed under BMWM Rules, 2016.
4. Autoclave and shredder are not operated regularly for the treatment & disposal of biomedical waste.
5. Proper records w.r.to biomedical waste collection, transportation, storage, treatment & disposal were not maintained.
6. The facility was not operating the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) during the visit.

WHEREAS, the Central Government vide notification S.O. 730 (E) dated July 10, 2002, has delegated the power under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, to issue directions to any industry or any local, or any other authority for the violation of the standards and rules relating to bio-medical waste notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments made thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, you are here by directed to

- (i) ***Close the facility namely M/s Society for Biomedical Waste Management, Nilgiri District, Tamilnadu by 15.09.2018 for violation of provisions of BMWM Rules and CPCB guidelines; and***
- (ii) ***The facility shall operate its facility only after completing the necessary improvements and revocation of these directions by CPCB.***

In case the facility fails to comply with the above Directions, CPCB will be constrained to initiate proceedings against the facility i.e, M/s Society for Biomedical Waste Management, Nilgiri District, Tamilnadu as deemed fit under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments made thereof.

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(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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1. Director, HSM Division,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate
Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi - 110 003.

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2. Member Secretary
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
No. 76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai - 600 032, Tamil Nadu. : For information and to ensure that
the biomedical waste generated
from member Healthcare Facilities
located in Gudalur, Ooty, Coonoor
and Kothagiri is disposed through
another CBWTF (located nearby) by
15.09.2018.
3. Regional Director
Central Pollution Control Board
1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhavan
A-Block, Thimmaiah Main Road
7th D Cross, Shivanagar, Opp.
Pushpanjali Theatre, Bengaluru -560 010
4. I/c ESS Division, CPCB : for information & record.
5. I/c IT Division, CPCB : for information & n.a.pl.

(Prashant Gargava)
Member Secretary