

One Chayan Das of Debinagar 3<sup>rd</sup> Bye Lane, Birati, North Dum Dum, Kolkata – 700 051 filed a written complaint with the Commission stating that a Laddu manufacturing unit situated adjacent to his house starts with the help of a large diesel oven, causing heat, smoke, sound and bad smell from 7 a.m. onwards for which it is difficult for his aged ailing parents and him to reside in their house and that their health condition is deteriorating. It is also stated that they approached the owner, Bharat Chandra Das and local municipality and the West Bengal Pollution Control Board, but did not get any response nor relief.

Taking cognizance of the matter the Commission called for a report from the Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board. The matter was then heard by the Public Grievance Cell of West Bengal Pollution Control Board on 19.02.15 and the Cell was pleased to direct as follows:

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“Sri Bharat Ch. Das appeared on behalf of the unit. Mother of complainant appeared.

It is an old complaint against one laddu manufacturing unit allegedly causing air and noise pollution.

Heard the matter several times and caused inspection from time to time.

Last hearing was held on 10.12.2014 and the unit was directed to erect/install chimney, etc. to control air pollution and other environmental hazards.

Representative appearing on behalf of the complainant submits that they are still suffering from air pollution and other health hazards due to activities of the unit. She also submits that the unit should relocate its oven immediately.

Representative of the unit submits that they have already taken some steps/measures to control air pollution as per direction of the State Board.

Last inspection was caused on 05.02.2015. It reveals from the inspection report that the oven of the unit is provided with overhead suction hood and a stack of height about 5' from top of roof the building. An exhaust fan is also mounted in the hood to draw the gases/fumes generated from the oven.

Considering the inspection report the unit is directed to convert its diesel fired oven into LPG fired oven or to shift the location of existing oven by 30.04.2015, failing which stringent legal action may be taken without any further reference.

Representative of the complainant refused to sign the proceedings.”

The matter was accordingly disposed of by the Commission.

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Shampa Dutt (Paul)  
Registrar,  
WBHRC