

**MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF RECONSTITUTED WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**The following members/officials attended the meeting :**

1. Shri Chandan Sinha, Principal Secretary, Deptt. Of Environment & **Chairman**, WBSCZMA
2. Shri Pradeep Vyas, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve – **Member**
3. Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Chief Environment Officer & **Member Secretary**, WBSCZMA
4. Prof. Amallesh Chowdhury, Ex-Head of The Deptt., Marine Science, Calcutta University- **Member**
5. Shri Sandip Chatterjee, Ex-Engineer-in-Chief, Deptt. of Public Health Engineering, GoWB-**Member**
6. Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Former Chief Scientist, Geoinformatics and RS Cell, Deptt. Of Science & Technology, GoWB – **Member**
7. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Director, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University - **Member**
8. Smt. Susmita Mukherjee, Dy. Secretary and Shri B. K. Dutta, Chief Engineer , Sundarban Affairs Department – representing Principal Secretary, Sundarban Affairs Department – **Member**
9. Shri Sandip Kr. Mondol, Dy. Director, Department of Fisheries representing Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department – **Member**

**The following officials attended the meeting as invitees:**

1. Smt. Barnali Biswas, Director, IESWM
2. Dr. Rajarshi Chakraborty, Environment Officer, Deptt. Of Environment

**The officials/Consultants/representatives of the following organisations attended the meeting -**  
i) Indian Coast Guard, Haldia, ; ii) Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO); iii) Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships; iv) M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Chairman welcomed everybody and initiated the discussion. The following issues were discussed:

- i) **The proposal for ‘Creation of a platform for commissioning of interceptor missiles at Junput, PurbaMedinipur - by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India**

The Project Proponent gave a presentation before WBSCZMA after which the members made certain queries. In reply, the PP gave the following clarifications :-

- Water, electricity etc. would be brought on mobile mode during activity and would not be needed permanently at the site.
- Before starting of construction, required soil testing would be done for proper construction design.

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- There is no proposal for future expansion.
- The project would not harm fishermen or restrict their fishing activity in any way. Rather the structure may help the fishermen by acting as fish drying yard during non-activity period.

After detailed discussion, the Authority unanimously agreed to recommend the said project to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India for CRZ clearance.

ii) **The proposal for Setting up of Jetty / Berthing Facility at Vill-Rajarchak, Mouza – Durgachak, Haldia, Purba Medinipur – by Indian Coast Guard, Haldia**

The Project Proponent gave a presentation before WBSCZMA after which the members made certain queries. In reply, the PP gave the following clarifications :-

- The vessels would not discharge any untreated sewage near the proposed jetty. The vessels would be having in built STP and the treated waste water would be discharged in sailing condition.
- The present berthing facility near the proposed site would not be dismantled at present and any further decision would be taken after construction of the proposed jetty.
- The proposed jetty would be constructed on piles so that the water flow remains unaltered beneath the jetty minimizing chances of siltation.

The Authority directed the PP to submit siltation report to the Authority from time to time and unanimously agreed to recommend the said project to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India for CRZ clearance.

iii) **CRZ recommendation for Development of Refrigerated LPG (Propane/Butatne) Import, Storage, Bottling & Bulk Distribution Facilities and laying of 2x18” Dia pipelines from existing HOJ 3 to proposed plot at Haldia – by M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**

The Project Proponent gave a presentation before WBSCZMA after which the members made queries about the different risks associated with the project and their mitigation. The PP described in detail the different measures that will be taken by them for detection of any leak at the earliest and different mitigation measures that would be available at the site.

After detailed discussion, the Authority unanimously agreed to recommend the said project to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India for CRZ clearance.

iv) **CRZ recommendation for establishment of new Lighthouse at Tajpur, Ramnagar, Purba Medinipur – by Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India**

The Project Proponent gave a presentation before WBSCZMA and told the members that the project would be beneficial for the local people particularly the fishermen since the lighthouse would act as lifeline to the fishermen at night and during storms.

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The Authority asked the PP to submit a CRZ Map on 1:25000 scale preferably showing land use within 7 km radius of the proposed project. The Authority also advised the PP to do an erosion study to ascertain the viability of the project.

After detailed discussion, the Authority unanimously agreed to recommend the said project to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India for CRZ clearance, subject to submission of above stated CRZ map to the Authority.

The meeting then ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

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**(Chandan Sinha)**  
 Principal Secretary  
 Department of Environment  
 &  
 Chairman, WBSCZMA

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Fisheries, GoWB.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development, GowB.
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Sundarban Affairs, GoWB
4. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Directorate of Forests, GoWB
5. Prof. Amalesh Chowdhury, Ex-Head of the Deptt., Marine Science, Calcutta University
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9. Dr. S. Mukherjee, Member Secretary, Paribesh Bhawan, 10A, Block – LA, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 098
10. Director, IESWM, DD-24 , Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 064
11. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Department of Environment

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