

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF RECONSTITUTED WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2017 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

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

1. Shri Arnab Roy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Environment & **Chairman**, WBSCZMA
2. Member Secretary, Sundarban Development Board – Representative of Principal Secretary, Department of Sundarban Affair,
3. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Fisheries – Representative of Secretary, Deptt. of Fisheries
4. Joint Secretary, UD & M.A.–Representative of the Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Deptt.
5. Prof. Amalesh Chowdhury, Ex-Head of The Deptt., Marine Science, Calcutta University
6. Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Former Chief Scientist, Geo-informatics and RS Cell, Deptt.of Science & Technology, GoWB
7. Shri Sandip Chatterjee, Ex-Engineer-in-Chief, Deptt. of Public Health Engineering, GoWB
8. Prof. Sugata Hazra,
9. Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, IFS, Chief Environment Officer & **Member Secretary**, WBSCZMA

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

1. Dr. S. Mukherjee, IFS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
2. Shri Siddhartha Roy, IFS, Senior Environment Officer of the Department

The officials/Consultants/Representatives of the Disaster Management Department, Government of West Bengal, and Inland Waterways Authority of India, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India attended the meeting

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Chairman welcomed the members/officials and the Project Proponents and initiated the discussion. The following issues were discussed:

- CRZ recommendation for underground cabling of existing overhead electrification network in Digha-Shankarpur Area under World Bank Project, National cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP-II) – by Disaster Management Department
- CRZ recommendation for proposed Inland Waterways Terminal at Industrial Zone of Haldia Dock Complex, Haldia - by Inland Waterways Authority of India

1. **CRZ recommendation for underground cabling of existing overhead electrification network in Digha-Shankarpur Area under World Bank Project, National cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP-II) – by Disaster Management Department -**

The entire project was discussed in details by the Project Proponent through Power Point presentation along with maps regarding the procedure of electrification of Digha-Shankarpur area under Purba Medinipur District through underground cabling in lieu of the overhead electrification

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presently prevalent. The Project Proponent stated that they would lay underground armoured cable in the area mentioned above under Digha Sankarpur Development Authority covering 34 Sq. Kms. along the roadside leading to the present points where electrification had previously been done through overhead lines, as the overhead lines often causes disruption in supply due to saline weather condition and also breaking/uprooting of poles during cyclone, causing danger of electrocution. It was stated that only the transformers would be kept over ground and far away from the sea coast while the electricity would be supplied through the underground cable, lessening the probability of accidental electrocution and disruption of electric supply during cyclonic surges. As the underground laying of the cable would be through minimal invasive procedure, the amount of pollution would be very low, but the activity leading to a highly environment friendly and public friendly affair with low transmission loss, lower maintenance costs and less susceptibility to the impacts of severe weather condition & salinity. The project has been prepared in Ring Main System with contingency on projected load of the year 2022 and taken up under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project-II(NCRMP-II) . The activity is permissible in terms of 4(ii)d of CRZ Notification,2011.

## **2. CRZ recommendation for proposed Inland Waterways Terminal at Industrial Zone of Haldia Dock Complex, Haldia - by Inland Waterways Authority of India**


The entire project was discussed in details by the Project Proponent through Power Point presentation along with maps. It was found that the project was taken up by the Inland Waterways Authority of India for increasing transportation of goods through National Waterways NW1- From Haldia to Allahabad and also augment the navigational capacity of NW-2 presently up to Bangladesh, thereby reducing the cost of transport through the land. The present project consists of 5 berths for handling of cargo viz. coal, stone aggregates, fertilizers, fly ash, edible oil & POL amounting to a total capacity of 4.07 MTPA.

The organization pledged that oil spill Disaster Contingency Plan approved by Indian Coast Guard would be submitted prior to cargo handling and their present plan has also been approved in principle by the Coast Guard. The area where the jetties would be constructed belongs to Kolkata Port Trust and hence the permission was sought from them reg. the land. The activity is permissible in terms of 4(i) of CRZ Notification,2011.

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

The Project Proponents agreed to address the concerns on some environmental issues raised by the members.

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



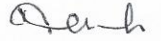
(Arnab Roy)

Principal Secretary  
Department of Environment &  
Chairman, WBSCZMA

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Sundarban Affairs, GoWB
2. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, GoWB.
3. The Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department GoWB.
4. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Directorate of Forests, GoWB
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