

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) held on 19th of June, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the chamber of the Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings

Principal Secretary, Department of Environment and Chairman West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority welcomed the attending members: The meeting was attended by :

1. Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board.
2. Shri Somenath Bhattacharyya, Senior Scientist, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management.
3. Professor Subrata Maity, Professor in Seed Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalay
4. Dr. S. P. Sinha Roy, Convenor, Arsenic Task Force in West Bengal and Chairman, Fluoride Task Force, Government of West Bengal
5. Shri Debal Ray, Chief Environment Officer, Environment Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. Shri Arijit Banerjee, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department, Govt. of West Bengal – as an invitee.

At the on set Member Secretary, WBSCZMA explained to the members' the role and scope of the Authority. It was decided that in this first meeting a set of guidelines for the project proponent shall be put in place and the same shall be available in the public domain. Interalia these guidelines would include Proponent to submit application along with authenticated CRZ map showing his project site in relation to High Tide Line & Low Tide Line. This map would have to get prepared from any of the institution authorized by the MoEF, Gol to carry out such mapping.

Following submission of the project, an in-house examination would be carried out and if need be, a project brief be sent to the members for their perusal. As and when required, the proponent shall be asked to present his proposal before the authority justifying the requirement for such investment.

Following decisions were taken after discussion:

- The matter of proposal by M/s. NOVEL Engineering would be recommended to the Government of India for necessary action.
- The matter of issuance NOC to the Home (Police) Department, Government of West Bengal for setting up coastal police station was ratified unanimously by the members.
- CESC would be asked to make a presentation of their project before the authority in the next meeting.
- Regarding School of Oceanographic Studies report on re-classification of selected stretches of the Coastal Zone in Digha Sankarpur Area that the same report would be circulated among the members for their comments and a view be taken there after.
- Members will be given a copy of 1997 Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan and also copies of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Digha Sankarpur forwarded to the Government of India.

The members also pointed out that ideally, the authority should have a separate office and account. Further discussion of this matter was deferred.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.



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- 2) Shri Arun Bal, Secretary, Department of Sundarban Affairs
- 3) Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board..
- 4) Shri Somenath Bhattacharyya, Senior Scientist, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Managment.
- 5) Dr. Sailesh Nayak,, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India.
- 6) Prof. Subrata Maity, Professor in Seed Science and Technology
- 7) Prof. Siddhartha Dutta, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University
- 8) Dr. S. P. Sinha Roy, Convenor, Arsenic Task Force in West Bengal and Chairman, Fluoride Task Force, Government of West Bengal
- 9) P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal



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