

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 24TH AUGUST, 2012 IN THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE ROOM NO 2, WRITERS' BUILDINGS'.

The following members attended the meeting:

- 1) Shri R.P.S. Kahlon, Principal Secretary, Environment Department.
- 2) Shri Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department.
- 3) Prof. Anindya Sarkar, Department of Geology and Geophysics, IIT, Kharagpur.
- 4) Shri Debal Ray, Chief Environment Officer & Member Secretary, WBSCZMA.
- 5) Pradeep Vyas, Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve,
Representative of Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest Department.
- 6) B.C. Saha, Director of Fisheries, W.B.,
Representative of Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests & Fisheries.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Chairman welcomed everybody and initiated the discussion. The discussion started with the issue of establishment of coastal police station at Gobardhanpur, South 24 Parganas. All the members unanimously agreed that coastal police stations are projects requiring water front as per CRZ Notification. It was also agreed that coastal police stations are a matter of national security and should be given highest priority. Chairman, WBSCZMA clarified that these activities are exempted from CRZ clearance.
2. Regarding construction of Health Spa and ropeway in Digha Shankarpur by the District Administration of Purba Medinipur, it was mentioned by the Chairman that filled up form 1 as well as CRZ map has to be submitted before the case can be considered.
3. The issue of proposed Sagar Super Thermal Power Project stage 1 (2x600 MW) at Nayachar Island near Haldia East Medinipur was taken up next. The project proponent at first gave a power point presentation before the members after which clarifications were sought from the project proponent on different concerns. The Urban Development Secretary raised the issue of fly ash disposal and resulting pollution from them. The project proponent replied that no storing/dumping of fly ash will be done at Nayachar and the entire fly ash after production will be immediately exported to Bangladesh and other cement factories. Director of Fisheries, W.B., wanted to know if the water/effluent discharge from the plant will have any adverse effect on fishes in the surrounding river. To this the project proponent pointed out that water to be used for cooling purpose will be river water and after cooling it will be discharged deep inside the river through a mixture so that temperature difference will be negligible. It was also told by the project proponent that no sewerage water will be discharged into the river. The project proponent next satisfied Prof. Anindya Sarkar regarding sulphur content of the coal to be used and air pollution related to it.

5

In reply to a query the project proponent committed to the Member Secretary that no ground water will be used for the project during construction as well as operation. It was then unanimously decided that recommendation may be given to MoE&F in favour of the establishment of the project.

4. The Project Proponent of Sonali beach resort & Pappu Country Spirit Bottling Plant were also present in the meeting with their require submission. The Member Secretary asked them to deposit their submissions for verification so that their case may be raised in the next meeting of WBSCZMA.
5. Project proponent of Yatri Niwas remained absent.
6. As there was no further matter to be discussed the meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Sd/-
(R.P.S. Kahlon)
Principal Secretary,
Environment Department
&
Chairman, WBSCZMA

No. EN/2311 /T-II-4/003/2012

Date : 08/10/12

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

1. Shri K. Sathivasan, Addl. Chief Secretary, Sundarban Affairs Department.
2. Shri Subesh Kr. Das, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forest.
3. Shri Subesh Kr. Das, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Fisheries.
4. Shri Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department.
5. Prof Anindya Sarkar, Department of Geology and Geophysics, IIT, Kharagpur.
6. Shri Pranab Kumar Pradhan, 34/1, Banamali Naskar Road, Behala, Kolkata - 700 060.
7. P.S. to Minister-in-charge, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal.
8. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Department of Environment.



Member Secretary,
West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority

e/c