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MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 23rd APRIL, 2013 IN THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE ROOM NO 2, WRITERS' BUILDINGS'.

The following members attended the meeting:

- 1) Shri Trilochan Singh, Additional Chief Secretary & Chairman, WBSCZMA
- 2) Shri Pranab Kumar Pradhan - Member
- 3) Smt. Indrani Saha, Joint Secretary, Urban Development Department - Member
- 4) Shri Debal Ray, Chief Environment Officer & Member Secretary, WBSCZMA
- 5) Shri Subrat Mukherjee, Project Director, ICZM Project – Special Invitee
- 6) Shri Dilip Kr. Chakraborty, Member Secretary, WBPCB – Special Invitee
- 7) District Magistrate, Purba Medinipur District – Special Invitee
- 8) Executive Officer, Digha Shankarpur Development Authority – Project Proponent

PROCEEDINGS

1. Chairman welcomed everybody and initiated the discussion. Project Director, ICZM Project stated in his initial remarks that these projects are part of MoEF implemented ICZM project which aims at improving coastal environment. Executive Officer gave power point presentation of the 3 projects proposed by DSDA. The first was about vendor rehabilitation centre integrated with landscaping and renovation of abandoned children park near saikatabas. During discussion D.M. Purba Medinipur told the members that presently there are a number of vendors who are occupying land close to CRZ 1 area in a haphazard way. These shops are proposed to be rehabilitated by shifting them back in CRZ III area and to be placed in a more organized way so as to increase the aesthetic value and environment friendliness and to reduce pollution. Chairman expressed his concern over the stability of aluminium/tin sheets to be used for roofing during storms. Member Secretary asked the project proponent to consult an architect and check the stability of the use of construction materials before actual use. The watch tower proposed will increase the surveillance over the entire area.
2. The second project which was discussed was of vendor rehabilitation centre integrated with landscaping at New Digha commercial strip. Executive Officer DSDA mentioned that within 200 metres from HTL only temporary structures will be constructed and after 200 metres double storied building will be built. Member Secretary enquired whether identification of the existing vendors has been done. In reply D.M., Purba Medinipur informed that identification and documentation of the existing vendors have been completed.
3. The last project was of landscaping and beautification of Jagannath ghat approach road at Old Digha. D.M., Purba Medinipur mentioned that beautification will be done through tree plantation only and no construction work will be done. The project proponent emphasized that no flattening of sand dune will be done as the area is devoid of dunes. It was told that a small watch tower will also be constructed to keep

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vigil over the 1.5 km coastal stretch by the police. The Chairman also stressed the importance of police watch tower.

4. On enquiry, MS, WBPCB clarified that these activities are non-polluting in nature and thus belongs to exempt category.

The members unanimously approved the above three projects. Shri Pranab Kumar Pradhan suggested to involve local school children in afforestation and other activities towards coastal protection.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks.

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(Trilochan Singh)
Additional Chief Secretary,
Environment Department
&
Chairman, WBSCZMA

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Date :

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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 Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment.

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Member Secretary,
West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority