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MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 29th MAY, 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 Subesh Kr. Das, Addl. Chief Secretary, Deptt. of Forest & Deptt. of Fisheries.
- 3) Shri Debal Ray, Chief Environment Officer & Member Secretary, WBSCZMA.

The following persons attended the meeting as special invitees.

- 1) Shri C.M. Bachhawat, Addl. Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industry, GoWB.
- 2) Prof. Sugata Hazra, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University,
- 3) Shri Debashis Sarkar, Senior Environment Engineer, WBPCB.

PROCEEDINGS

Chairman welcomed everybody and initiated the discussion. Representatives of H-Energy East Coast Pvt. Ltd. gave a power point presentation on their proposed project on offshore LNG Terminal Project near Digha and proposed terms of reference (TOR) for making EIA report towards obtaining CRZ clearance.

2. ACS, Environment Department sought clarification on the position of the pipeline. Representatives of H-Energy East Coast Pvt. Ltd. replied that the offshore pipeline will be laid on the seabed. ACS, Deptt. of Forest & Deptt. of Fisheries wanted to know how the pipeline would be anchored. The project proponents explained that the pipeline will have a 3-4 inches of concrete coating and will settle down on the seabed by its own weight. Subsequently sediments may gather on the pipeline and it may go underground.

3. ACS, Environment Deptt. instructed to submit a copy of clearance from KOPT as well as right of use for laying underground onshore pipeline.

4. M.S., WBSCZMA, asked the project proponents to submit a small report, to be done by reputed organisations like WII, BNHS, ZSI etc., on the ecological status of the project area.

5. Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Deptt. asked Prof. Sugata Hazra to elaborate risks, if any, involved with the project. Prof. Hazra told that the major risks may be due to cyclones, seismic movements, bursting of pipelines, dangers from flaring etc. He also mentioned that three million fishermen are involved in fishing activities in the area and any adverse effect to it should be taken care of. Mr. Debashis Sarkar told that spent fuel, if any, should be disposed of according to rules. ACS, Environment Deptt. expressed his concern on spillage of hazardous materials. M.S., WBSCZMA, asked the project proponent to submit a report on possible disaster and mitigation. Prof. Hazra told that the study on disaster in EIA should include frequency of cyclones in the concerned area, path of cyclone and seismic zone.

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6. Prof. Sugata Hazra mentioned that the project area is an accretion zone and hence there should be no problem from erosion.

7. ACS, Environment Deptt. asked the project proponent to elaborate on economic benefit to our State as well as local people. The project proponent replied that the onshore facility will be a small one and will have little employment generation capacity. A.C.S., Commerce & Industries asked the project proponent to submit documents relating to possible economic benefits to the State. ACS, Environment advised the project proponent to include some CSR activities near the project site to gain the confidence of the local people.

8. Regarding consideration of restructuring (merger) issues of Relogistics Infrastructure Ltd. With Reliance Utilities Private Ltd. ACS, Environment asked M.S., WBSCZMA, to seek further clarifications from concerned authorities.

9. It was decided that proposed TOR, with necessary modifications as per discussion in the meeting, shall be forwarded to Departments of Commerce & Industries, Fisheries & Urban Development for their views / comments before finalising it.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks.

Sd/-

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

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Date :

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

1. Shri K. Sathiavasan, 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, Banamai Naskar Road, Behala, Kolkata - 700 060.
7. Shri C.M. Bachhawat, Addl. Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industry, GoWB.
8. Prof. Sugata Hazra, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University,
9. Shri B.K. Dutta, Chairman, WBPCB.
10. P.S. to Minister-in-charge, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal.
11. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment.

Member Secretary,
West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority