
**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the State Coastal Zone Management
Authority held on November 29th. 2007**

The 5th meeting of the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority was held on 29th November, 2007 at the Conference Room of West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Environment Department and attended by the following members :-

1. Shri Debal Ray, Member Secretary, WBPCB - Member
2. Prof. Ananda Deb Mukhopadhyay, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University & Chairman, DSDA - Member
3. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Professor & Director, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University - Member
4. Smt. Tamalika Seth, Chairperson, Haldia Municipality - Member
5. Representatives of Departments of Forest, Fisheries & Sundarban Affairs were present in the meeting
6. Shri Somnath Bhattacharyya, Scientist, Institute of Environmental Studies & Wetland Management - Representative of IESWM
7. Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Chief Environment Officer, - Member Secretary

The chairman initiated discussions on the agenda items .

Agenda 1. Proposal from the Navy for construction of their Services Selection Board at Naval Establishment, Diamond Harbour was taken up for discussion. The committee was informed that the site in question has been ascertained and confirmed by IESWM (the authorized institute) to be out side the Coastal Regulation Zone and that it did not fall within the purview of CRZ clearance.

The committee agreed to this. It was unanimously decided that there was no need for CRZ clearance in the instant case.

Agenda 2 : Application for issue of CRZ clearance by M/s. Euclix Shipbuilders Pvt. Ltd. at Kukrahati (Haldia). The committee informed that M/s. Euclix Shipbuilders has applied for clearance from CRZ angle for establishing shipbuilding unit at Kukrahati, Haldia. The proposal had been referred to IESWM for ascertaining the location and confirming whether it fell within the CRZ. Report of IESWM stated that the proposed site is much upstream of the Kulpi and this does not come under the purview of CRZ notification 1991 as amended from time to time. The committee agreed to the opinion expressed by IESWM in the instant case. Accordingly it was unanimously decided that clearance from CRZ angle for this proposal was not required.

Agenda 3 : The chairman informed the committee that in the 4th meeting of the SCZMA it was unanimously decided that Kolkata Port Trust be allowed to dump dredged materials of Hugly river on Nayachar Island and that the demarcation of HTL and CRZ categorization as indicated by IESWM was approved by the SCZMA. Since SCZMA has approved one proposal and demarcated Nayachar, hence we may accept the same and inform MoEF accordingly.

Agenda 4 : Chairman informed the committee that Kolkata Port Trust authorities have informed that the proposal is presently under consideration of Government of India. The committee decided to defer the case till response of the Government of India was received in the instant case.

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



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Chairman, West Bengal State Coastal/Zone
Management Authority &
Principal Secretary, Environment Department