

**Minutes of the meeting of the State Coastal Zone Authority held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 at the conference room of West Bengal Pollution Control Board**

The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal was in the chair.

The other members present were :

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
2. Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
3. Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department
4. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Jadavpur University
5. Chief Environment Officer, Environment Department

The following persons were also present :

- i) Sri K. Patnaik, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- ii) Sri Dipak Kr. Maity, Managing Director, West Bengal Fisheries Development Corporation
- iii) Sri Biswajit Mukherjee, Sr. Law Officer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
- iv) Sri Dipak Chakraborty, Chief Scientist, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
- v) Sri Biman Bose, Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
- vi) Sri Avhijit Mitra, Ecological Consultant
- vii) Sri A. Banerjee, P. E., West Bengal Fisheries Development Corporation
- viii) Sri Chinmoy Chakraborty, Sr. Environment Officer, Environment Department

The meeting started with a discussion on the proposed project and on the Environment Assessment Report submitted by the Fisheries Department on the Fishing Harbour Project at Harwoodpoint, Kakdwip, 24 Parganas (South).

Prof. Sugata Hazra raised a few points:-

- (1) To build the fishing harbour dredging had to be done. So the question of deposition of dredged silt had to be addressed properly.
- (2) Due to increase in trawling activities the water of the proposed Harbour might get polluted with oil-slicks and the air also might get polluted with CO.
- (3) The harbour would need a huge quantity of ice for which ground water would be the only source. Hence a careful plan for extraction of ground water also needed to be implemented.

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- A) The Managing Director of Fisheries Development Corporation assured the meeting that a suitable site for the deposition of silt, away from the harbour, would be identified in consultation with the Kolkata Port Trust.
- B) The Secretary, Fisheries Department requested West Bengal Pollution Control Board to assist them in controlling oil spill and CO exhaustion. He also added that diesel engines do not release any significant amount of CO.
- C) The Managing Director, Fisheries Development Corporation also reminded the members that they had also obtained clearance from the Central Groundwater Board for extraction of ground water.

The Secretary, Fisheries Department drew the attention of the members to a letter of Mr J. R. Bhatt of Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests wherein a few conditions had already been laid down for the building of the fishing harbour and assured the committee that these conditions would be met.

The committee decided to held the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2003 at 3 p.m. in the same venue.

Since there was no other topic, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

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Chairman