MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF RECONSTITUTED WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WBSCZMA) HELD ON 18th December,2015 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNEMENT OF WEST BENGAL

The following members/officials attended the meeting:

1. Shri Chandan Sinha, Principal Secretary & Chairman, WBSCZMA

2. Shri Pradeep Vyas, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve

— Member

3. Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Chief Environment Officer & Member Secretary, WBSCZMA

4. Smt. Susmita Mukherjee, Dy. Secretary, Sundarban Affairs Department – representing Principal Secretary, Sundarban Affairs Department – **Member**

5. Shri Sandip Chatterjee, Ex-Engineer-in-Chief, Deptt. of Public Health Engineering, GoWB-Member

6. Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Former Chief Scientist, Geoinformatics and RS Cell, Deptt. Of Science & Technology, GoWB – Member

7. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Director, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University - Member

The following officials attended the meeting as invitees:

1. Smt. Barnali Biswas, Director, IESWM

2. Shri Siddhartha Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department

3. Shri B. K. Dutta, Chief Engineer, Sundarban Affairs Department, GoWB

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman welcomed the Hon'ble members of the newly constituted Authority and started with the proceedings after introduction of the members.

The members discussed the procedures to be followed regarding the projects to be recommended. Detailed discussion regarding the present status of the Coastal Zone Management Plan(CZMP) also came up in the meeting. It was decided that the 4(Four) Non-official expert members of the Committee along with Shri B. K. Dutta, Chief Engineer, Sundarban Affairs Department would take up the matter with Director, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management (IESWM) on 22nd December,2015 at 2.30 p.m. in the Institute for preparing a road map alongwith timeline for completion of the CRZ Maps and come out with a possible solution within 15 days for completion of the CRZ maps which would be used for preparation of CZMP. Director, Fisheries Department would also be invited in the meeting referred above as a resource person from the Fisheries Deptt. It was decided that formal letter for the meeting would be issued by the Director, IESWM.

During discussions it was appraised that 4(four) projects are lying in the pipeline for being recommended. Out of the four projects soft copies of 3 projects have been submitted by the project proponents which would be e-mailed to the expert members for their study the other one belonging to DRDO would also be sent as and when received. It was decided that the projects would be discussed with the project proponents on 31st December,2015 at 11.30 a.m.

The meeting then ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/(Chandan Sinha)
Principal Secretary
Department of Environment
&
Chairman, WBSCZMA

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- 1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Fisheries, GoWB.
- 2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development, GowB.
- 3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Sundarban Affairs, GoWB
- 4. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Directorate of Forests, GoWB
- 5. Prof. Amalesh Chowdhury, Ex-Head of the Deptt., Marine Science, Calcutta University
- 6. Shri Sandip Chatterjee, Ex-Engineer-in-Chief, Deptt. of Public Health Engineering, GoWB-
- 7. Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Former Chief Scientist, Geoinformatics and RS Cell, Deptt. Of Science & Technology, GoWB –
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- 9. Dr. S. Mukherjee, Member Secretary, Paribesh Bhawan, 10A, Block LA, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 098
- 10. Director, IESWM, DD-24, Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 064

11. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Department of Environment

Member Secretary
WBSCZMA