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**Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the State Coastal Zone Management Authority held  
on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.**

The fourth meeting of the State Coastal Zone Management Authority ( SCZMA) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 in the chamber of the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment. The following members were present.

1. Shri A.K. Patnaik, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests
2. Shri P. Sanyal, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal
3. Prof. S. Hazra, Prof. School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University
4. Shri S.K. Sarkar, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
5. Shri B.K. Basu, Chief Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
6. Shri S. Barari, Chief Environment Officer, Environment Department
7. Shri C. Chakrabarti, Sr. Environment Officer, Environment Department

The authority discussed on the following issues :-

1. Integrated Sahara Tourism Project in Sunderbans
2. 3.65 MW Tidal Power Generation Project of WBREDA at Durgaduani, Gosaba
3. Suggestions for amendment of Coastal Regulation Zone Rules

The following decisions were taken :-

**Agenda - I : Integrated Sahara Tourism Circuit Project at Sunderbans**

1. The project proponent of ISTC project in Sunderbans should submit advance programme for any kind of construction and other related activities on the project sites to the Environment Department with a copy to WBPCB. The WBPCB and the Environment Department officials may visit the sites and monitor the progress during establishment.
2. All CRZ regulations should be strictly followed in Gangasagar Island as well as in other project sites.
3. The project proponent may be requested to make a presentation before the SCZMA to clarify the following points.
  - a) The detailed activities that would be taken up in Lower Long Sand Island
  - b) The EMP is silent about the erosion problem. The management plan to contain erosion, with special reference to the south west faces of Patharpratima and Sagar.
  - c) Studies on the rate of siltation and the dredging frequency in the project area and their correlation.
4. Mining of water shall not be allowed for any project site. Prior clearance for drawal of ground water should be obtained from the Central Ground Water Board.

5. All solid wastes generated on board or in the floating hubs must not be discharged into water.
6. Adequate measures should be taken to prevent shipboard oil pollution.
7. Use of plastic carry bags, bottles and plastic containers is prohibited.
8. Noise should be restricted within the limits permitted in the schedule under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 of the MoEF.

**Agenda – II : 3.65 MW Tidal Power Generation Project of WBREDA at Durgaduani, Gosaba**

The members agreed that the proposal of 3.65 MW Tidal Power Generation Project should be examined by the WBPCB first. The SCZMA will take up this issue on a suitable subsequent date. Therefore WBREDA should first approach WBPCB for a NOC.

**Agenda – III : Suggestions related to modification of CRZ Regulations**

Letter from Government of India, Ministry of Shipping (Ports Wing) has been received through the Transport Department, Government of West Bengal. In the said letter it is mentioned that MOEF is expected to review the CRZ regulations. The Transport Department has requested this department to offer suggestions relating to the CRZ regulations. The matter was discussed and the members were requested to give their suggestions to the SCZMA by the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2004. The Department of Environment will take necessary action for forwarding suggestions to appropriate authority at their earliest convenience.

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

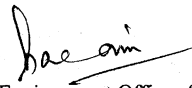
( Sd/- A. K. Patnaik )  
Principal Secretary

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Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to the :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal
2. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
3. The Director, Fisheries Department
4. The Director, Sunderban Development Authority
5. Shri Pranabes Sanyal, Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests
6. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Prof., School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University
7. P.A to Principal Secretary, Environment Department

  
Chief Environment Officer &  
Member Secretary, WBSCZMA