

**Minutes of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of High Power Committee held on 28th November, 2014 at
2 p.m. in the Conference Room of WBPCB**

The Thirty-sixth meeting of the High Power Committee was held on 28th November, 2014 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB). The meeting was chaired by Dr. Subrat Mukherjee, Member Secretary, WBPCB.

The meeting was also attended by the following members:-

1. Mr. K. Mochhary, Additional Secretary, L & LR Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. Smt. Mira Roy, Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department.
3. Shri B C Patra, Special Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal
4. Shri Nirmalya Ghosal, Joint Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of West Bengal
5. Smt. Suktisita Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary, Fisheries Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. Mr. H. Singha Roy, Member.
7. Dr. Rajarshi Chakraborty, Environment Officer, Environment Department, Govt. of West Bengal and Member Convenor.

The following persons were also present.

1. Shri Tapan Saha, Senior Scientist, Institute of Environmental Studies & Wetland Management (IESWM) represented the Director, IESWM.
2. Shri Siddhartha Sarkar, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kolkata Zone

The following persons were present as special invitees-

- i) Srimati Ayesha Rani, ADM & DLLRO, Hooghly

The following persons represented the petitioners i.e. PUBLIC –

- i) Srimati Banani Kakkar, Member of PUBLIC.
- ii) Srimati Meghna Banerjee, Member of PUBLIC.

The Chairman welcomed all and initiated the discussions.

The Member-Convenor appraised the members on the chronology of past events and present status.

It was recalled that earlier the committee had decided to frame a set of guidelines for construction of industries etc in the entire area instead of dealing with individual cases and sought the legal opinion of Ld LR. Ld LR opined to move the Hon'ble High Court. However, the advocate appointed by Ld LR, after detailed study of the documents, advised that since a division bench of the Hon'ble High Court has already disposed off the case by delegating the responsibilities to HPC so HPC may do needful at this stage. He had further advised that the direction of the Hon'ble High Court should be construed properly and individual application should be dealt with by way of giving final clearance to the industries after all the clearances from the respective authorities are granted, taking an undertaking from the industries regarding preservation of water body within the land before granting final clearance and giving personal hearing to all the concerned parties while considering any application for permission.

It was observed that the committee has 124 applications pending with it.

A copy of the waterbody map of the mouza of Panchghara (Chanditala-2 block) and Mallerbaer (Srirampur-uttarpar block) procured from the Fisheries Department, GoWB and the list of dag nos of plots corresponding the waterbodies in the waterbody map prepared by the Fisheries Mapping Centre, Fisheries Department was given to DLLRO, Hooghly for information and necessary action. Copy of the map and list of dag nos was shared with the petitioners.

The members of PUBLIC strongly stressed on the richness of biodiversity. It was claimed that the concerned area is a habitat of endangered species including a vast number of bird species some of which are rare.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that information on the applications received are to be tabulated in the following format-

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Plot No.	Purpose for which clearance has been sought
1.			
2.			
3.			

Thereafter, a copy of the above stated information is to be sent to the ADM & DLLRO, Hooghly based on which field visit is to be conducted and the following information should be provided.

1. Present owner of the land
2. Recorded character of land
3. Area
4. Physical status of the land which should include the following-
 - a) Presence of vegetation (trees/shrubs/reeds/grasses/water plants/paddy or any other type of cultivation)
 - b) Presence of water
 - c) Four pictures of the site.
 - d) Latitude, longitude of four corners the proposed project area

Prior information regarding date and time of field visit should reach the Chairman, HPC so that two persons from HPC/WBBB/WBPCB/IESWM, to be finalised by the Chairman, HPC, may be present during field visit.

Applicant/land owner and the petitioners may be also informed of the visit and may remain present at the time of field visit.

It was further decided that the applicants would be requested to provide information in the following format:-

1. Name of applicant
2. Land details
 - a) Copy of Porcha,
 - b) Mouza,
 - c) Dag No.

3. Location

- a) Eastern/western side of the Durgapur Expressway
- b) Perpendicular distance from the Durgapur expressway
- c) Google map of the surrounding area with the proposed project area marked on it.
- d) Latitude, longitude of the proposed project area.

4. Purpose of the application along with Detailed Project Report (DPR).

5. Whether conversion for the purpose has been received? If received, copy should be attached.

6. Whether clearance from WBPCB has been received? If received copy should be attached.

7. Whether clearance from DIC has been received? If received copy should be attached.

8. Whether land has wetlands? Give details of the wetlands present. Mention conservation practices to be followed.

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



(Dr. Subrat Mukherjee)

Chairman, High Power Committee &
Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution control Board

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5. The Director, Institute of Environmental Studies & Wetland Management
6. Sri K. Mochhary, Addl. Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department, Govt. of West Bengal
7. Srimati Mira Ray, Addl. Secretary, Urban Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal
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9. Sri Swapan Kumar Pal, Joint Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of West Bengal
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