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MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE COASTAL  
ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2004

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority (WBSCZMA) was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2004 at Paribesh Bhavan. The following persons were present.

1. Shri A.K Patnaik, Principal Secretary Environment Department
2. Shri G.B. Thapliyal., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal
3. Shri P.Sanyal, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal
4. Dr. S.Sarkar, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
5. Prof. S.Hazra, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University
6. Dr. Madhumita Mukherjee, Deputy Director, Fisheries Department
7. Shri S.C.Acharya, Technical Officer, Sundarban Development Board
8. Shri B.K. Basu, Chief Engineer, WBPCB
9. Shri Chinmoy Chakraborty, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department
10. Shri S.Barari, Chief Environment Officer, Environment Department

At the onset of the meeting M/S Sahara India, the project proponent of the Integrated Sahara Tourism Project at Sunderbans, made a brief presentation on the project, followed by reply to the queries of the WBSCZMA on specific points, raised in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The members present held discussions on the replies given by the project proponent. Following decisions were taken.

1. The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was confirmed by the members.
2. Strict adherence to the CRZ norms should be maintained in all the land based facility and specially the Gangasagar islands. The island has been categorized as CRZ I in the Coastal Zone Management Plan of West Bengal.
3. No dredging should be permitted. In case of any dredging the dredge spoil should be discharged in areas approved by the Kolkata Port Trust.
4. The project proponent should submit the detailed landscaping map and the landuse plan for the project, after necessary revision. This should include erosion management plan with special reference to the southern faces of Patharpratima and Sagar.
5. For the purpose of development and livelihood projects the Fisheries Department, Forests Department and the Sunderban Development Board should be consulted.
6. The routes for the water vessels in the project area should be approved by the CIWTC, and strictly adhered to. It is observed that the vessels carrying tourists are following the routes approved by the CIWTC. The proponents must engage qualified crew and pilots approved under the Central and State govt. rules.

- iii) Proposed fish landing centre at Ramganga.
- iv) Proposed fish landing centre at Jaldha Khati

4. Principal Secretary, Department of Fisheries stated that all these facilities are proposed to be created to improve the existing facilities. In fact it will be necessary to develop these harbours for obtaining ISO 9000 standards which are very stringent. The construction of these harbours is only the first step towards such compliance.
5. To control the air pollution caused by motorised fishing crafts, the committee recommended the enforcement of appropriate engine emission norms. It was recommended that the management and action plan for solid waste and waste water will have to be incorporated in each of the detailed project reports.
6. The committee approved all the four proposals subjected to the above conditions relating to waste disposal.
7. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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Chairman