

MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF HIGH POWER COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH JANUARY, 2016 AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The following members/officials attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Subrat Mukherjee Member Secretary, WBPCB & Chairman High Power Committee
2. Dr. Dhruvajyoti Ghosh, Wetland Expert- Member
3. Dr. Arunabha Majumdar, Visiting Faculty, School of Water Research, Jadavpur University – Member
4. Shri Manik De, Director, River Research Institute- Member
5. Dr. Susmita Sen, Associate Professor, Shri Sikshayatan College – Member
6. Shri Tapan Saha, Senior Scientist, IESWM – Member
7. Smt. Mira Roy, Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department – Member
8. Dr. Saptorshi Biswas, Representative of Fisheries Department - Member
9. Shri Amit Das, Chief Engineer, Municipal Affair Department - Member
10. Shri Siddhartha Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department and Member-Convener, High Power Committee

PROCEEDINGS

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members and initiated the discussion. The issues discussed & decided upon are as follows :

- **Proceedings of the 37th meeting was discussed in details and confirmed by the members.**
- **Status of complete applications received till date to be sent to the ADM&LRO, Hooghly for physical verification.**

The members were apprised in the meeting regarding the complete applications that are pending to be sent to ADM&DLLRO, Hooghly for physical verification immediately as sent in earlier cases.

- The Committee agreed to the proposal

- **Status of physical verification report received from ADM&DLLRO, Hooghly out of the 48 cases sent in the first batch.**
 - It was appraised by Member-Convener that physical verification reports of 9 cases were received back from DLLRO, Hooghly. The Members stated that a consolidated report of the 9 verified cases may be forwarded to them and it was decided that a field visit may be fixed on 25.1.2016 to the area for visiting the cases. BLLRO, Chanditala and ADM&DLLRO, Hooghly may be kept informed about the visit.

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- **Discussion on drainage project submitted by the ADM(Development), Hooghly.**
 - The matter was placed before the Committee and it was resolved that though the letter was addressed to the Chairman, High Power Committee but in the body of the letter it was actually written to WBPCB. However, construction of small drain does not come under the purview of the High Power Committee. So the letter may be forwarded to the Member Secretary, WBPCB for taking necessary action if any along with a copy endorsed to the ADM (Development) Hooghly.

- **Discussion on reply of Shri Nanda Lal Taparia, s/o Late Sohan Lal Taparia of Hijalpukuria, Dist North 24 Parganas with reference to the letter no.1781/EN/3C-08/2011(Pt.III) issued in consonance with the resolution of the High Power Committee.**
 - The matter was discussed within the Committee and it was found that in reply to the letter no.1781/EN/3C-08/2011(Pt.III) Shri Nanda Lal Taparia could not provide sufficient proof to substantiate the fact that he purchased the land along with a building constructed prior to 1979.

Further, from earlier records it was evident that ADM&DLLRO, Barasat, after several hearings has put on record that filling up of waterbody was illegal, and he ordered for its restoration vide his letter dt. 30.7.98. The matter was again confirmed by ADM&DLLRO, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, stating that the area was classified as a pond, which was filled up without any permission of Competent authority. So the activity is illegal.

Based on the report as well as other documents the Committee confirms its stands given in order no. EN/2824/3C-08/2011 dt. 18.11.2013 and the application submitted to this office on 18th September, 2015 by Shri Nanda Lal Taparia is thus dismissed & disposed. Shri Nanda Lal Taparia may be informed accordingly.

As there were no further points to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks from and to the Chair.


(Dr. Subrat Mukherjee)
Chairman, High Power Committee
&
Member Secretary
West Bengal Pollution Control Board