

MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF HIGH POWER COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st DECEMBER, 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, Chairman, High Power Committee
2. Dr. Manik De, Director, River Research Institute- Member
3. Shri Tapan Saha, Senior Scientist, IESWM – Member
4. Smt. Mira Roy, Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department – Member
5. Shri Siddhartha Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department and Member-Convenor, 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 :

- **Discussion on decision taken in 40th meeting**

The Committee heard the submission of Project Proponents and PUBLIC in its 40th meeting. However, as the Hon'ble NGT has ordered stoppage of construction in Mollarber and Panchghara mouzas on the basis of a case filed by PUBLIC, the Committee decided to reserve its decision on the application of Project proponent. The Committee also decided to request the Law Officer of the Environment Department to either seek the opinion of the LR or ask the Hon'ble NGT for clarification in this regard.

- **Discussion on field verification report from DLL&LRO, Hooghly**

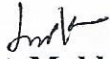
Two field verification reports were received from the DLL&LRO, Hooghly. On scrutiny it was found that 21(twenty one) cases were fully verified. The members opined that a field visit of the area should be conducted by January,2017 as desired by the Hon'ble High Court.

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- **Miscellaneous**

Various old cases are being referred at NGT as well as High Court by some persons. The case of Shri Ram High Tech City has been filled in the NGT by one NGO and in the High Court by another NGO on the same issue. It was proposed that the Law Officer of the Environment Department would be requested to bring the matter before the Hon'ble Courts so that two separate decisions do not come out from two different court on the same issue.

As there were nothing more to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.


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