

**Minutes of the 7th meeting of
the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority (WBSCZMA)**

DATE: held on 3rd September, 2024 at 3:00 pm

VENUE: at Paribesh Bhavan, WBPCB.

PRESENT:

1. Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal
2. Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Directorate of Forest, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. Director, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal
5. Prof. K.K. Chattopadhyay, Deptt. Of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
6. Special Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal
7. Senior Environment Officer, Environment Department, Govt. of West Bengal
8. Sri. Debayan Sengupta, Senior Mnaager (Terminal), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
9. Rupa Mukundan, General Manager (Ops), WBSO, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
10. Dipti Patel, GM, Eco-chem.
11. JonishBarot, Environmental Engineer, Eco-chem.

The meeting was chaired by the Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Govt of West Bengal & Chairperson, WBSCZMA. He welcomed all the members. The agenda discussed and decided upon were as follows;

**I) Agenda 1: Proposed project of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)
for laying of new pipelines inside the Haldia Dock Complex area.**

- a) The Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has applied for CRZ clearance for their proposed project for laying of new pipelines from New Oil Jetty, Outer Terminal II to IOCL pipeline manifold catch pit outside Haldia Oil Jetty (HOJ 2) & laying of bunkering pipeline from barge Jetty 1 to HOJ1 and HOJ 2 inside Haldia Dock Complex. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port has accorded way leave permission to IOCL for laying of pipelines at the Jetty.
- b) The Project Proponent has submitted the following documents:
 - i) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report

- ii) CRZ maps on 1:4000 and 1:25000 scale along with the CRZ Report
- iii) Form I
- iv) Disaster Management Plan, Risk Assessment Study, Environment Management Plan

c) The proposed pipeline falls in following CRZ categories, as per approved CZMP, 2011

Proposed pipeline	Length of proposed pipeline passing through different CRZ categories (mts)			
	CRZ IB	CRZ II	CRZ IV B	Total
New bunkerling pipeline from Barge jetty 1 to HOJ 1 and HOJ 2	357.60	1067.23	315.10	1739.94
New pipeline from OT 2 to HOJ 2C/ Pit	17.72	398.57	71.77	488.06

- d) M/s Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, the Project Proponent made a presentation on the proposed project explaining its salient points. As informed by the PP, the starting and the termination point of the proposed pipelines lie within the Haldia Dock Complex and the project does not involve any tree cutting.
- e) The PP informed that they have also submitted a conservation plan for some scheduled species found in 10 km radius around the Project site. The PP has proposed an action plan for conservation of these scheduled species which includes activities such as distribution of pamphlets, booklets, t-shirts, hats etc during awareness programmes through forest personnel, NGOs, educational institutes etc.
- f) During the course of presentation, IOCL explained that safest techniques would be followed for laying pipelines with full consideration to pollution abatement, waste management and soil conservation issues during construction work.

DECISION: Based on the detailed deliberations and clarification given by the Project Proponent, the WBSCZMA unanimously agreed to recommend the said project to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India.

II) Agenda 2: Status of Coastal Zone Management Plan 2019

Updation of CZMP, 2011 as per guidelines of CRZ Notification, 2019

- a) The Member Secretary briefed the members on updation work of the existing CZMP, 2011 as per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019 that is being carried out by the Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management (IESWM), Kolkata. The status of CZMP 2019 updation is as follows;

S. No.	District	Status
1.	Purba Medinipur	The draft CZMP of Purba Medinipur District has been completed and submitted to MoEF&CC in May, 2024
2.	North 24 Parganas	2 nd Public Hearing on draft CZMP, 2019 of North 24 Parganas district was held on 25 th July, 2024. The draft CZMP, 2019 would now be placed before the Steering Committee for approval before being submitted to MoEF&CC.
3.	South 24 Parganas	Public Hearing on draft CZMP, 2019 of South 24 Parganas district was held on 5 th August, 2024. The draft CZMP, 2019 would now be placed before the Steering Committee for approval before being submitted to MoEF&CC.

DECISION:The Authority decided that a presentation be held on the CZMP 2019 to understand the changes and the updations etc. This presentation by the IESWM was scheduled for the 09th Sept 2024. After the said placing the draft CZMP, 2019 would be placed before the Steering Committee (headed by the Chief Secretary) and on incorporation of its suggestions, if any, the **CZMP-2019 for West Bengal** may be forwarded to MoEF&CC for approval.

III) Agenda 3: Miscellaneous

a) Matter related to Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum:

- i) The Member Secretary briefed the members about objections/ comments raised by Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum during the public hearing of the draft CZMP, 2019 on 05th August 2024 and their written communications.
- ii) The Member Secretary also gave a pointwise reply against each objection/ comment raised by the DMF.

Decision:The comments and demands raised by DMF were discussed in detail by the members and after thorough deliberation the Authority decided that there is no merit in their arguments. The WBSCZMA also took note of the deadline set for submission of CZMP (which is Oct, 2024 as has been given to the Courts and to the Govt of India) and decided to continue with the entire process of finalization of the CZMP 2019.

b) Levy of Processing Fee/ Coastal Conservation fee:

The members were informed that few States/ UTs such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh etc levy processing fee for developmental projects/ activities proposed in the Coastal Regulation Zone to carry out the function of State Coastal Zone Management

Authority. The Project Proponent is required to submit the processing fee at the time of submission of project and application without the processing fee are not considered. Additionally the charges for officially giving the Status or the Maps of the CRZ to various Project Proponents also needs to be raised.

Decision: The Authority requested the Member Secretary & Director, IESWM to take action so that processing fee can be levied on the Project Proponent seeking CRZ clearance in West Bengal. He was also told to initiate a proposal for hiking the charges for the CRZ Status and the CRZ maps being levied by IESWM.

c) Restructuring of SCZMA:

- i) The WBSCZMA at present does not have any permanent or contractual staff. The IESWM is providing Secretariat support to the WBSCZMA. With the expansion in the role and responsibilities of the WBSCZMA it is being felt that for its day to day effective functioning, regular office with dedicated services of domain experts as well as regulatory staff is required at the District and the State levels.
- ii) Considering that this restructuring may take some time, the Member Secretary proposed that for the time being WBPCB may be approached to provide manpower support to the SCZMA as the Authority also undertakes a lot of work which is related to WBPCB and would help it in regulation of developmental activities in the coastal zone. With the close coordination that the WBSCZMA needs and performs with the WBPCB it was felt that resource support be taken from the West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

Decision: The Authority accepted the proposal.

d) Coastal Digital Investigation System (CDIS):

- i) The members were briefed about the proposed Coastal Digital Investigation System that will help WBSCZMA to proactively identify/monitor any violation within the coastal regulation zone. The system will also identify the areas which need special conservation and protection measures.
- ii) The members appreciated the proposal and requested for its early implementation.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

(Signature)
13/9/2024

Principal Secretary,
Environment Department
&
Chairman, WBSCZMA