



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE RECONSTITUTED WEST  
BENGAL STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup>  
JULY, 2005**

The first meeting of the Reconstituted West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority (WBSCZMA) was held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 at Paribesh Bhavan. The authority was reconstituted under MOEF Notification No. S.O.465(E) dt. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005 on amendment of the earlier notification no. S.O.144(E) dt. 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2005.

The agenda for discussion are given below :-

- Agenda I** : Erosion problem in Digha  
**Agenda II** : Procedure of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance in Coastal areas especially in Old and New Digha  
**Agenda III** : Re-categorization of CRZ of Digha  
**Agenda IV** : Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Digha - Shankarpur area  
**Agenda V** : Revision of West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Plan

The following members were present.

1. Shri A. Barman, Principal Secretary, Environment Department - **Chairman**
2. Dr. S. Sarkar, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
3. Prof. S.K. Dubey, Director, IIT Kharagpur
4. Prof. Anandadev Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, DSDA
5. Shri R.P.S. Kahlon, Secretary, Fisheries Department
6. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Professor & Director, School of Oceanographic Studies (J.U.)
7. Shri S. Barari, Chief Environment Officer, Environment Department

Invitee Member

1. Shri C. Chakrabarti, Sr. Environment Officer, Environment Department
2. Shri Anandamoy Bandopadhyay, Executive Officer, Haldia Municipality

The meeting started with a welcome note from Shri A. Barman, Principal Secretary, Environment Department and the Chairman of the Authority. An agendawise background note with a few suggestions was circulated amongst the members present before the discussion was initiated. The copy of the note is annexed.

The agenda wise discussion and the decisions taken are given below :-

**Agenda I** :

Shri S. Barari, Chief Environment Officer, presented the background information on the agenda before the discussion started and requested the members for their comments on the suggestions given.

Some of the members felt that the construction of the groyne structure at Digha Mohana has not been done after proper consultation. Also some of the important parameters for designing groyne structure should be based on sediment budgeting and simulation studies.

The Secretary Fisheries Department made a mention of the Fish Landing Project at Mayagoalini Ghat at Sagar (Sunderbans) and requested that the Environment Dept. may expedite the clarification sought by the Fisheries department on the Coastal Regulation Zone.

1. The following decisions were taken :-

- i. An impact study of the groyne structure at Digha Mohana is to be taken up by the IIT, Kharagpur in collaboration with SoS, J.U. and other agencies.
- ii. The Fisheries Dept. should send copy of the detail project report of the groyne construction at Digha to the Director IIT Kharagpur, the Chairman DSDA and the Environment Department.
- iii. In future all project within the CRZ by any agency must be referred to the WBSCZMA for its recommendations before it is referred to the Central government or agencies who have been entrusted to clear such projects, as delineated under para VIII of the MoEF notification no. S.O.465(E) dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005. To this effect, a note on the need for compliance of the CRZ and the reconstitution of the WBSCZMA is to be sent by the Dept. of Environment to all departmental Secretaries and development agencies.

**Agenda II :**

The suggestion given in the note (see page 2 of the note annexed) was approved. However it was decided that the Dept. of Environment should issue a circular on the CRZ clearance procedure.

**Agenda III and IV :**

The background of the Re-categorization of the land use sectors of Digha and the latest developments on the issue were explained by the Chief Environment Officer. However, the members felt that the re-categorization proposal should be an integral part of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for DSDA area that the School of Oceanographic Studies (SoS) will start working on shortly.

The members were informed that the SoS has been granted an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs only of which Rs. 8 lakhs only has already been released. It was therefore decided that

- i. Copy of the project outline of the ICZMP submitted by the SoS should be sent to the Director IIT Kharagpur for his perusal and suggestions.
- ii. The SoS should submit the ICZM Plan proposal within 3 to 4 months.
- iii. While preparing the ICZM Plan the SoS team should discuss the re-categorization proposal, currently under revision in the DSDA, so that it does not contradict the basic principles of the ICZM Plan.
- iv. A Committee comprising Prof. S.K. Dubey, Director IIT Kharagpur, Prof. A. Mukhopadhyay, Chairman DSDA and another officer nominated from the Dept. of Environment should be formed to:
  - a) set the modalities of the work on the ICZM Plan;
  - b) review the re-categorisation proposal with reference to the ICZM Plan as and when it is submitted.
- v. The recommendations of the review committee shall be discussed in a meeting of the WBSCZMA and forwarded to the MoEF for their approval.
- vi. Pending the finalization of the re-categorisation no CRZ clearance for construction should be given unless it is very essential in the interest of public. Clearance for repairing works of the existing construction only may be given, provided it is recommended by the DSDA.

**Agenda V:**

The Chief Environment Officer presented that the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Plan which was prepared in 1996 needs revision specially post – tsunami and because the MoEF has initiated action to revise the CRZ rules. It was felt that the revision of the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Plan should be based on scientific studies. Though the approval of the plan was granted by the MoEF on some General and Specific conditions, the modification of the plan according to these conditions has however not been completed.

The Director IESWM informed that the institute has made some progress on the basic works required to prepare the coastal zone management plan. It was therefore decided:

1. The IESWM should there fore first make a presentation on the works done so far, which could be taken recourse to for preparing the Coastal Zone Management Plan.
2. The Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for DSDA area should be a part of the Coastal Zone Management Plan.
3. The revision of the CZMP may be done only after the Integrated Plan is approved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair

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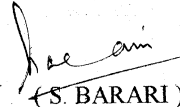
Principal Secretary, Environment Department  
&  
Chairman, West Bengal State Coastal Zone  
Management Authority

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal
2. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal
3. The Secretary, Department of Sunderban Affairs, Government of West Bengal
4. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
5. The Director, Institute of Environmental Studies & Wetland Management
6. Professor S.K. Dubey, Director, IIT Kharagpur
7. Professor Anandadev Mukhopadhyay, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University and Chairman, Digha Shankarpur Development Authority
8. Dr. J.S. Parihar, Mission Director, Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad
9. Professor Sugata Hazra, Reader, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University
10. Ramkrishna Mission, Nimpith, South 24 Parganas
11. Chairperson, Haldia Municipality
12. Shri Anandamoy Bandopadhyay, Executive Officer, Haldia Municipality
- ✓ 13. P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal

  
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Chief Environment Officer  
& Member Secretary, WBSZMA