

Chapter 2

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board was originally constituted under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. During the subsequent years, the power to implement the provisions of various environmental enactments notified by the Government of India time to time was delegated to the State Board. As per the section 4 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 5 of the Air (Prevention and Control of pollution) Act, 1981 and their subsequent amendments, the State Government constituted the Board in 1974. As per said provisions of the Acts, the Board comprises of a Chairman, a Member Secretary and fifteen other members nominated by the State Government. The members of the Board include the representatives of government, local authorities and state-controlled corporations as also some technical experts. The current composition of the Board is as follows:

Chairman

- Prof. Asok Nath Basu

Representatives of the State Government

- Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal
- Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of West Bengal
- Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal
- Secretary, Department of Urban and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal
- Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal

Representatives of the Local Authorities

- Mayor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation
- Sabhadhipati, Howrah Zilla Parishad
- Mayor, Durgapur Municipal Corporation
- Chairman, Kalyani Municipality
- Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation

Representatives of the Technical & Scientific Community

- Prof. P. N. Roy, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University
- Prof. Jayanta Bandopadhyay, Center for Environmental Management, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

- Prof. D. K. Bagchi, Former Vice Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya

Representatives of the State-controlled Corporations

- Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation
- Managing Director, West Bengal Power Development Corporation

Member Secretary

- Shri Debal Ray, IFS (06.12.2006 – 15.04.2008)
- Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, IFS (16.04.2008 – till date)

