

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION FOR 1X300 MW EXTENSION UNIT-7A OF M/S. THE DURGAPUR PROJECTS LIMITED AT DURGAPUR PROJECTS POWER STATION (DPPS), DURGAPUR, DIST.-BURDWAN, W.B. HELD ON 18.04.2007 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF DURGAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, DURGAPUR, DIST.-BURDWAN**

M/s. The Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL) submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed construction for 1X300 MW Extension Unit-7A at Durgapur Thermal Power Station, Durgapur, Dist.-Burdwan, W.B. As per the EIA notification S.O. 1533 dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 of the MoEF, Govt. of India, environmental clearance of the said project is required to be obtained from the MoEF, Govt. of India after having public hearing.

Accordingly, WBPCB after observing all formalities, held a public hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 at 11.00 Hrs. All the panel members were present in the hearing. A considerable gathering was also present in the hearing. List of the panel members and the others present in the public hearing are enclosed.

The hearing started with welcome note from Sri S. Chatterjee, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Burdwan who presided over the public hearing. Dr. T. K. Gupta, Senior Environmental Engineer and Incharge – Consent Cell, WBPCB explained about the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification. ADM requested the Project Proponent to explain the details about the proposed expansion project for the benefit of the panel members and other public present in the hearing.

Project Proponent then explained about the proposed expansion project as well as the existing project by power point presentation, the likely environmental impacts arising out of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures to be taken by them.

During the discussion the panel members and the others present in the public hearing made queries / suggestions with respect to the proposed project which are noted below:

**Sri Ashok Saraf – Secretary, Bamunara Industries Association**, welcomed the proposed expansion project of DPL and mentioned the contribution of DPL towards industrial growth in Durgapur. He also expected that there will be more industrial growth in Durgapur area due to the commissioning of Unit 7A and all precautionary measures to be taken by DPL Management in setting up of the same.

**Sri Suhas Bhattacharyya – a resident of City Centre Area of Durgapur**, shared his experience about dust reduction at present in City Centre area in comparison to the past. He also expected that pollution problem will be reduced more by application of the pollution control measures to be taken by the Project Proponent (PP).

**Sri Srikanta Chottopadhyya, General Secretary and Rampronoy Ganguly of Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha, Durgapur Region, a NGO**, requested the DPL Management for monitoring of various environmental parameters. They also stated that DPL management should check up the health of the contract employees regularly who will be engaged during project construction period. They also requested for financial assistance for environmental awareness campaigning amongst common people of the locality.

**Sri P.K. Roy, Sr. Environment Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal,** made a proposal about the continuous display of ESP field operations for the general public. He also mentioned about the fugitive dust management to be taken by the PP particularly in the coal handling area.

**Sri Rahin Roy, Hon'ble Mayor, Durgapur Municipal Corporation,** welcome the proposed expansion programme of a new unit having capacity of power generation 300 MW with the condition as follows :

- M/s. DPL should prepare the action plan for phasing out their old units when the unit No.7 and the proposed unit no.7A will be in operation.
- The Project Proponent should operate and maintain ESPs properly and there should be continuous monitoring from their end. They may make arrangements for display of ambient air quality situation and the emission level from different stacks.
- The Project Proponent should participate in the action programme of Durgapur Municipal Corporation for desiltation of Tamla Nullah.
- DPL Authority should extend their support for more green plantation not only within their premises but also outside their premises. He has also mentioned that sapling should be done with selected plants basis for Durgapur region.
- DPL authority will take specific programme for regular check up of workers' health (including contractual workers) during construction stage for better quality of life.
- DPL authority should participate in **Green Durgapur Programme** of Durgapur Municipal Corporation.

On behalf of the project proponent, **Sri S. P. Datta, Managing Director,** have appreciated the concern expressed by different participants and welcome the suggestions. They indicated that they will address all the above stated issues while finalizing the environmental management plan depending upon the technical feasibility and wherever possible they will consider the issues immediately. He also mentioned that phasing out of the old units will be done after commissioning of the units 7 & 7A taking appropriate government's permission. The Managing Director has categorically mentioned that in the proposed unit-7A they will design and maintain the ESP in such a manner that the concentration of the particulate matters would be 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.

**Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Burdwan,** emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the project proponent towards the mitigation of all environmental hazards and various points raised by the public present in the hearing. In general the public present in the hearing welcome the project incorporating with all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent.

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