

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2X250 MW COAL BASED THERMAL POWER STATION AT VILLAGE SODEPUR (ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING DISHERGARH PLANT), DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S DPSC LIMITED HELD ON 10.02.2009 AT 11:30 HRS IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE KULTI MUNICIPALITY, DISTRICT: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL.

M/s DPSC Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 2x250 MW Coal based thermal power station at village Sodepur (adjacent to the existing Dishergarh plant), Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal. As per the EIA notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF, Govt. of India, Environmental Clearance of the said project is required to be obtained after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities arranged the Public Hearing on 10.02.2009 at 11:30 hrs in the Meeting Hall of the Kulti Municipality, District: Burdwan, West Bengal. 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 a welcome note from Dr. T.K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification and requested Sri Biswajit Dutta, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol to preside over the hearing. Sri Biswajit Dutta, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol welcomed the audience & presided over the hearing. Then he requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation and requested the audience to raise their queries after the presentation is over.

The technical representative of M/s DPSC Limited welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed units through PowerPoint presentation. They have also mentioned categorically that the PM limit of the stack emission would be kept below 100 mg/Nm³

After the presentation is over, Sri Modhu Banerjee, Ex-MLA welcomed the project with the modernized technology and expected local development.

Mr. M. K. Sharma, Chairman, Kulti Municipality welcomed the project and assured full co-operation from the local body. He also advised to have an exclusive MoU with the contractors to ensure environmental protection during operation including regular health check up.

Sri Biswajit Dutta, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol then requested the audience to raise their questions and to give their opinions, if any.

Sri Chandan Maji, Ex-councilor, Kulti Municipality mentioned that the source of water for the local people in this area is predominantly the abandoned OCPs, apart from river Damodar. He anticipated that due to filling of abandoned mines by the fly ash of the proposed power plant, the scarcity of water may take place in future. This need to be addressed carefully while finalizing the EMP. He also stressed on green belt development in the surrounding area, if possible a width of about 15 ft plantation may be considered.

Sri Sadhan Bakshi, Chinakuri and Sri Lakshmi Kanta Soren, President, Chinakuri Adibasi Raksha committee welcomed the project and mentioned about all the aspects of the proposed project and its probable impacts on the surrounding environments, and also about CSR and R&R policies.

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Sri Chandan Roy and Sri Moloy Basu Roy, GS, CITU (CPS) welcomed the project and asked the project proponent about the disposal site of the fly ash as there is a possibility of filling up of the abandoned OCPs by the fly ash of the upcoming thermal power projects in the surrounding areas. They have also enquired about the budgetary provisions for the environmental issues for the project.

Sri Durga Hembram and Md. Khalil Khan have welcomed the project and stressed on the implementation of R&R policy.

Sri Shibprasad Rao, Ex-councilor, Kulti Municipality welcomed the project and mentioned about the green belt development, proper ash utilization and continuous monitoring of environmental parameters. He also stressed on formation of a monitoring committee including elected local members.

Sri Rabindranath Sengupta, social worker and Sri Rajib Nayek of Chinakuri welcomed the project and insisted on an organized afforestation program, involving the local people.

Dr. T.K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system for controlling all types of possible emissions. He requested the project proponent to keep the PM limit below 50 mg/Nm³. He suggested incorporating the following points while finalizing the EIA and EMP---

- Installation of at least one automatic ambient air quality monitoring station
- Online monitoring of different parameters in stacks
- Fly ash disposal program need to be finalized as per the MoEF rules
- Location & area for the disposal of fly ash through High Concentration Slurry Disposal (HCSD) system, during exigency
- Disposal scheme with quantitative estimates for the effluent generated by dewatering of bottom ash.
- Earmarking of the green belt in 33% of total project area
- Total project cost and cost for pollution control equipments
- Local level monitoring committee, specifically for fly ash disposal & other environmental issues

Sri S. Radhakrishnan, Managing Director, M/s DPSC Limited appreciated the questions raised during hearing mentioned above and assured that they would take all possible measures for maintaining the Environmental Norms. They have also assured that they would address all the issues mentioned above and incorporate the same while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

Sri Biswajit Dutta, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol appreciated the proposal presented by M/s DPSC Limited during the public hearing and expressed his hope that the project would be implemented as per the commitment made by the proponent and would be maintained in such a manner that the unit would comply with the environmental norms. In general, the public present in the hearing welcomed the project incorporating all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally, Sri Biswajit Dutta, the Additional District Magistrate, Asansol concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Dr. T. K. Gupta
Chief Engineer,
West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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Additional District Magistrate, Asansol,
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