

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2X600MW THERMAL POWER PROJECT OF M/S. DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION AT RAGHUNATHPUR, DIST.-PURULIA, WEST BENGAL HELD ON 30.04.2007 IN THE OFFICE OF BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, RAGHUNATHPUR-I DEV. BLOCK AT RAGHUNATHPUR, DIST.-PURULIA, WEST BENGAL

M/s. Damodar Valley Corporation submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 2X600MW Thermal Power Project at Raghunathpur, Dist.-Purulia, 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 from the MoEF, Govt. of India after conducting public hearing.

Accordingly, WBPCB after observing all formalities, held a public hearing on 30th April, 2007 at 11.00 Hrs in the office of Block Development Officer, Raghunathpur-I Dev. Block at Raghunathpur, Dist.-Purulia. Panel members were present in the hearing. A large 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 Shri S. Mondal, Additional District Magistrate (Gen), Purulia who presided over the hearing. Dr. T. K. Gupta, Senior Environmental Engineer and Incharge – Consent Cell, WBPCB explained about the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification. ADM then requested the Project Proponent to explain the details about the proposed project for the benefit of the panel members and other public present in the hearing.

Project Proponent then explained about the 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:

Shri Swapan Mukherjee, Karmadhakshya (Purto), Purulia Zilla Parishad welcome the proposed Thermal Power Project of M/S. Damodar Valley Corporation. He expected that DVC Authority will take adequate measures for minimization of water and air pollution. He also stressed upon that the project proponent should take measures for proper ash collection and utilization, arrangement of zero discharge, proper greeneries and also take necessary measures for health care for local people as well as working staff during the construction stages. He also emphasized the awareness programme among the school children of the locality organizing awareness campaigning among the local people.

Shri Shridam Gorai, Shri Sanatan Murmu, Shri Asim Sinha, Shri Samsul Ansary, Shri Rama Prasad Bhattacharya, Shri Santosh Majhi, Shri Naba Kumar Sutradhar, Shri Bhim Chandra Mondal, Shri Bimal Banerjee and Shri Ganesh Upadhyay represented from the local community. They have mentioned that project proponent should look in the following issues:

- Water Management.
- Ash Handling and Management.

- Water and Air Pollution Control.
- Noise Pollution Control.
- Arrangement of proper Drinking Water in the locality.
- Health Care Arrangement.
- Deployment of local people.
- Alternative arrangement for work for the local people in different project area.
- Arrangement for development of Roads, Transportation and Communication of locality.
- Adequate arrangements for Plantation.
- Proper control and monitoring of pollution control equipments.
- Improvement of Education facility in the community.
- Arrangements of regular awareness campaign in the locality about the environmental issues with participation from local people, Panchayat and District Administration.

Shri P. K. Roy, Sr. Environment Officer, Department of Environment Government of West Bengal mentioned that the project authority should make necessary arrangement for automatic stack emission monitoring and regular public display of the same. Shri Roy emphasize that the project proponent should take necessary measures for collection and utilization of ash as per MOEF guideline.

Dr. T. K. Gupta, Sr. Environmental Engineer has requested the project proponent should go for adoption of modern technology to minimize the pollution level further to national standard. He also mentioned that the project proponent may go for dry bottom ash collections system.

On behalf of the project proponent Shri D. K. Mazumdar, Chief Engineer (C), DVC, Maithon has 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. He has categorically mentioned that they will organize necessary awareness campaign programme shortly in the proposed project area jointly with local Panchayat, Zilla Parishad and District Administration.

Additional District Magistrate(Gen), Purulia 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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Dr. T. K. Gupta
Sr. Environmental Engineer &
Incharge – Consent Cell, WBPCB

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S. Mondal
Additional District Magistrate (Gen)
Purulia