

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED STEEL PLANT CONSISTING OF 3x100 TPD & 1x350 TPD DRI KILNS FOR PRODUCTION OF 195000 TPA SPONGE IRON, 1x350 m³ MBF FOR 310000 TPA PIG IRON, 1x9 MVA SAF, 1x33 m² SINTER PLANT, SMS OF 2X15T INDUCTION FURNACES & EAF, VD, AOD, LRF OF 1X40T EACH, 3 STRANDS CCM, ROLLING MILL WITH 200000 TPA, 180000 TPA NON-RECOVERY COKE OVEN PLANT, 2X0.3 MTPA PELLET PLANT, 2304000 sm³ OXYGEN PLANT, AND CAPTIVE POWER PLANT CONSISTING OF 12 MW WHRB & 15 MW AFBC BY M/S SHREE PARASNATH RE-ROLLING MILLS LIMITED, AT: MAJURIA, AUSHGRAM, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL HELD ON 08.04.2010 AT MEETING HALL OF AUSHGRAM-II PANCHAYET SAMITY., DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL.

Shree Parasnath Re-rolling Mills Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conduct of a public hearing in connection with the proposed integrated steel plant consisting of 3x100 TPD & 1x350 TPD DRI kilns for production of 195000 TPA sponge iron, 1x350 m³ MBF for 310000 TPA pig iron, 1x9 MVA SAF for production of ferro manganese & silico manganese of capacity 18480 & 13200 TPA respectively, 1x33 m² sinter plant, SMS of 2x15T induction furnaces & EAF, VD, AOD, LRF of 1x40T each, 3 strands CCM, rolling mill with 200000 TPA, 180000 TPA non-recovery coke oven plant, 2x0.3 MTPA pallet plant, 2304000 sm³ oxygen plant, and captive power plant consisting of 12 MW WHRB & 15 MW AFBC at Majuria, Aushgram, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal. As per the EIA Notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF, Government of India, Environmental Clearance of the said project is required to be obtained from the MoEF, Government of India after conduct of the public hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities, held the public hearing on 08.04.2010 at the Meeting hall of Aushgram II panchayet samity, Dist: Burdwan. All the panel members were present in the hearing. Shri Avijit Mukhopadhyaya, Additional District Magistrate (LA), Burdwan presided over the hearing. A list of the panel members and others present in the public hearing is enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Mr. S.Narayan, Sr. Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He explained the provisions of the above stated MoEF Notification and also informed the audience of the draft proposal of Shree Parasnath Re-rolling Mills Ltd. The Project Proponent was then asked by the ADM (LA), Burdwan to explain the details about the proposed project for discussion among the panel members and others present in the hearing.

The project proponent narrated the project details and the proposed pollution control measures emphasizing on the likely environmental impacts arising out of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures to be considered by them.

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

1. Mr. Narendranath Bhattacharya, Mr. Lilamoy Das and Mr. Chandicharan Banerjee of Village:- Majuria appreciated and welcomed the project and wished the project all success on maintaining the environmental norms in all respect.
2. Mr. Sujit Pal of Village Hedopara, suggested to install adequate environmental pollution control equipment for the benefit of environment and local habitats.
3. Mr. Debapriya Banerjee and Mr. Subhendu Chatterjee of Village: Majuria, appreciated the proposed efforts to be taken by M/s Shree Parasnath Re-rolling Mills Ltd. However they expressed their concern regarding the probable detrimental effect of the proposed project on the nearby school, residential students' hostel and agricultural land. In this regard they requested the project proponent to ensure proper environmental protection measures.
4. Mr. Dilip Hembram, Pradhan of Amarapur Gram Panchayat, informed that the neighborhood of the proposed project site is basically populated with people from backward classes. Hence the project proponent should emphasize on efforts relating to community development of the locality.
5. Mr. Bhakti Bhattacharya and Mr. Arun Mondal of village Majuria requested the ADM (LA) Burdwan to take necessary measures to ensure that the project proponent should acquire land as per the market price; they also emphasized that local people should be given priority regarding employment to the respective project.
6. Sri Kohinoor Ganguly, member of Aushgram II Panchayat Samity welcomed the project and requested the project proponent to emphasize on infrastructure development of the locality such as road network and drainage system of the local villages.

Mr. Avijit Mukhopadhyay, ADM(LA), Burdwan emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the Project Proponent towards the mitigation of all environmental problems and various other problems raised by the public present in the hearing. He further requested the project proponent to explain in detail about the proposed green belt development and rain water harvesting proposal.

The project proponent ensured that they will develop ten acres (out of hundred acres) for rain water harvesting and thirty three percent of the total area for green belt development in consultation with local forest department.

Sri S.Narayan, SEE, WBPCB emphasized on continuous operation of pollution control systems during process activities and requested the project proponent to increase recurring cost for maintenance of pollution control devices. He further suggested to form a voluntary committee comprising of local representatives in association with unit representatives to address local problems on a day to day basis including pollution control. That has been unanimously resolved.

Mr. S.Ganguly, AEE, Durgapur Regional Office WBPCB also expressed his concern regarding proper usage of coal char generated from rotary kilns in the AFBC boiler. He requested the project proponent to consider installation of CFBC instead of AFBC boiler to ensure better utilization of generated coal char. It was agreed upon by the project proponent.

Mr. S.C.Sharma, Project Manager of Shree Parasnath Re-rolling Mills Ltd. ensured on behalf of the project proponent that they will install adequate pollution control devices, develop green belt and rain water harvesting facility and take other necessary steps with consultation with local authorities to ensure overall development of the locality in accordance with their corporate social responsibility.

In general, the public present in the hearing welcomed the project provided the project proponent incorporates all the pollution control measures/devices proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally, Sri Avijit Mukhopadhaya, ADM(LA), Burdwan concluded the session with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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