

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 6th UNIT (250MW) OF M/s. SANTALDIH THERMAL POWER STATION OF WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED AT P.O.-SANTHALDIH T.P., DIST.-PURULIA, W.B. HELD ON 26.02.2007 AT THE OFFICE OF B.D.O. RAGHUNATHPUR-II DEV. BLOCK, CHELIYAMA, DIST.-PURULIA, W.B.

M/s. West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board on 08.01.2007 for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 6th unit (250MW) of Santhaldih Thermal Power Station, at P.O.-Santhaldih T.P., Dist.-Purulia, W.B. 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 having public hearing.

Accordingly, WBPCB after observing all formalities, held a public hearing on 26th February, 2007 at 11.00 Hrs. All the 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 the 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 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 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 Swapan Mukherjee , Karmadhakshya, Purulia Zilla Parishad welcome the expansion programme of Santaldih Thermal Power Station, an unit of WBPDC, in the remote area of Purulia District, West Bengal. He has expressed his satisfaction about the operation and maintenance of existing STPS. He is also hopeful that the project proponent will also take adequate measures and programme on enviremental management for their proposed expansion.

Sri Dinabandhu Banerjee, Dist. Secretary, Krishak Sabha welcome the proposed project of Santaldih Thermal Power Project of WBPDC. He stressed upon the maintenance of pollution control systems and expected that the proposed project will not have any adverse effect on the environment.

Sri Rakshakar Chatterjee and Sri Anarul Haque mentioned that the project proponent should look after the better pollution control management particularly management of air

pollution control. Sri Haque also requested the project proponent to ensure the treatment of waste water as well as management of ESP, ash pond and better ash management.

Sri Dilip Garai requested the project proponent to organize some awareness programme for the local people particularly for school student on environmental management issues.

Sri P. K. Roy, Deptt. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal, requested the project proponent to look into the adaptation of cleaner technology and also to take some measures for minimization of GHG emission.

On behalf of the project proponent Managing Director, WBPDCCL, 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 and wherever possible they will consider the issues immediately. He has also mentioned that the project proponent will take programme for more plantation not only within the plant premises but also in the neighbouring areas.

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 &
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Durga Sankar Kanjilal
Additional District Magistrate(Gen)
Purulia