

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 12-08-2022 AT 12:00 HRS. AT "GOPALPUR GRAM PANCHAYET", KANKSA, DIST.- PACHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF 4 X 20 TONNES INDUCTION FURNACES WITH LADLE REFINING FURNACE , CCM AND EXPANSION OF WIRE ROD/ROLLING MILL CAPACITY FROM 1,20,000 TO 2,50,000 TPA, AT BANSKOPA, P.O.- BAMUNARA, DURGAPUR, DIST.- PACHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL BY M/S. VSP UDYOG PRIVATE LIMITED.

M/s. **VSP Udyog Private Limited** submitted an application to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (herein after referred to as the State Board) for conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed installation of 4 x 20 tonnes induction furnaces with ladle refining furnace, CCM and expansion of wire rod/rolling mill capacity from 1,20,000 to 2,50,000 TPA at P.O.- Bamunara, Durgapur, Dist – Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. As per the notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India and amendments made thereafter, Environmental Clearance (EC) for the said project is required to be obtained after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, the State Board conducted the Public Hearing on 12-08-2022 at 12:00 hours at the "Gopalpur Gram Panchayet", Kanksa, Dist – Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. A considerable gathering of people was also present during the hearing. List of the panel members and others present during the public hearing is enclosed as *Annexure*.

Sri Sandip Tudu, Additional District Magistrate (LR), Paschim Bardhaman, presided over the hearing.

The public hearing started with a welcome note from Sri C. Dawn, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office, W. B. Pollution Control Board. He briefed the audience about the modalities and significance of Public Hearing, which is part of Public Consultation process under EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

With the permission of the ADM (LR), Sri C. Dawn requested the project proponent to describe the proposed project to be undertaken in detail and to use of local language. He requested the gathering present at the hearing to come up with relevant questions and suggestions regarding the proposed project after the presentation given by the project proponent. Sri Dawn informed that proceedings of the public hearing along with videography will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration for setting up the proposed expansion project of M/s. VSP Udyog Private Limited.

On behalf of the project proponent Dr. Mohit Roy narrated the proposed project through a power point presentation. Sri Roy explained the locational details of the project and basic requirements like land, water, fuel, manpower, raw materials, etc. for the proposed project. He explained that the pollution potential involved in the activities of the proposed project is very well manageable and elaborated on the steps to be taken to control environmental pollution, rain water harvesting, plantation and for developing the society through activities under Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) of the company.

After the presentation of the project proponent, Sri C. Dawn, Assistant Environmental Engineer, WBPCB requested the gathering to come up with relevant questions to fulfill the objectives of the public hearing.

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 Bhupen Rajak of Vill - Gopalpur welcomed the proposed project. He said that the above industry is already doing social work like blood donation camp, planting trees, etc. and expected the industry to carry on with their good work. He also expected that there will be more job opportunity if the proposed project is established.

Sri Someshwar Mondal of Vill- Gopalpur also welcomed the proposed project. He said that the above industry deploys water sprinkler in the existing industrial area for suppression of dust and has also planted a lot of trees. He expected that the proposed project will generate job opportunities for the local people.

Sri Manas Dutta of Vill- Gopalpur praised the industry about their work till date regarding environmental pollution control and greenery development and also expected that the project proponent will keep it up in the times to come.

Sri Sukumar Ghosh of Vill- Gopalpur welcomed the proposed project. He said that the project proponent is engaged in distribution of saplings for greenery development in the area and also gives medical support to the local people in need. He expects that more work culture will develop if the proposed project is established.

Sri Sandip Tudu, Additional District Magistrate (LR), Paschim Bardhaman, congratulated the local people for participating in the public hearing with positive attitude. He said that the policy of the project proponent to expand their project including local people is praise worthy. He mentioned the steps taken by the State Government to facilitate industrial development like announcing Gangpur to Raghunathpur as an economic corridor, plan to utilize the roadside land plots of dormant industries and also vacant plots for industrial development from Dankuni to Asansol, etc. At the same time he mentioned the need for environmental awareness among general people so that there can be a sustainable industrial development in the district as well as in the State. He also expressed his hope that the proposed project will lead to overall socio-economic development of the nearby area. Finally, Sri Tudu, ADM (LR) concluded his speech by expressing his good wishes for the audience and the industry.

Finally, Sri C. Dawn, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office, WBPCB thanked the ADM (LR), the industry and the audience and concluded the public hearing with the permission of the ADM (LR).

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Chairman of the Public Hearing