

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF KALESHWARAM PROJECT AT MEDDIGADA BARRAGE, VILLAGE – POCHAMPALLI, TAL-SIRONCHA, DIST – GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA (KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT OF TELANGANA NOW JAYASHANKAR BHUPALPALLY DISTRICT) PROPOSED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER, KALESHWARAM PROJECT IRRIGATION and CAD DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF TELANGANA DATED 27.09.2017

The public hearing for proposed project of Kaleshwaram Project at Meddigada Barrage, Village-Pochampalli, Tal-Sironcha, Dist-Gadchiroli, Maharashtra (Karimnagar District of Telangana now JayashankarBhupalpally District) proposed by Chief Engineer, Kaleshwaram Project Irrigation & CAD Department, Govt. of Telangana was conducted on 27th September , 2017 at 02.00PM at Village Pochampalli, Tal-SironchaDist-Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order No.E - 72 of 2017 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B - 3783, Dated 18/09/2017 :-

- 1) Shri Durwesh Sonwane, - **Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate,
Gadchiroli,
(representative of
District Magistrate, Gadchiroli)
- 2) Shri P. M. Joshi, - **Member**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur
(representative of the MPCB, Mumbai)



3) Ms. Hema Deshpande,
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB
Chandrapur

-Convener

The copy of attendance sheet of the people who attended the said public hearing is enclosed herewith and more than 229 people have attended from 14 villages.

Ms. Hema Deshpande, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur, Convener of the said meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Member of Public Hearing Panel, project representatives, general public and informed that, as per EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF& CC, Gol dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur was in receipt of application of Project Proponent- Chief Engineer, Kaleshwaram Project Irrigation and CAD Department, Govt. of Telangana for proposed Kaleshwarm Project at Meddigada Barrage, Village- Pochampalli, Tal-Sironcha, Dist – Gadchiroli, Maharashtra for conducting the public hearing.

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification, the proposed project falls under "River Valley Category- Schedule 1 (c) under "Category -A" project as it has more than 10,000 hector of Cultivable Command Area (CCA). The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project was appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEF& CC, Gol) on 31st March, 2017. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was

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Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers on 25/08/2017 in Daily Hitvada for English and in Daily Loksatta for Marathi.

Convener further informed that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at Ministry of Environment & Forest Office, Nagpur and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Gadchiroli, Additional District Magistrate, Gadchiroli, Sub Divisional Office, Tal - Sironcha, Dist-Gadchiroli, ZillaParishad, Gadchiroli, District Industries Centre, Gadchiroli, Grampanchayat, offices at Village Pochampalli and other eight villages Tal-Sironcha, Dist-Gadchiroli, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai. She also stated that the draft EIA and Executive Summary were also uploaded on MPCB website. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that not a single representation in writing is received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur. She requested Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Durwesh Sonwane, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project proponent to give detailed presentation along with the details about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi and Telugu. He further appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any, about the project after informing the Environment Management Plan and also can submit their written representations.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the project proponent has given the presentations in Marathi by Shri. Ravindra Pradhan and Telugu by Dr. G. Rama

Krishna and a copy of power point presentation is enclosed herewith of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail and also during their presentation stated that no forest land will be required for this project.

After hearing regarding Environment Management Plan, Chairman of Committee informed general public to give suggestions, views for the proposed project in respect of environmental angle only.

Followings persons expressed their views participated in the public hearing meeting:-

- 1) **Shri Satyanand Venkateshwarrao Galipelly**, Pochampalli resident and Ex. Sarpanch of Pochampalli village informed that there is always negative attitude spread by some vested interest in the local villagers regarding the proposed Kaleshwarm Project Medigadda Barrage which is proposed by Chief Engineer, Kaleshwaram Project Irrigation and CAD Department, Govt. of Telangana. This Medigadda Barrage project will increase water reservoir of this area. Hence the poor Adivasis who have to go for 4 to 5 km daily for bringing drinking water will get the water. Also due to increase in water reservoir of barrage, the chances of fishing would have increase. It will help local fishermen to become self-sufficient for their livelihood. This project will be beneficial for socio-economic development of the region. He wished to complete the project as early as possible and also he showed full support to the project.
- 2) **Shri Rajeshwar Rao Satyanarayan Galipelly**, resident of Pochampalli informed that this project is not for any destruction, but development of the region. Due to water reservoir, there will be increase in fishing business. He further stated that it will help to develop the area of Barrage as tourist

spot. Hence local youths will get opportunity to develop their business. He supported the Medigadda barrage fully and wished to complete it early.

3) **Shri Rajanna Mallaiah Kothapelly** of Kothapally villageresident informed in Telugu language that it is good that there is no loss due to this project. This barrage will definitely increase ground water table in the area. But if at all any local farmer/s losses his land, the good compensation should be given to them.

4) **Shri Bapu Mallanna Ranguwar**, resident of Aardavillage informed his views in Telugu language that everybody says that there is no loss. But there is no clarity about it and project proponent does not inform how much land from which villages will be acquired. The public consultation should have been conducted before finalizing the project. He said they are ready to give lands but requested for how much land will be acquired and how much land will be lost of the adjoining areas due to water increase and however he also supported the project.

5) **Shri Krishnamurthy Rikkula**, resident of Maddikunta village supported the project and informed that project proponent is to give about making available the information of how many villages will be affected and how much land will be affected. He further expressed the wish that the Maharashtra should take advantage of this project like its counterpart Telangana.

6) **Shri Santosh Narayan Atla**, resident of Maddikunta village and President of Taluka Yuwa Morcha, Sironcha expressed the support to the project and given opinion that the Project Affected Person

(PAPs) who have to give their land for this project, their children should be issued the Certificate.

- 7) **Shri Manatayya Mallayya**, resident of Pentipaka village informed that since last fifty years, they are cultivating the land. They are not against the project but said that they have just spent lakhs of rupees for bore well and now if the land is acquired, their family will be ruined. Most of villagers of Kortala village are facing the socio problem of not getting the bride groom of the Kortala village as there is fear of land acquisition.
- 8) **Shri G. Manthaiah**, resident of Pentipaka supported the project and made request Government to finish the land acquisition with desired rates to the farmers.
- 9) **Shri Madhusudan Chary Aravelli**, resident of Pentipaka objected that the NOC should have to be gained by the project proponent before the construction. The project proponent does not give the information regarding the DPR of this project. The information asked under Right to Information Act, 2005 by him is not answered by the Planning Department of the project proponent. The project proponent has appointed its Executing Agency M/s Larsen & Toubro, who has illegally purchased the land of poor farmers and after completion of the project; it will be sold to private company for development. The poor farmers will be deprived for their rights.
- 10) **Shri Kirankumar Mohan Dekhala**, resident of Maddikunta village stated that the local people are opposing the project as there is no clarity regarding compensation. Hence the local farmers should be compensated as per their desire and take up the project.

- 11) **Shri Shrinivas Sambayya Mulkala**, resident of Muddu Krishnapur informed that the local people are under tension as they have doubt as to whether they will get the reasonable compensation of land or not.
- 12) **Shri Harikumar (Ajaykumar) Venkatrao Enaganti**, resident of Ankisa village supported the project and stated that Maharashtra Government should utilize its designated water on top priority for drinking purposes. He further stated that the people whose land have been acquired are satisfied with the good compensation given by Telangana State. He started again to express the same views which were earlier expressed by above persons and he fully supported the project. Since no any other issues raised by other than of the above persons, he was asked whether anymore new issues are to be raised other than above persons, to which he said that he had no other issues, hence he did not spoke further and stopped.

Ms. Hema Deshpande, Convener of the public hearing meeting opined that most of the speakers spoke regarding the land acquisition compensation. Some of the speakers gave suggestion that Maharashtra Government should utilize its designated quantity of water and make available drinking water to the villagers of the region. The Committee after considering the suggestions and objections, requested Project Proponent to clarify the issues.

Shri N. Venkateshwarlu, Chief Engineer of the Project stated that the local farmers should not fear regarding the land acquisition. The Acquisition Committee under the Chairmanship of District Collector fixes the land acquisition rate in consultation with the farmers. He further stated that the said project has two components to provide 40 TMC drinking water and remaining water for

irrigation, etc. The present construction of work is limited to drinking water component only.

Ms. Hema Deshpande, Convener of the public hearing meeting informed that nine written representation are received by the Public Hearing Committee, out of which three persons have already spoken about that here. All the objections and suggestions will be forwarded to MoEFCC, Gol.

Out of nine, eight written representations received in local language Marathi and the main contents of the said representations indicates that they are desirous of compensation for the land to be acquired between 20 lakhs to 26.25 lakhs, they want medical facility, project affected certificate and protection wall from Maddikunta to Chintalpalli (approximately three kilometers). And in one of the representations received(unsigned) from Mataiyya Mallappa Gora and Shrinivas Sambayya Mulakalla, it states that due to the project and storage, the possibility of water of wells and borewells of the village may get polluted and due to which, health of the villagers may get affected. Also in the said representation, during monsoon, water level may get increase and there will be life threat to insects, animal, birds. Copies of all nine representations are enclosed.

After summing up, Chairman of the Committee Shri Durwesh Sonwane concluded the meeting. He thanked the general public for attending the meeting in large number and appreciated the persons who are present in public hearing, raised objections and also given constructive suggestions. He informed that the written representations received during the course of public hearing along with minutes of public hearing will be sent to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. Thereafter the Chairman of the Committee announced the meeting of public hearing is over.

On behalf of Chairman, the convener has declared the public hearing is concluded extending thanks to the Chair.



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