

Minutes of Public Hearing

M/s. Yogayatan Ports Pvt Ltd has Multipurpose cargo handling terminal and Ship repair Facilities (phase 1) Project located at Mankhurd, Mumbai. A Public hearing was conducted on 18.04.2018 at 12.00 PM, at "V banquet and Lawns", V. T. Patil Road, Near to Mahanagar Gas, Chembur, Mumbai 400 088 to discuss Environmental Issues for "Proposed Expansion of Infrastructure Facilities by providing additional berth along with additional approach" for Cargo handling of 4.5 MTPA capacity.

Hon'ble Member Secretary of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board had issued a letter dated 04/04/2018 for appointing the Hon'ble District Collector, Mumbai to conduct the said Public hearing.

The below mentioned Panel Members of the Public Hearing Committee were Present.

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| 1. Shri. Rajendra Borkar | - | Chairman cum
Additional District Magistrate
Mumbai Suburban, Mumbai |
| 2. Shri. Madhukar Lad | - | Member cum
Regional Officer
Maharashtra Pollution Control
Board, Mumbai. |
| 3. Shri. Sagar Auti | - | Convener cum
Sub - Regional Officer
Maharashtra Pollution Control
Board, Mumbai. |

The details of the minutes of the Public hearing are as follows-

First of all, Shri Sagar Auti, Sub- Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai Cum Convener of Public Hearing, welcomed Additional District Magistrate, Mumbai suburban and Regional Officer MPCB, Mumbai & gathered Public on behalf of Collector Office & MPCB Office and further the Public hearing was started with permission of Hon'ble Chairman. He explained the Purpose of Public Hearing Mentioning that the public hearing was conducted as per provision of MOEF & CC , GOI , New Delhi Notification , 2006 and amended therein 2009 enacted by Government of India's Ministry i.e. Ministry of , Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi. On 21/02/2018 the project proponent submitted the Proposal to MPCB for conducting Public hearing on environmental issues, eventually the date of public hearing was scheduled on 18/04/2018 by District Collector. The advertisement of aforesaid Public hearing was published month prior to the public hearing i.e. on 17/03/2018 in Marathi daily newspaper "Dainik Navashakti" and English newspaper "The Free Press Journal", accordingly today's Public hearing is being held. The copies

of Environmental Assessment Report which was prepared by Proposed Project Proponent had been kept available for public inspection at the offices of Hon'ble District Collector Mumbai Suburban, Hon'ble Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Mantralaya, New Administrative Building, Mumbai, Joint Director (Water Pollution Control) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Sion, Mumbai, Assistant Commissioner M- East Ward, Govandi East, Lt. M. T. Kadam Marg, Mumbai and Regional Officer & Sub Regional Officer, MPCB Mumbai etc. The purpose of the Public hearing is to give information to the residents about the proposed project and its impact on environment and mitigation measure to be taken. Further it was stated that, initially the Consultant of proposed project will give Project Information and thereafter public will raise their objections/ complaint and suggestions in writing or orally, which shall be recorded in the minutes of the hearing and the same will be sent to the Head Office of MPCB. The role of this committee is to conduct Public hearing, record the citizens' comments and prepare report and submit it to the Government and further it was informed that with the permission of the Chairman, the Proposed Project Proponent will give Information about the Proposed Project. The present persons were requested to co-operate by maintaining peace while Public hearing.

Mr. Auti announced that MPCB has received suggestion/objection from "Conservation Action Trust", and reply will be given on it in the report, after perusing the suggestion/objection and summary of that report will be incorporated in minutes of the hearing, and it will be sent to Environment Ministry, Mantralaya.

The Consultant of Proposed Project Proponent had given the detail information about the project through Powerpoint Presentation to the Public gathered. Further Public have informed about the benefits and facilities which they will get through this Project.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) has announced that the session for questions answers is open and invited Public to raise question specific to the environment of the project. Before asking questions, he asked to please mention the name & address, so that we can summarize the same in the minutes and similarly can be submitted to the Government. You can ask question, so that Project Proponent will be able to answer the same. He asked the present Public to ask question without any hesitation.

Shri. Rajendra Borkar (Additional District Magistrate, Mumbai Suburban) has asked Public that they can ask questions or can give Suggestion /Objections on environment related issues without any fear. And he has told that the Project Proponent has to provide satisfied answers. Further he has informed that we will prepare the minutes of this hearing and will forward to Environment Department, Mantralaya.

The following persons raised the questions.

Q - 1 Adv Maruti Ramchandra Desai :-

Thanks to all. I am resident of Maharashtra Nagar, Mankhurd and have been living there since last 25 years, I have seen your project report, it seems good, but, in future, will we get any facilities? Do we get assurance? At the same time, some slum dwellers are going to be affected and will this affected people get alternate accommodation?. There are around seven thousand slum peoples and two thousand or Two and half thousand will be affected. If they shifted to some other place, our long time association will be disconnected, hence alternate accommodation make available to them by constructing building nearby slum. Nearly two thousand or two and half thousand slum dwellers will be affected. I have seen different company project, thousands of people will work there, hence request to company to give priority to project affected people & their sons. The residents who reside here have come from Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Konkan and Karnataka to earn to fulfil their basic living needs in Mumbai. We daily go to Mumbai city from Mankhurd for job, hence requested to give job in your project. You have given assurance to provide facilities to project affected two thousand/ two and half thousand slum dwellers and surrounding seven thousand slum dwellers. Please give an assurance that there will not be any water pollution, air pollution and noise pollution. You have done good job, you do your first big project here, State Govt will have benefit, Govt of India will have benefits but it is my request that it will be beneficial to my poor people. Also I am thankful to Organiser for giving me an opportunity to speak here.

Answer - Project Consultant :-

Sir, I would like to update that our project is one and half kilometre away therefore it will not affect as you expressed, since there is no rehabilitation. But other things, as you said, will happen like opportunity to employment. We will open the school nearby to those who has affected. It will be surely done subject to Govt. Providing Permissions and Other necessary Support.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) has requested to all that they can ask single question at a time and will get answer from Project Proponent. A Single Person can asked ten questions, but a Question at a one time. You will get detail answer and it will be easier to incorporate in the Minutes and forwarded to Environment Department, Mantralaya,

Q - 2 Shri.Pravin Waghmare :-

I am resident of Bhimnagar, Mankhurd, My name is Pravin Waghmare, sir you said about three & half kilometre area which will affect people who reside in my area, actually which area will be affected? but nobody knows about actual location. Everyone who is sitting here having fear/apprehensive that whether he or his neighbour or someone another will be affected. So we will be thankful, if you explain about actual area.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional Officer MPCB) :-

I understood, requested to Project Proponent that they will explain the exact area which will be affected. If map is available, then it should be shown. If people are going to affect, then they should get compensation.

Answer - Project Consultant :-

He has shown the exact Project Site on the Map and told that the information which you have provided about the surrounding area and further informed that the questionable area which you have raised is not present nearby. We have given Latitude & Longitude of our Project on the Map. If you see the map, it is clear that we will not acquire any more area.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer MPCB) has asked to females group to ask more questions and informed that everyone has freedom to ask questions. You will get answer, and we will convey it to the Govt.

Q - 3 Smt. Dhvani Shah :-

My name is Dhvani Shah belongs to Conservation Action Trust. That sir has asked question about his area, you have shown them map and coordinates, but how do Ordinary People will know, where their area is exactly located ?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

You are thinking this Project is Metro Project, but this is not a Metro Project. This Project is Located near Vashi creek.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer MPCB) :-

Madam, we have received your suggestion in writing, you will get your answers in writing. Please Inform to my office via email, thereafter you will be informed . Ask question if anyone have.

This is the question to Project Proponent that whether Mangroves will be cut?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

No

Q - 4 Shrimati Lata Sundar Gaikwad :-

The Company which you are starting is, whether in our area or in other area ? and to whom you will recruit for work?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The Local People will get first preference. Those who are local & educated will be given priority for work.

Q - 5 Shrimati Lata Sundar Gaikwad :-

What about illiterate people?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

Every one will get work for all, whether illiterate or Mathadi labour, or engineer. We will give preference to accommodate all.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) :-

There is binding on them to give priority to locals whether they are skilled or unskilled. Usually there is condition to give priority to local People.

Q - 6 Shrimati Lata Sundar Gaikwad :-

We have more young people who has only educated up to 8th, 10th & 11th. They are unemployed, they don't get job.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) :-

It is request to Project proponent to give first preference to local People and think about them mostly consider the uneducated and educate them.

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The Local People will get first preference for Skilled/Unskilled Work.

Q - 7 Shrimati Lata Sundar Gaikwad :-

I am saying the same, we have more females and young Generation.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) :-

Your suggestion is valid and considerable. We will definitely consider and will convey the project proponent and will make compulsion and binding on them.

Q - 8 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

I am Dhwani Shah from Conservation Action Trust, My Question is that your Project is nearby Highway, How much is the width of Entrance Road at present and whether you will expand it in Proposed Project?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The presently the both approaches roads are from below the Railway line and it's width is approximately 6 Mtr. The another approach is from Maharashtra Nagar, Mankhurd.

Q - 9 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

Sir, The Mangroves on the roads will get destroyed or not? Because on your one side you have creek and another sides are covered with Mangroves. You are telling that if Mangroves are not getting destroyed, can you show layout of it? And do you have CRZ Permission? Show the documents of permission?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The Existing Road will remain the same and it will not affect to the mangroves. At the same place, old road will be repaired and used as it is. In future, if MSRDC will develop road, then road width will be increased without affecting mangroves. Regarding CRZ Clearance, MCZMA Permission is obtained.

Q - 10 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

The Material which will be handled and where the material will be stored?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

We will use our back up land for minimum storage & the rest material will be kept at at their respective Parts. Minimum Storage will be done.

Q - 11 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

Currently the building which is seen there, whether constructed under Permission or Just Constructed?

Answer - Project Consultant:-

This is old Construction. It is the same which was build by M/s. AFCONS. Some of it was not in good condition, so it was repaired .It is as same since 1987.

Q - 12 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

For which season you have taken baseline Information? And for how many seasons?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

November 2015 to Jan 2016.

Q - 13 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

Do you have TOR Copy?

Answer Project Consultant:-

Environmental Impact Assessment Study has been done. TOR Copy is available

Q - 14 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

Can we use one season data for whole Project? Have you done Environmental Impact Assessment Study for 20 Years?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

As per MOEF & CC, 2015 Guidelines issued by the Central Environment Ministry, we have to study for a one season. Likewise, the same is done. A year wise Study was a few years back, but now as per the new guidelines there is a seasonal study.

Q - 15 Smt. Dhwani Shah :-

On website of Yogayatan Port it is displayed that this Project will be completed in Six Phases Steps – 1) Dry Bulk Cargo 2) Ship Repair Facility Yard 3) 200 MW Thermal Power Project 4) LNG Terminal 5) Supply Base 6) Passenger Terminal, for that Will Mangroves are destructed or not?

Pollution is increasing day by day in Mumbai, Creek is getting polluted. Due to this our health is affecting .So your Project will be adding to it.

Answer - Project Consultant :-

At Present Phase I work will start. Future work will not start without Govt. Permission. If Govt. will provide land, then only further work will start.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) :-

The Level of Pollution is in limit.

Q - 16 Smt. Dhvani Shah :-

What are the Implication on biodiversity? Whether you have being included in the EIA? What you are saying that your barges will fall at MbPT?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

It comes under MbPT area. Similarly, MbPT is handling their cargo regularly.

Q - 17 Smt. Dhvani Shah :-

What is the impact of the fisherman during ship's transport?

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The channel that we are going to use is an approved channel of MbPT/MMB and it is already in use. We are not doing anything new and hence no fishing Business will be affected.

Q - 18 Smt. Dhvani Shah :-

Do you have plan to Channel Demarcation? Disaster Management Plan?

Answer - Hon. Deputy Collector :-

Please give a letter, you will get satisfactory answer.

Q - 19 Smt. Rajeshree Hanumant Jadhav, Mankhurd :-

We have 700 to 800 slum dwellers, but there is no water & electricity, so please Company should do some help.

Shri. Madhukar Lad (Regional officer, MPCB) :-

The Project Proponent were requested to provide water to Local People as a social Work.

Answer - Project Consultant :-

The respective Project is 2 to 2.5 Km away from your slum area, but still we will try in that context.

Q - 20 Smt. Rajeshree Hanumant Jadhav, Mankhurd :-

It is our request that your company should give jobs to our Sons of Soil.

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Answer - Project Consultant :-

The first preference will be given to local peoples only. We will follow CSR activity.

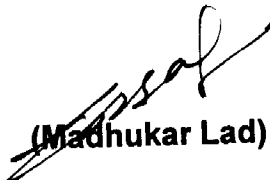
Finally, the Chairman of Public Hearing Committee, **Honourable Shri. Rajendra Borkar**, Additional District Magistrate, Mumbai Suburban, told that he has taken on record all the suggestions given by the present persons. He told that, we respect your feelings. There is a demand for community needs. It is request to the Pollution Control Board, if there are any technical issues, then the Board, by giving satisfactory answers should execute the report.

Further he has stated that the minutes of today's Public hearing, C.D. and your requests shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Mantralaya. Thereafter, he thanked the present persons for expressing their views on the environment in the Public Hearing and to maintain peace during the hearing and declared that the public hearing has been successfully completed.



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