

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED NAGPUR - MUMBAI ACCESS CONTROLLED EXPRESSWAY PROPOSED BY M/S MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., FROM DONAD BUDRUK TQ. KARANJA TO KENWAD TQ. RISOD DIST. WASHIM (97.23 K.M.), PART OF PACKAGE-II.**

The public hearing for proposed Nagpur - Mumbai access controlled expressway proposed by M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., for part of package II i.e. from Donad Budruk TQ. Karanja to Kenwad TQ. Risod Dist. Washim for Washim District was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at Krushi Utpanna Bajar Samiti Hall, Shelu Bazar, Tq. Mangrulpir Dist. Washim at 11.00hrs.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Office Order E-57/2017 under letter No.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-2582, dated 30.06.2017:-

1. **Shri Rahul Dwivedi**  
District Collector  
Washim. Chairman.
2. **Shri Nagesh Lohalkar**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Amravati Member.
3. **Shri Rahul Mote**  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Amravati (2) Convener.

Shri Nagesh Lohalkar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati, Member of the Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman, Members of the public hearing panel and public participants. He briefed about the procedure of public hearing prescribed in EIA Notification 2006 amended thereto. He further informed that the public notice of this public hearing was published on 08.06.2017 in Marathi Daily Newspapers Lokmat Akola edition and In English daily News Paper The Hitavada. The details of the project including Executive Summary of EIA and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report were made available at respective Grampanchayat offices, Govt. offices as well as Washim Collector Office and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Website respective as per the EIA Notification, 2006 for its wide publicity.

The Member of the Committee further informed that, as per said Notification, the project falls under Category '7 (f).' The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can participate in the hearing and to know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of proposed Expressway. The State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) of Government of Maharashtra granted ToR in its 128<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India has granted the ToR for conducting EIA studies vide letter dated 9/12/2016. Accordingly, MSRDC, the project proponent prepared draft EIA Report. He further stated that no any written suggestion or comment about the proposed project is received to the MPCB, Amravati offices on dtd. 09.07.2017 up to closing time of office. He also requested the public participants to offer suggestions/comments regarding the proposed project after completion of the presentation by the Project Proponent. If you any suggestion/comments then first say your Name & Place then after same will be recorded and submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India. In permission of Respected president project proponent show presentation.

The officials of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation gave the detailed presentation of the construction of proposed project and Environment Management Plan. Shri Toke informed the Govt. of India (GoI) has planned 10 (Ten) world class Express Highways in order to boost the road infra-structure. Simultaneously, the Govt. of Maharashtra has planned Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway (NMEW) for diversion and redistribution of heavy traffic on existing corridors. The proposed NMEW is being implemented by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., which will pass through ten districts from Vidharbha through Marathwada to Konkan region. During presentation, MSRDC officials clarified that as per ToR (Terms of Reference) granted, the Environment Impact Assessment Report is prepared. He further explained the purpose of proposed Expressway and stated that the proposed Expressway is passing through 10 districts of Maharashtra State which will cater the 60% geographical area. The proposed highway is divided in five packages according to revenue divisions. The Environment Impact Assessment study is carried out package wise. However, as per EIA Notification 2006, the Public Hearing is to be conducted district-wise. The special features of the project such as availability of emergency telephones at every 5 km, rest areas at every 50 km., median tree plantation, planning of providing solar lamps, provisions food plazas, restaurants and emergency services, etc. along the right of way were categorically briefed by him. The proposed provision of longitudinal drains along ROW and about 104 cross drainage structures / culverts, VOP, VUP, LVUP, PUP at 87 locations alongwith 4 major bridges & 33 small bridges are proposed and assured that the rain water along the right of way will be flown freely and avoid stagnation of water in the nearby area. In addition to that the proposal of 100 rain water harvesting structures for ground water recharging was also deliberated in detail. The abandoned stone quarries will be converted into water reservoirs with the help of District Administration as per the proposal submitted by MSRDC. He also pointed out that to meet the demand of water for project; the existing abandoned quarries can be handed over to MSRDC so that those can be converted into water reservoir which will cater the need of water requirement for the construction of proposed Nagpur Mumbai Express Highway.

In addition to the technical details, the baseline monitoring carried out by accredited consultant alongwith its modeling and mitigation measures were discussed. He further stated that as per IRC 2009, SP : 21-2009, the Three Tier Plantation will be proposed on both the sides along the right of way and in such a way , @ 1,13,370 trees will be planted on along the right of way as against the tree to be cut @ 30,239 Nos. These trees are in addition to the trees to be planted by forest department in lieu of forest land diversion proposal. The Environment Management Plan was discussed in detail and it was mentioned that noise generated due to proposed vehicular movement will be contained by providing adequate noise barriers along the sensitive areas of the nearby villages in addition to proposed thick plantation. He further clarified that the budget of Rs.21.31 Crs. is prepared exclusively for Environment Management Plan in addition to the Engineering cost to be incurred for proposed project.

After completion of presentation and detailed information, Chairman & Convener of the Committee appealed general public to offer comments/suggestions if any regarding the proposed project. Accordingly, the public participants expressed their views:

1. **Mr. Sanjay Rathod, Kinkhed** – He informed that, near the village many dams are in existence. Due to proposed expressway the approach roads to the said dams will be blocked or otherwise?

It was assured by the Project Proponent that no existing roads will be blocked or alter due to proposed construction. However proper Vehicular Overpass (VOP), Vehicular Underpass (VUP), Light Vehicle Underpass (LVUP), Pedestrian

Underpass (PUP) etc. will be provided for the easement of local people in that area.

2. **Shri. Rahul Baliram Auchar-Vidhona** - The information in respect of planting of trees along Right of way and the type of the trees to be planted was sought. In addition to that it was suggested that the local variety of trees to be planted along Right of way.

The Project Proponent informed that as per Indian Road Congress (IRC) SP\_21\_2009 guidelines Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation has planned 3 tier plantation along Right of Way. The suggestion of Mr. Rahul was accepted and it was informed that the trees of local variety will be planted along the Right of Way, in consultation with experts in the field.

The Hon. Chairman of the Committee instructed that Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation should have dialogue with the local Grampanchayat through which the local road is passing, for plantation of local variety trees on 'E' class land owned by Grampanchayat to avoid encroachment and Development of greenery within the Grampanchayat area.

3. **Shri. Anil Jadhav, Kinhi Raja** - The land owned by him is near to forest area and it is difficult to maintain the land and protect it from the wildlife from the forest area. He also requested that, after joint measurement the land to the tune of 1 & 1½ acers will remain with him and same shall be acquired by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation.

The Project Proponent mentioned that the decision regarding land procurement for the proposed project and remaining land will be taken by District Administration.

4. **Shri. Pandurang Kamble, Majlapur** - His submission was that after procurement of land for the proposed project a small piece of land will be remain with him. He requested that his entire land should be procured by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation.

The Project Proponent mentioned that the decision regarding land procurement for the proposed project and remaining land will be taken by District Administration.

5. **Shri. Ankush Gajbhiye, Dhanora Pathod** - He enquired about any co-relation between failing of trees and depletion of ozone layer present in the Environment.

It was clarified by the Project Proponent that, it does not have any co-relation. However the ozone layer is depleted due to use of ozone depleting substances such as Chloroflouro carbons used in refrigerators, Air-condition. He also mentioned that use of ozone depleting substances is banned by the Government of India and necessary notification is already issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEFCC), Government of India.

6. **Shri. Mohan Deshmukh** - Brother and my name land jointly but fortunately my brother is a died. He raised the issue of land measurement and mentioned that the joint measurement is not carried out as per procedure.

Hon. Chairman of Committee requested that the issue related to Environment may be raised during the public hearing. However issues related to land

measurement, 7/12 extract etc. the local people may approach respective Tehsildar, Sub-Divisional Officer of the division.

7. **Shri. Nandu Kharate, Shendurjana** - He mentioned that the land owned by him is developed as horticulture plot. However during joint measurement it is mentioned something different 7/12 extract not properly which will affect his compensation pattern and he may get less compensation.

Hon.Chairman requested to concern to get in touch with revenue machinery such as Tehsildar, Sub-Divisional Officer, etc. He assured that maximum Government benefits will be passed on to the respective farmers. However the same can be passed on only after receipt of consent from the concerned farmers.

8. **Shri.Amol Rathod, Devchandi** - He enquired about the job opportunities to the land owners who have offered their land to the proposed project.

The Project Proponent informed that, for the construction of proposed roads the various contractors will be appointed by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation. The instructions will be passed on to the concerned contractors to accommodate maximum local people during the work.

9. **Shri.Arun Kamble, Majlapur** - He raised query of joint measurement of land details.

Hon.Chairman of Committee requested that the issue related to Environment may be raised during the public hearing. However issues related to land measurement, 7/12 extract etc. the local people may approach respective Tehsildar, Sub-Divisional Officer of the division.

10. **Shri.Harshal Ulemule** - It is reported that the proposed Expressway is passing through the land which is in between residence and farm of the complainant. There is a pipeline passing through the land. He enquired about the future status of the pipeline due to proposed Expressway.

The Project Proponent assured that the existing pipeline will not be disturbed. However if some damages are noticed by the complainant the same shall be brought to the notice of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation which will be rectified to the satisfaction of complainant.

11. **Shri.Gajanan Thakare, Janunakhurd** - He has got a horticulture plot due to proposed Expressway the well will be affected. He mentioned that it will be difficult to maintain the horticulture plot without the well. He requested to give the compensation not only for the well but also for the horticulture plot since its maintenance may not be possible without the well.

The issues related to the land acquisition and such cases will be sorted out by the District Administration on case to case basis.

12. **Shri.Rameshwar Pawar, Yedshi** - He mentioned that only 7 R land remained with him after procurement of land by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation for proposed Expressway. He enquired about the decision to be taken for leftover land.

The issues related to the land acquisition and such cases will be sorted out by the District Administration on case to case basis.

13. **Shri.Mukunda Kamble,Kavardari-** He mentioned Proposed road passes through own land but there is no name in list flash by government for affected.

Hon.Chairman of Committee requested to contact or approach respective Tehsildar, Sub-Divisional Officer of the division. Government has insure more benefits provided to project affected person.


14. **Shri.Devram Pawar, Kavardari -** He mentioned that there is no opposition for the proposed project. However proper compensation shall be provided to the land owners. He also mentioned about inconsistency in joint measurement of land and enquired about pollution aspect due to proposed project.

The Project Proponent assured that the proper care such as covering of truck carrying raw material, unloading of raw material in confined area, water sprinkling during moving vehicles on roads. Provision of Mobile STPs at labour camps in addition to this proper solid waste management will be provided at labour camps. It was also assured that the labour camps will be installed at the distance of atleast 500 meters from water reservoirs.

15. **Shri. Om Nimbalkar -Kalambeshwar-** He enquired about the future status of streams as well as water reservoirs through which the proposed Expressway is passing.

It was assured by the Project Proponent that the natural flow of stream will not be disturbed due to construction of proposed Expressway. The necessary precautions such as provision of balancing culverts / cross drainage structures, in addition to the small bridges will be provided wherever required.


At the end, Shri.Lohalkar, Member and Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Amravati appealed general public to offer comments/suggestions if any regarding the proposed project then after there is no any comments suggestion from public. In a permission of respected president announce end of public hearing. And also thanked the Chairman & public present in the public hearing.

  
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Chairman,

Environmental Public Hearing,  
&  
District Collector, Washim.

  
(Shri. Nagesh Lohalkar)  
Member.

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