

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED NAGPUR - MUMBAI ACCESS CONTROLLED EXPRESSWAY PROPOSED BY M/S MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., FROM ASTHA VILLAGE TQ. DHAMANGAON DIST.AMRAVATI TO WADHONA VILLAGE TQ. CHANDUR RAILWAY DIST: AMRAVATI OF 73.37 KM, PART OF PACKAGE- II.

The public hearing for proposed Nagpur - Mumbai access controlled expressway proposed by M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., from Astha Village TQ.Dhamangaon Dist. Amravati to Wadhona Village TQ.Chandur Railway Dist.Amravati was conducted on 5th July, 2017 at Savitribai Yadav Sabhagruh Tal.Chandur railway Dist.Amravati at 11.00 hrs.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Office Order E – 58 of 2017 under letter No.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-2583, dated 30/06/2017:-

1. **Shri Nitin Vyavhare**
Additional District Magistrate
Dist: Amravati
Chairman.
2. **Shri Nagesh Lohalkar**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati
Member.
3. **Shri Satish Padwal**
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Amravati
Convener.

Shri Padwal, Convener of the meeting 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 30.05.2017 in English and Marathi Newspapers daily Hitwad and Daily Lokant respectively. The details of the project including Executive Summary and EIA were made available at respective respective Govt. offices like District Collector office, District Industries Office, Zillha parishad Office, Pnachayat samiti & Tahsil Office Nandgaon Khandeshwar, Dhamangaon Railway, Chandur Railway Sub-District office Chandur railway Grampanchayat offices (42 nos) 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 (SEAL) of Government of Maharashtra granted ToR in its 128th meeting held on 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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 offices till date. He also requested the public participants to offer suggestions/comments regarding the proposed project after completion of the presentation by the Project Proponent. The same will be recorded and accordingly the clarifications if any will be issued and incorporated in the EIA report to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India.

The officials of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation gave the presentation of the construction of proposed project and Environment Management Plan in detail. 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 by EAC of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, 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. 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 70 cross drainage structures VOP, VUP, LVUP, PUP at 71 locations alongwith 4 major bridges & 49 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 73 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 along with 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, @ 43,000 trees will be planted on along the right of way as against the tree to be cut @ 11,217 Nos. 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. 15.95 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. Shri Gokul Sonavane**, a nearby resident of Wadhona Village enquired about the effect of vehicular movement on the other plantations including various horticulture plots of orange and other fruits. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC informed that the ambient air monitoring in the proposed area is carried out as per the Terms of Reference (ToR) granted by Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra and Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. The prediction modelling of air is also carried out and the modelling

reveled that the Air quality levels will not cross the limits specified by Central Pollution Control Board.

Further he informed that Government of India is planning to implement EURO VI norms from 2020 onwards. Government of India is not only concentrating on the fuel quality but also emphasis is being given on engine tuning of the vehicles so that 100% consumption of the fuel will occur.

2. Shri.Gajanan Chaudhary, a resident of Zada village enquired about the noise pollution and its effect due to proposed vehicular movements along highway. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC informed that as per Terms of Reference (ToR) granted by Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra and Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. The prediction of air and noise modelling is also carried out and the modelling reveals that the air quality will be within prescribed limits.

The noise modelling reveals that at the stretch of 1.88 km at village Chikalivaidya the noise levels may exceed the standards and accordingly the noise barriers have been proposed in that section.

3. Shri. Sahir Badge a resident of Nandgaon-Khandeshwar enquired about the apprehension of pollution due to rest areas proposed at distance of about 50 kms. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC assured that proposed commercial establishments in the rest areas will provide necessary pollution

equipments such as provision of sewage treatment plants for the domestic waste generated from the rest area and solid waste treatment and disposal system as per the provisions of law. In addition to this thick vegetation is also proposed for containment of noise.

4. Shri. Gokul Sonavane, a resident of Wadhona. He raised his concern about apprehension of pollution due to proposed industries to be located in node development which are proposed along the expressway. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC assured that no polluting industries will be allowed in the proposed nodes along the expressway. Only agro based non-polluting industries will be allowed with necessary permission of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
5. Shri. Sachin Vaidya, a resident of Wadhona enquired about air and noise pollution. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC informed that as per Terms of Reference (ToR) granted by Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra and Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. The air and noise monitoring along with prediction of modelling is also carried out. The prediction modelling reveals that the Air quality level of the area will not cross the limits specified by Central Pollution Control Board.
6. Shri. Atul Vaidya, a resident of Wadhona raised the issue of apprehension of air pollution at nearby area due to storage of raw material. Shri.Narendra Toke, Environmental Adviser of MSRDC informed that the Right of way of proposed Expressway is 120

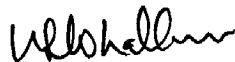
meters which is quite sufficient. It will be ensured that the vehicular movement for transportation of raw material will be carried out within Right of Way as far as possible. Also proper care will be taken during unloading of raw material within Right of Way only.

At the end the Chairman of Committee requested at least 4-5 times to the present public to offer suggestions or seek clarifications, if any regarding the proposed project.

Finally, Shri.Nitin Vyavhare, the Chairman and Additional District Magistrate Dist: Amravati thanked all the participants for their active participation in the public hearing. The suggestions/positive inputs of all the eminent speakers during the meeting will be incorporated in the Minutes of Meeting and will be communicated to MoEFCC, Govt. of India for further needful.

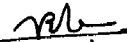
Written objection received on 05.07.2017 by Shri. Pramod Tarhekar Nandgaon Khandeshwar (copy enclosed) & Shri Amol B. Rajkule Shivani rasu (Copy enclosed) regarding non availability of publicity & non availability of study material i.e. EIA, Executive summary etc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



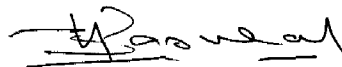
(Shri Nagesh Lohalkar)

Member.



(Shri Nitin Vyavhare)

Chairman.



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Convener.