

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED NAGPUR - MUMBAI ACCESS CONTROLLED EXPRESSWAY PROPOSED BY M/S MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., FROM NHAVA VILLAGE TQ. JALNA TO GEORAI BAZAR, TQ.. BADNAPUR, DIST: JALNA OF 42.725 KM, PART OF PACKAGE- III.

The public hearing for proposed Nagpur - Mumbai access controlled expressway proposed by M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., from Nhava village Tq. Jalna to Georai Bazar, Tq.. Badnapur, Dist: Jalna of 42.725 km, Part of Package-III was conducted on 3rd May, 2017 at District Planning Committee Hall, Collector Office Premises, Jalna at 11.30 hrs.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Office Order E – 34 of 2017 under letter No.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-1802, dated 29/04/2017 :-

1. **Shri Shivajirao Jondhale**
District Magistrate, Jalna,
Dist: Jalna
Chairman.
2. **Dr. J.B. Sangewar**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Auranabad
Member.
3. **Shri J.A. Kadam**
I/c Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Jalna
Convener.

Shri Kadam, 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 this public hearing was published on 31st March, 2017 in English and Marathi Newspapers daily Lokmat Times and Daily Sakal, respectively. The details of the project including Executive Summary and EIA were made available at respective Grampanchayat offices as well as respective Govt. offices 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 Expert Appraisal Committee of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India has granted the ToR for conducting EIA studies in its meeting held on 30.05.2016. Accordingly, MSRDC, the project proponent prepared draft EIA Report. He further stated that no any written suggestion, objection 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, Environment Advisor, MSRDC informed that the Govt of India (GoI) has planned 10 (Ten) world class Express Highways in order to boost the road infrastructure. 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 was 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 about 37 cross drainage structures alongwith VOP, VUP, LVUP, PUP at 30 locations were explained and assured that the rain water along the right of way

will be flown freely and also avoid stagnation of water in the nearby area. In addition to that the proposal of 43 rain water harvesting structures for ground water recharging was also deliberated in detail. The stone 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 storage and supply, 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, @ 23500 trees will be planted on both the sides of right of way as against the tree to be cut @ 3681 Nos. in Jalna district. The Environment Management Plan was discussed in detail and it was mentioned that for control of noise to be generated due to proposed vehicular movement will be contained by providing adequate noise barriers along the sensitive areas of the nearby villages. He further clarified that the budget of Rs. 9.12 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, Convener of the Committee appealed general public to offer comments/suggestions if any regarding the proposed project. Accordingly, the public participants expressed their views and same were clarified by the Project Proponent/Panel Members as under :

1. **Shri Uday Kakade**, a resident of nearby village Akola Digras, Tq. Badnapur, Dist: Jalna suggested to use stone crust instead of sand in the proposed project as the scarcity of sand is well known to everybody and due to excavation of sand from the sand bed area, the rivers are being dried up. The Project Proponent has accepted suggestion and mentioned that considering the engineering aspect the stone crust will be used if permitted as per specifications of IRC.
2. **Shri L.K. Hiwale**, resident of nearby village Tanda, Dist: Jalna stated that the proposed project is passing nearby from his village due to which there will be noise problems in the area. He also further enquired about the arrangement made for use of local


village roads. The Project Proponent clarified that in addition to thick plantation along the right of way, adequate number of noise barriers will be installed after carrying out the noise modeling within a distance of 500 meters at the proposed Expressway to tackle the noise issue. Further, **Shri Shivajirao Jondhale**, the District Magistrate, Jalna & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel clarified that no existing road will be blocked due to construction of proposed Expressway. However, adequate number of under passes will be provided for free flow of traffic along the existing road.

3. **Shri Shivaji Bapurao**, a resident of nearby village in Jalna district wanted to know about the cost of compensation to be offered by MSRDC to the land owner against the acquisition of their land. He also wanted to know about the provision of service roads along the Expressway. Shri Jondhale clarified that no existing roads will be closed as adequate number of under passes are proposed for free flow of traffic along the existing road. As far as the issue regarding cost of compensation is concerned, **Shri Jondhale** assured that the issue will be tackled as per the provisions of law.
4. **Dr. J.B. Sangewar**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel suggested to install two CAAQMS alongwith display at two locations in Package-III to know the air quality within the area. **Shri Toke** welcomed the suggestion and requested to communicate the same to MSRDC so that same can be implemented throughout the whole Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway of 701 km.
5. **Shri Datta Mhaske**, a farmer of nearby village Varud, Dist: Jalna enquired about the policy of land acquisition. He stated that if a small piece of land is left after land acquisition, whether the same land will be acquired by MSRDC or otherwise, since the small piece of land becomes uncultivable. **Shri Jondhale** stated that it will be decided on case to case basis and if a small piece of uncultivable land remain available with the farmer, the same can be acquired considering the quantum of left over land.

Chairman of the Committee promised that the compliance to the suggestions shall be incorporated by MSRDC in final EIA and same shall be appraised to MoEFCC for grant of clearance.

Shri J.A. Kadam, Convener of Public Hearing stated that the views/ suggestions/comments expressed by the public participants will be included in the report and same will be submitted to Government. Thereafter he concluded the Public Hearing with a vote of thanks.


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



(Dr. J.B. Sangewar)
Member.



(Shivajirao Jondhale)
Chairman.



(J.A. Kadam)
Convener.