



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PUNE RING ROAD, WESTERN ALIGNMENT 68.8 K.M.STARTS FROM URSE VILLAGE (Ch+0+00) AND ENDS AT VARVE (KELWADE) VILLAGE (Ch-68+80), PUNE, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY THE MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA UNDERTAKNG, MUMBAI)

The Public Hearing for proposed Pune Ring Road, Western alignment 68.8 K.M. starts from Urse village (Ch+0+00) And ends at Varve (Kelwade) Village (Ch-68+80), Pune, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Maharashtra State road Development Corporation Limited, (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, Mumbai) was conducted on Thursday, the 14th October, 2021, 12.00 noon at Dattakrupa Garden Mangal Karyalaya, Hanuman Chouk, Mulkhed Road, Ghotawade, Tal.-Mulashi, Dist.-Pune.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted following Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 86 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 210930-FTS-0127, dated 30th September, 2021:-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Pune
or his representative
(not below the rank of an
Additional District Magistrate) | Chairman |
| 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune
(Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board) | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II
MPCB, Pune | Convener |

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At the beginning of the meeting, Shri. Nitin Shinde, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to the local people those were gathered outside the meeting hall, requested to come to the hall and please occupy the sit as Hon'ble Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee has come and chaired.

Shri Nitin Shinde, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee once again appealed to the gathered people to come in the meeting hall.

Shri Nitin Shinde, Convener has given his self-introduction and introduction of Shri Himmat Kharade, Additional District Magistrate, Pune and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee and with the permission of Chairman started the proceedings of the public hearing.

Shri Nitin Shinde, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that considering the pandemic situation of Covid-19 all the participants to follow strict guidelines of Govt. of India and State Govt. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the pandol and now it is compulsory to wear a mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons in the meeting hall.

Shri Nitin Shinde, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Himmat Kharade, Additional District Magistrate, Pune and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Project Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) 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.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC), a Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, Mumbai for construction of proposed Pune Ring Road, Western alignment 68.8 K.M.

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starts from Urse village (Ch+0+00) And ends at Varve (Kelwade) Village (Ch-68+80), Pune, Maharashtra.

The Member, Convener further informed that this proposed project falls under Category B which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment Department, GoM, for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation 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 project.

Project Proponent had submitted application to Environment Department (GoM) and as per minutes of the 194th meeting dated 10.2.2021 committee has decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA for grant of amendment in TOR.

As per EIA Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Pune-II, MPCB Pune in the Local Newspaper in Daily Loksatta for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 10-09-2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit. Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001; District Magistrate Office, Pune; Additional District Magistrate Office, Pune; Zilla Parishad Office, Pune; District Industries Centre Office, Pune; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Maval, Mulshi, Haveli, Bhor, Dist – Pune; Sub Regional Office, Pune-II, MPCB, Pune; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB.

Grampanchayat Office – (Taluka Maval)-

Urse; Pachane; Chandkhed; BebadOhol; Dhamane; Parandhawadi;

Grampanchayat Office – (Taluka Mulshi) –

Muthe; Katawadi; Marnewadi; Ambegaon; Urwade; Kasar Amboli; Bhare; Ambadwet; Materewadi; Ghotawade; Rihe; Padalgharwadi; Jawal; Kemsewadi; Pimploli;

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Grampanchayat Office – (Taluka Haveli) -

Rahatwade; Kalyan; Ghera Singhgad; Mordarwadi; Khamgaon Maval; Vardade; Malkhed; Mandavi Bk; Sangarun; Bahuli; Bhagatwadi;

Grampanchayat Office – (Taluka Bhor) -

Kanjale; Khopi; Kusgaon; Ranje; Kelwade.

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project.

Convenor informed that participants can raise their views, suggestions / objections for the proposed project in environmental angle only orally as well as in writing also.

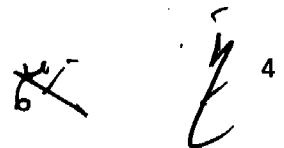
With the permission of Chairman, Project Environment Consultant gave geographical location of the proposed project, impact on the environment due to proposed project and details of Environment Management Plan of the proposed unit.

Project Environment Consultant informed that this Ring Road passes through four talukas viz Maval, Mulshi, Haveli and Bhor. It will be a six lane road, with three lanes for coming and going for three lanes and space is kept reserved to develop one more lane for both sides proposed in the project. Therefore, this project will be 8 lane. There is a belt of 110 meters and the speed of vehicles is assumed 120 kmph. There will be three major bridges, 16 small bridges and two via dugs and total eight tunnels have been planned. At this moment, the participants asked Environment Consultant to elaborate on these issues.

The Environmental Consultant said that we will discuss only after the full presentation. The area of land acquisition here is 764 hectares. The forest area is 47 hectares. Non-forest area is 718 hectares. There are 4 talukas and 37 villages in total. At that time the question was asked –

1) Shri Dinkar Dalvi, At-Kanjale, Tal-Bhor, Dist -Pune :-

Mr. Dalvi has mentioned that we listen as the said public hearing is for western alignment of ring road. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports to all the 37 affected villages have been sent. So, is it in Marathi? We ask here whether the EIA report of 425 pages was made available in Marathi to all 37 villages, it should be answered first.

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If it is mandatory for the Government to submit such report in local language i.e. in Marathi, why it has not been given?

- Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee answered that the said EIA report was received in English and it has been made available to all the Gram Panchayats along with executive summery in English and Marathi language.

He further asked whether this Public Hearing is of West Ring Road and whether is it not required by law that people from every village to come here and register their thoughts, suggestions or objections? If yes, then there is one village Chandkhed in Maval Taluka where District Administration has planned to conduct land survey. Due to this, if people from Chandkhed village is unable to attend, then it was expected that people from the neighboring village were to come. No one from Maval has come today because they are busy in the work of land survey/counting. The five villages in Maval Taluka Pachane, Bebedohol, Chandkhed, Parandwadi and Dhamani are going to affect and people from these villages also not able to attend this meeting. The Government is responsible for this, as two government actions are going on at the same time. The Right of Justice of above villagers is being violated due to today's public hearing. Hence, we demand that today's public hearing should be canceled.

-The Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee told all the audience that their point has been noted. The decision in this regard will be taken by the District Magistrate. He suggested to start the next presentation.

At the same time, the participants objected that the report is in English, so how do we respond to it?

-The Member, Convener said that this question also noted.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said in the meeting that this Committee is constituted to register the views, suggestions or objections of the affected people due to the proposed project and the committee has no right to approve or reject the project. Your thoughts and objections are recorded in the minutes of the meeting and a report will be sent to the Government for their consideration.

Participants again objected that if the Environmental Hearing is called, then whether 400-page EIA report has been made available in local language

here in Marathi to the Project Affected Persons (PAPs). After independence, Language wise States have been made. How you expect that farmers will be able to read the report in English? Also, the EIA report has not reached the affected farmers.

- Convener said that their points have been noted.

Some participants asked which Gram Panchayat the report is sent?

- Convener said that along with the EIA report, the executive summary report has also been made available in Marathi and English. It has been submitted to all the Gram Panchayats.

2) Shri Santosh Ghare, At-Jawal, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune:-

Mr. Ghare pointed out that it seems that the Administration just has to complete the process of the public hearing and not prepared for public hearing. It is wrong to hold this public hearing.

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that this issue has also been noted. Due procedure has been followed as directed by the Central Government for conducting public hearing. If you have any objections, you can report it. It will be sent to the Government.

Participants have objected where the EIA Report have been sent to the gram panchayat?

- Convener read out the letter sent to the Gram Panchayat and showed the acknowledgment given by each Gram Panchayat office. Further he stated that all the Gram Panchayats have been directed to make available environmental reports to the citizens during office hours for study and photocopy will be made available on request.

Mr. Santosh Ghare objected that the Indian Express and Loksatta newspapers from Western Maharashtra do not reach any of the villages here. He further pointed out that Gramsevak and Talathi do not come under their purview due to lack of internet facilities, so these reports came to the Gram Panchayat and it did not happen in any of the Gram Panchayats that they made available to the people. The third point is that even if the link is provided, there is no internet network in most of the villages.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, said that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Executive Summary Report has

been made available online as well as in person to all the grampanchayat offices.

Shri. Ghare objected that even though project is belongs to MSRDC, it is not hosted on MSRDC website. Further he said that grampanchayat and MSRDC should display the notice on board and announce publicly, however same is not happened.

-Convener of the meeting here informed that the said EIA report is available on the website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Further, the objections raised regarding non-availability of EIA report is recorded. The Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the report was made available not only in 36 Gram Panchayat offices, but also in various other notified government offices. He read all the name of the notified office. Therefore, if for some reasons, the copy is not made available at the Gram Panchayat office in the village, then at the respective Tahsil office or at the local MPCB or at the Collector's Office if you had contacted, the copy would have made available.

3) Shri Babanrao Shinde, At-Rihe, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune:-

No oral announcement with drums/Davandi is made in the villages regarding conducting of Public Hearing. Whether MPCB has given directions of it?

- Convener stated that the EIA report, executive summary in English and Marathi are provided to respective Gram Panchayat.

4) Shri Santosh Ghare, At-Jawal, Tal-Mulshi, Dist - Pune

Shri Santosh Ghare here raised objection that this can be concluded that the Administration has to complete procedure of public hearing, though the local people does not know the contents of EIA report. The report is in English. Hence, villagers, local farmers cannot read it. Forever, the report not made available to the public at large. Hence, local people are unable to raise the issues/points.

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed the opinion that the participants can raise any environmental issues. All the points will be noted. It is requested to give opportunity to complete the Presentation. With permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, seven days' time can be given for submission the written suggestions/objections. The written suggestions, objections can be send to the local MPCB office. It will be submitted to Government for consideration.

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5) Shri Rajendra Chorge, At-Ghotwade, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune:-

I am Project Affected Person /farmer and there are nearly 200-250 farmers who will be affected. They do not know that today there is public hearing. The information could have been sent through Gram Panchayat office to villagers. Hence, the Orders should be issued to Gram Panchayat. Also the EIA report should be made available in local language Marathi for common people. The further time period please be given to study the report and then Public Hearing should be conducted.

- Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions and objections of the local people about the proposed project are recorded in the public hearing. Although the EIA report was made available to the Grampanchayat here, it seems that it is not made available to local people for some or other reason. However, it is appealed all for environmental presentation of the proposed project to be completed and seven days period is already given to submit your written suggestions/objections to MPCB.

All the participants said that we will not receive any report or information from the Grampanchayat in seven days and will required time to study the report. Then local people will be able to send their suggestions/objections. Hence, one month time period may be granted.

-Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the villagers should study the EIA report and register their suggestions, objections. The seven days' period is given as a Special Case.

The participants expressed the opinion that seven days' time period is insufficient and time period should be one month.

- Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee declared 15 days' time period and the cannot be extended more.

6) Shri Balasaheb Barate, At- Bahuli, Tal-Haveli, Dist-Pune :-

Shri Barate informed that he has been informed telephonically regarding the Public Hearing. After two days, there is Dasahera Festival, which is very important for all the farmers. Today is Khande-Navami. Hence, today there will be puja of plough, hence today's public hearing is wrong. Hence, this meeting should be cancelled and after ten days or after one month, the meeting can be arranged, it's my opinion.





- Convener informed that by the permission of chairman already 15 days' time period is granted.

7) Shri Santosh Ghare, At-Jawal, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune :-

Shri Santosh Ghare said that we local farmers are ready to co-operate, but Administration should accept that some discrepancies have left while carrying out the process. While sending letter to Grampanchayat it was expected to issue directives for oral announcement with public notice in the village. Secondly, the total Marathi EIA report could have been made available at Gram Panchayat Office for the villagers. The information in Executive Summary is very short. Nobody gets the requisite information. The sentiments of local farmers for the social impact due to this proposed project are serious. In meeting representatives are present hence there may be chances of arguments. To avoid such circumstances one month period should be given and conduct Public Hearing after one month period, which we will be attended by local farmers. Please don't deprive us our democratic rights. Otherwise we will have to boycott this meeting. Please take the decision.

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that Chairman has already extended the period. All of you are requested to submit your suggestions and objections within 15 days.

This time all the participants demanded an extension of one month.

- At that time, there was a discussion between the Convener and the Chairman of the meeting. Afterwards Convener of the meeting announced that considering the issues of the local farmers, the deadline to submit suggestions and objections has been extended by one month by the Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee. Your suggestions, comments, objections should be submitted to the local MPCB Office / Tahsil Office / Collector Office-Pune as per your convenience. All Grampanchayats will directed to make EIA report available publicly to you all. The written suggestions, objections, views will be incorporated in minutes and submitted to Government for further action.

8) Shri Rajendra Chorge, At-Ghotwade, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune:-

Mr. Chorge said that on behalf of all, I request you to make this Environmental Impact Assessment Report available to every

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Grampanchayat in local language Marathi. Similarly, there is a request on behalf of all to cancel this public hearing and conduct public hearing after one month. We are farmers. We do not have all kinds of knowledge of the environment. This meeting should be held in every village, taluka, which will be convenient for people to come.

- Convener of the meeting said that Executive Summary Report has been made available in Marathi. Also, it is unable to conduct meeting in every village and taluka as per rule. This venue is selected and approved by the District Collector Office considering the convenience of the people.

9) Shri Dinkar Dalvi, At-Kanjale, Tal-Bhor, Dist-Pune :-

Shri Dalvi said that on behalf of all, I request that 754 hectares of land would be affected in the 68 km distance in this project. 20,000 people will be affected due to this project those names are on the 7/12. Even one person from the affected family would have come here in Covid's background, he/she would not have been able to sit here.

He said that the meeting of 40 villages arranged here means that the administration wants to make a show for the people. If you want to hold a public hearing, the report should be made available in Marathi. Today's hearing should be cancelled and public hearing should be held in every taluka in next month. So that each farmer can study and will be able to give his own opinion. When Shri Dalvi asked everyone regarding acceptance of above demands, all expressed their support.

The Participants also commented on the social consequences of the report, noting that the land would be available as it would pay a higher price than the market price. But this is not like that.

Hence, additional time should be given to the farmers for study of the report. We have nothing to do with this issue, it is not compounded by law. However, the EIA report should be made available in local language Marathi and a public hearing should be held again after a period of one month.

- Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee already informed that the suggestions or objections should be raised in environmental angle only about the impact on the environment due to the proposed ring road.



10) Shri Rajendra Chorge, At-Ghatawade, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune :-

Shri Rajendra Chorge, while registering an objection, requested that the Administration should accept the request of the farmers. This public hearing should be cancelled and conducted after one month. The EIA report in Marathi should be made available in all Gram Panchayat offices.

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Meeting informed that there are many technical points in the EIA report. Therefore, Executive Summary Report has been made available in Marathi for the understanding of all. The Gram Panchayat will be communicated to make available report publicly. He further said that to register objections one month period is granted.

11) Shri Santosh Ghare, At-Jawal, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune

Mr. Ghare opined that Administration has to complete the public hearing process. They have nothing to do with the farmers' objections, in fact the Committee is not at all interested in the suggestions given by the farmers.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions, views, objections raised during the meeting are noted. The minutes of the meeting will be prepared and after approval of Chairman, it will be submitted to Government. Also video shooting is going on and its CD will be submitted along with minutes of the meeting to the Government. If anybody desires as per the Law, it will be made available.

The participants stated that they have raised issues to the SDO in the past which is not at all considered in this meeting.

- Convener of the meeting informed that this meeting is called to avoid adverse effects on the environment due to the proposed project. The environmental issues that you have raised to the SDO will be presented to the Government after receives to MPCB office.

Convener of the meeting again informed that this public hearing is conducted as per the directives of the Govt. of India. Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee has given one months' time to submit written views, suggestions or objections.

12) Shri. Dinkar Dalvi, At-Kanjale, Tal-Bhor, Dist-Pune:-

Shri. Dalvi said that an Action Committee has been set up by the local people and it will now take a decision in this regard. Further Shri. Rajendra Chorge



said that he is requesting to the Administration that the EIA Report should be made available in Marathi in all Gram Panchayat offices as I said before, EIA Report should be made available publicly, grant us one month period for study, instead of conducting public hearing of 4 Talukas at one place, it should be conducted in 4 Talukas at 4 locations, Oral Announcement with drums/Dawandi should be given in the villages; public notice should be pasted in public places at village; we should be given one month time to study the EIA report; Instead of taking one collective public hearing meeting of four Talukas, separate meeting for all four Talukas should be called. If the Administration desires, then a meeting of two Talukas in the morning and two Talukas in the evening should be called; this public hearing should be cancelled. This should be please accepted by the Administration. Otherwise, the local farmers will have to take different position.

At this time, the Environment Public Hearing Panel discussed with the District Administration, Project Proponent and examined/verified the legal issues in this regard.

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee stated that this meeting is called as per the provisions in the Notification dated 14th September, 2006 as amended in 2009, as issued by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi. He read format of preparation of EIA report. As per the provisions in the EIA notification, the summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report should be prepared in the form of Executive Summary Report in English and local language, here in Marathi. He read out all the provisions of the Notification.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee then instructed the Project Environment Consultant to continue the presentation. Further the Convener said that the Chairman has given one month period as a special case. Your suggestions, comments, objections should be submitted at the MPCB office, Tahshil Office, Collector Office.

13) Shri Rajendra Chorge, At-Ghatawade, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune :-

Shri. Chorge said that the common farmers do not aware about today's topic. However, it is strongly requested that the English EIA report be made available in Marathi and for the study the same one-month time should be given.



- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee again read the provisions in the EIA notification and said that Executive Summary of EIA Report in Marathi is communicated to all the Gram Panchayat Offices and MPCB has followed all the directives of notifications. As it has been noticed that there are some difficulties in getting the report from the Gram Panchayat, the Chairman has given you one month period to file a written suggestions and objections as a special case. However, Shri Chorge was adamant about his own demands and was raising the same issues.

14) Shri Shamsunder Jaygude, At-Kelvade, Tal-Bhor, Dist-Pune:-

Shri. Jaygude opined that I am belongs to on ordinary farming family. There are 3,787 registered/notified trees in my village. It has native and exotic species of trees. He said that he has visited 27 countries of the world. I have received 95 Gram Panchayat awards. There will not be any school, university in Maharashtra where I am not known. The report which is given by Project Consultant, 50% trees of it are in my field only. He said he had asked for government figures on how many trees would be cut down.

- Convener said here that we are sitting down to take note of this. Your objections will be submitted to the government after taking note of all your written objections. We have gathered to take objections and suggestions and we are going to send the minutes to the government.

15) Shri Rajesh Shinde, At- Rihe, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune :-

Shri. Rajesh Shinde said that there was no oral announcement, no reading at public place. Also its needs to conduct separate Public Hearing in every Talukas.

- The Convener of the Public Hearing Committee said that your point is registered here.

16) Shri Rajendra Chorge again said that

Shri. Chorge told that we are giving our precious lands. However, our demand should be considered. This public hearing should be canceled and a public hearing should be held again after one month. He re-read their previous four demands.

-The Convener of the Public Hearing Committee again read the provisions of the Notification. The Convener said that the public hearing was scheduled to be held at the Collector Office. But it is conducted here for the convenience

of the people. The Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee requested to co-operate now to complete the presentation.

Shri Rajendra Chorge again requested that many farmers are illiterate and our demands be accepted. The participants have supported for it.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee here remarked that we are discussing since last 2-3 hours. After considering all the situation, one month time period is given to send written views, suggestions or objections. It can be submitted at MPCB Office or at Tahsil Office or at Collector Office, Pune as per your convenience. He also requested to co-operate to complete the Presentation.

Here, again Shri Rajendra Chorge pressed hard for their four demands EIA report should be made available in Marathi in each Gram Panchayat; Oral announcement with beating of drums/Davandi; Chavadi reading, study Public notice to be pasted in villages at public place; one month period for the EIA and this meeting should be cancelled and public hearing should be called separately at four Talukas after one month.

He said that 97% of the objections sent to the District Administration have not been answered. In the last, Shri. Rajendra Chorge have boycotted the meeting saying that Administration not co-operating with us and most of the participants left the meeting hall.



The Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee told that your all four demands have been noted. On behalf of Government Convener appealed participants to listen the Presentation and to register objections.

The Environmental Consultant has started presentation.

He said that 2.2 km away from the project, the Sinhagad fort is located. Noise levels have been checked at ten places. Project Consultant further informed that there was a risk of landslides in some places. Protective walls will be built there.

Here, it has 54% open land and 11% waste land. 5% of the total acquired land is agricultural land. High levels of TDS and E. coli were found in groundwater. The project will have no effect on drinking water.

In this project tunnels will be constructed in hilly areas as the forest area is in hilly areas.

The project environmental consultant said that according to the Green Highway 2015 policy, if one tree has to be cut down, three trees will be planted.

This project will increase employment and this area will be connected to Mumbai, JNPT at one side and Kolhapur and Bengaluru on other side. The local agriculture crops/commodities will get large market.

On completion of the presentation, the Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing appealed to the participants to raise environmental suggestions or objections regarding proposed project.

17) Shri Santosh Ghare, At-Jawal, Tal-Mulshi, Dist-Pune:-

Shri. Santosh Ghare objected that villagers have submitted many environmental views, suggestions and objections to SDO, PMRDA and MSRDC, however same are not reflecting in EIA report as well as presentation. It means that Public Hearing is only a part of process. Here in the Presentation, it is informed that connectivity will increase. But as I told earlier, over pass, under pass should be checked where it will be built.

If connectivity will increase, then from Pimpoli, Pune is near, but from Pimpoli if the local people desires to go Pirangut, first they have to go to Urse. It shows that increase of connectivity is not at all beneficial to local people. He asked to show over pass, under pass of Jawalgaon on the road.

At this moment, Shri Rajesh Babanrao Shinde, who boycotted the meeting came before the camera and told that I, Rajesh Babanrao Shinde, residing at Vile village, Tal. – Mulshi, Dist – Pune, today the Environment Public Hearing Meeting called at Ghotawade. However, our farmers have boycotted the meeting as some incidents have taken place against our fundamental rights and our legal issues have not been considered. The farmers have boycotted the meeting. The signatures that are expected to be taken at the end of the meeting have already been taken. However, our signatures should not be considered for granted as we came to the meeting and listened to the presentation. We have completely boycotted this meeting and we have left this meeting in protest.

- In reply to Mr. Santosh Ghare, Project Environment Consultant informed that there is a road on 17925. There is a lane for vehicles. 14410 is a VOP (Vehicle Open Pass). Shri. Santosh Ghare further asked what will be done

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at Andhale Road. Shri. Santosh Ghare opined that if the Project Proponent do not have self-study, then ask for time for Environmental Clearance, because the road that leads to the Andhale village, a small road/lane is there, which goes to Jawalgaon.

- Convener told to Shri Santosh Ghare that what is expected should only be informed. Shri Ghare was asked by the Public Hearing Committee to raise any doubts or objections if he desires. He raised the objection that MSRDC has no basic data, because now there is 24 meters reservation of PMRDA, which is not considered here. There is 24 meters reservation in PMRDA draft. Shri Santosh Ghare is not satisfied by the answer given by MSRDC. At this moment, Convener of the meeting directed Project Environment Consultant that Shri Santosh Ghare is speaking for their village and his doubts should be cleared with satisfactory reply.

Shri Ghare asked to show water flowing way. Shri. Ghare requested the Committee to note that MSRDC representatives could not show the water crossing and should study it in detail and show the presentation.



Shri. Ghare objected that natural water sources and flows are not studied. This 14410 is part of the hill slope. There is a natural water flow at every 50-100 feet. Mr. Ghare objected that MSRDC's study on local roads is incomplete. Because not only there is a way to get water, there is paddy field. If the underpass is kept at every 1-2 kms, all the paddy fields along the ring road will be affected.

- Representative of MSRDC informed that not a single water source will be blocked.

Shri. Santosh Ghare while objecting said that MSRDC representatives are giving partial information. Being a farmer, we should get the information regarding underpasses and water crossings from the project officials.

- The Chairman said that it has been recorded in the minutes and the suggestions of Shri Santosh Ghare should be recorded in the proceeding.

Shri Ghare again objected that 14700 is the road which is to take the animals of the village to the water and its water source is below. The Kolhapur Type weir (KT Type) weir is built there.

Shri Ghare again objected that the 600 meter canal is affecting.

While objecting, Shri Ghare said that MPCB should direct MSRDC go on the spot and carry the survey.

- The Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the Project Proponent to take further action considering the issues raised by Shri. Ghare and to inform Shri. Ghare about the same. He should also give a detailed reply to a letter submitted to the SDO Office.

Also the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the project proponent MSRDC, to take further technical action. Shri Ghare objected that there is no complete data on how the water will go.

Shri. Ghare requested that a "Common Study Group" be formed

- The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee directed to reply in writing to the objections raised by Shri Ghare within seven days. Water sources, underpasses, overpasses and all the issues raised by Shri Ghare should be considered and shown on the map. In the same way, Shri Ghare should register his objections within a month i.e. till the 15th November.

Shri Ghare requested a detailed figure on how many trees were found in the counting.

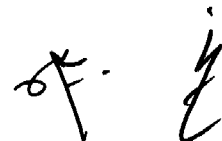
- The Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, directed Project Consultant to inform Shri. Ghare.

Shri Ghare further suggested that barren land is considered in the socio-economic survey conducted while preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment report. Similarly, while planning the ring road, it is directed in the government order that the Project Proponent should avail the services of local people. Whether the services of local people is used and if it used, give the proof that they took part in the survey.

He further objected that there were three alignments prepared by the Project Proponent, which should be shown on Google Maps. He asked about Pimple, Jawalgaon village.

- Representatives of the project proponent promised to make it available.

Shri Ghare suggested that considering the environment, the project should go through barren land on maximum extent. The villages that come along



this ring road are horticultural villages. 700 meter canal nearby to us is not shown on the map of Project Proponent. A report shall be corrected and Public Hearing shall be taken later on as the report is incomplete and Project Proponent is giving vague answers.

- The Member, Convener instructed Mr. Ghare, to submit your objection in writing and same will be incorporated in the proceeding.

Further Chairman, Public Hearing Committee on Environment, directed the Project Proponent, MSRDC, to provide the Basic Survey Report to Mr. Ghare within seven days and Mr. Ghare to submit all the objections within a month. Convener told that further objections shall be submitted to Collector Office, Tahasil Office & MPCB Office.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee again directed the project proponent MSRDC to conduct an inspection with Shri Ghare within seven days. The Chairman directed that the responsibility rests with the project promoters and that Mr. Ghare should be accompanied by other representatives, affected families if they wish to accompany.

The Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been recorded. The minutes of the meeting, along with the written notice, objections received in the next one month will be submitted to the Government. The expert committee will take the further decision accordingly.


Shri. Ghare, while registering the objection, said that it should be noted that no one could raise the objections in the meeting due to lack of information. As a result, the local people have left the public hearing hall.

18) Shri Saurabh Dalvi, Farmer, At-Kanjale, Tal-Bhor, Dist-Pune:-

Shri. Saurabh Dalvi raised that there are no job opportunities in this area? If agriculture is no more, what are we going to do? The people affected by this project are not considered in this project. To make this ring road this area will be made barren by the Government and due to which farmers will expelled.

- Convener told that all these things will be incorporated in the proceeding.

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- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee extended thanks to the participants for being part of meeting and concluded the meeting.

As declared by the Chairman during Public Hearing, concern Grampanchayat, Tahasil Office & Collector Office informed to submit objections / suggestions to be receive in next one month.

The objections / suggestions received during Public Hearing and after Public Hearing and received from above Government Offices are enclosed. Total 13 objections / suggestions enclosed herewith.



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Chairman,

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