

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PUNE RING ROAD AROUND THE PUNE CITY, EASTERN ALIGNMENT, START AT 0+000 ON YCEW NEAR URSE AND END AT 38+340 ON SH-58 NEAR SOLU, DIST. PUNE, MAHARASHTRA 38.340 PROPOSED BY THE MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA UNDERTAKING, MUMBAI)

The Public Hearing for proposed Pune Ring Road around the Pune City, Eastern Alignment, Start at 0+000 on YCEW near Urse and End At 38+340 on SH-58 near Solu, Dist. Pune, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited, a Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, Mumbai was conducted on Thursday, 06th January, 2022; 12.00 noon at Pooja Mangal Karyalaya, Old Mumbai-Pune Highway No.04, Survey No.74/2, Dhore Mala, Vadgaon-Maval, Tal.-Maval, Dist.-Pune.

As per the Notification dated 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01/12/2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 128 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 211228-FTS-094, dated 28/12/2021.

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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 |

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 requested to occupy the seat 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 to conduct Public Hearing for construction of proposed Pune Ring Road around

the Pune City, Eastern Alignment, Start at 0+000 on YCEW near Urse and End At 38+340 on SH-58 near Solu, Dist. 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) for approval TOR and same is approved on 23/03/2021.

As per above 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 30/11/2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery 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 Collector Office, Pune; Additional District Collector Office, Pune; Zilla Parishad Office, Pune; District Industries Centre Office, Pune; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Maval & Khed, Dist - Pune;

Grampanchayat office, Taluka Maval, Dist Pune-

Urse; Ambi, Warale, Akurdi, Nanoli via Chakan, Induri, Sudwadi and Sudumbare;

Grampanchayat office, Taluka Khed, Dist. Pune-

Khalumbre, Nighoje, Moi, Kuruli, Chimbali, Kelgaon, Charholi Khurd, Dhanore and Solu;

Nagar Panchayat Office –

Vadgaon Maval, Tal – Maval, Dist – Pune;

Nagar Parishad Office –

Alandi, Tal – Khed, 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. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project.

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

Convener requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee for permission to start the proceedings.

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 project.

The Environmental Consultant said that the proposed Ring Road passes through Maval and Khed taluka. It will be a six lane road and as a future provision, space / facilities have been proposed for two lanes.

Therefore, this project will be 4 x 4 lane. Proposed road width is 110 meters and the speed of vehicles is assumed as 120 kmph.

Upon completion of the presentation, the Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to register their environmental suggestions and objections regarding the proposed project. While registering suggestions, objections, full name and place of residence to be mentioned, so that it may be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Followings People Have Taken Part In The Discussions And Answers Given By Project Proponent/Environment Public Hearing Committee/Environment Consultant :-

1) Shri Vishwas Kashinath Shelar, Talegaon Dabahade, Dist. – Pune:-

He said that my father's land was acquired three times by the Government and mine four times. Once we were landlords, now we are small-land holders. There will be no land for my son and my grandson will be homeless. Now in the presentation there was an explanation about public amenities. But nothing is there for Maval farmers. We oppose. He further

said that this Ring Road would affect farming. You people acquiring irrigated agriculture land for Ring Road, due to which farmer will be affected and consequently people will move toward city for their livelihood and city will become crowded.

This Ring Road will affect the natural streams, nallas of the area. Due to this, the agriculture/farming activities will be affected. The Agriculture Road/Panand Roads will be closed. If the road passes through the agriculture field, the farmer's farm will be divided, and he will not be able to cultivate. Natural water sources will be cut off. There will be restrictions on the natural movement of wildlife. This will endanger their life.

Shri Vishwas Kashinath Shelar said that we are not against the development. We are giving our land without our wish. But we should get five times the compensation of the land. The affected farmers should be given government jobs. He should be given priority to do business, for this the reservation should be given. It should be assured in writing.

Only then the actual work should begin. Because after completion of the project, no one will ask the affected person.

My farmer brothers from Maval area gave their lands for public utilities 50 years ago, their demands are still pending. Because we are uneducated farmers, we are weak, we are not organized, but the Government is not like that.

He further objected that the land acquired for the Expressway in 2002 were for minor minerals. It was not used. The farmers should get it back. A farmer from Urse village got the land back. But his neighbor cousin brother when applied for getting back the land, he is expelled by giving reference of order issued Hon'ble Kerala High Court in the matter of Bhaskar Pille V/s Hon'ble Kerala State. But the State Government has not considered the reference of Mumbai High Court.

However, the minor mineral land of farmers should be returned back to them. Those lands are idle. This is causing loss of national wealth. Thousands acres of land is in idle condition. Therefore, those lands should be returned back to the original owner/farmers.

Shri Vishwas Kashinath Shelar further said that the natural environment of the village will be polluted. Farmers have never opposed development and will never oppose in future.

But industrial development should be comprehensive. Industrial development should be a boon to farmers, not a curse to farmers and local people. Development is only makes sense if the farmer survives.

He further objected that it is informed here how the road is useful but did not informed anything about acquisition of land of farmer. The children of farmers should get jobs who gave their lands in Maval area. If they do not get it, they may become criminals for their livelihood. This is also a national concern.

For this, the PAPs (Project Affected Persons) please be made available space along this roadside and allow them to carry their small business. Please keep 100% reservation for PAPs. It should be promised in writing and then the Ring Road project be started, its humble request.

The Environment Consultant of the project answered that Shri. Shelar objected the closure of Agriculture roads/Panand roads. The road starts at Urse and ends at Solu, its total length is 38.340 km. Here 70% road will be elevated. The road is planned according to the land structure here.

- Every Agriculture Road/Panand Road, village road, State Highway is considered and is planned. Similarly, where there is a farm/agriculture fields, a subway has been provided so that the farmer can travel on both sides. If the farmer's pipelines are crossing, the crossing is arranged. For this 2.0 m x 2.0 m 6 ft x 6 ft box culvert are planned, hence people can go through it.
- The Environmental Consultant said that here it is objected that the water sources would be affected/closed. At present, according to the survey, 58 wells are being affected. But there are streams, water sources, ponds they are not blocked anywhere. Bridges will be built in each of those places. The bridge has been arranged with all due consideration.
- The Environmental Consultant further said that the objections regarding land compensation, return of land do not fall under the purview of Environmental Consultant, Project Proponent i.e. MSRDC, so at present no information or assurance can be given in this regard.

2) Shri Jalindar Jagannath Gade, Sudvadi, Tal – Maval, Dist – Pune:-

All the farmers are against the Ring Road. But you don't want to listen or trust the farmers. Many farmers expressed their grief. The Environmental Consultant has replied that it is not within our purview to return the land and increase the compensation. So they are going to exploit the farmers in the same way?

He further said that I have land at Chakan-Talegaon. The land is affected due to widening of road. This Ring Road goes through our gut no. 97. The railway track is also planned. It passes through gut number 276. Moreover, PMRDA has also laid roads. It will pass through gut no.210.

If there are so many roads and trains passing through the field, what should the farmer do? The worst is yet to come. Now you are not listening to us for Ring Road, Railways and PMRDA will not listen to us. So the farmer will get justice or not?

The farmer is simply called as the King. Then, whether farmer should be hanged? Hence, trust the farmer. Our fertile agriculture lands will be acquired for this project, but barren land (i.e.Malran) will be free in our area. The land from Navlakh Umbre village and from other area, the fertile land will be acquired, but Malran i.e. barren land will be free. Take the road from there, we have no objection. We have good water sources available here, our fertile land is acquiring, hence we oppose this project. Please accept our request.

3) Shri Dnyanoba Gavare Patil, Moi, Tal – Khed, Dist – Pune: -

While raising the objection he said that now you have seen the problems of the farmers. Shri Patil said that my 5.5 acres of land will be affected, which is irrigated agriculture land, we are going to be landless, homeless. The agitation of four-five thousand people does not seem to have had any effect on Government.

Shri Patil said that you have come here to listen the environmental issues, He said that we want to raise objections and we need further time period for that. He also objected that the Ring Road is 15 k.m. away at Mulshi, Bhore area and here it is just near, proposed very close.

He said that the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra had told Project Proponent that the Ring Road should be constructed excluding irrigated agriculture land/area. He said that we will not give up the Ring Road till the end. Why a 110-meter ring road? We told MSRDC to take the third one out of the three alignments you made.

Shri Patil requested the Environment Public Hearing Committee to communicate the Government the true environmental situation. The Government should be fully informed about how many wells will be affected,

how many bore wells, how many irrigated agriculture lands, how many trees will have to cut down.

However, we the farmers residing in the area of 38 km., locals will not give land even if they die.

He further objected that how this ring road will benefit our villagers. We do not want the pollution of Pune.

He said that as we have to raise the objections at Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, the time limit should be given. This project should not be granted Environment Clearance.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that, we respect the feelings of the local people.

He further told that the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee has accepted your request and 15 days' time period is given. You can submit your suggestions, objections upto 20th January, 2022. You can submit it after detailed study how many trees, wells, Irrigated Agriculture Land will be affected.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked MSRDC that the points raised by local people like execute project on barren land instead of agriculture land, saving of wells and trees should be discussed with your experts. The suggestion raised by the local farmers is noted and will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee further told that the said committee is constituted to convey your suggestions, objections, raised here to the Government. This Public Hearing Committee does not take any decision of sanction or rejection of the project. The project is sanction at Government level only. This Committee is constituted to Convey your feelings, opinion, suggestions or objections to the Government. He appealed all participants to raise the issues.

4) Shri Rajendra Bajirao Gade, Tal-Maval, Dist.-Pune: -

He said that the Junior Cadre Officers of the Project Proponent are attending, who are giving just time pass answers. The top officers who knows the project well is not attending this meeting. We have many

questions. Basically how this road will go, how much its width in our area? But the officers are not informing the details. The local farmer is not informed about this project.

District Collector-Pune assured in the meeting that we will first give top priority to solve the issues of the local farmers. Nothing is done. There are many environmental issues –

- a) How many acres of Ring Road which starts from Urse village and ends at Varve village falls in this western ghat. How many acres are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List?
- b) Whether MSRDC has obtained prior No Objection Certificate from all the affected villages?
- c) Whether Project Proponent has made available EIA report in local language Marathi? Whether ToR is explained in local language in Marathi by the Project Proponent?
- d) The local people object that in actual more agriculture field will get affected than the mentioned in the report.
- e) Whether No Objection Certificate is obtained from Soil Conservation Department of Govt. of Maharashtra?
- f) Whether Project Proponent/Concerned Agency has planned any preventive measures for landslides to avoid human and natural harm? Same is not mentioned in the presentation.
- g) There it is not mentioned that how much compensation will be given if there is fertile land.
- h) Maval, Bhor, Mulshi and Haveli are agricultural talukas and it is not stated what measures will be taken to prevent crops from dust emissions due to the ring road.
- i) How the availability of water is planned for this project? Similarly, there is no planning/ information about the waste generated.
- j) The local people have a strong oppose to the trees cutting and destruction of forest trees.
- k) Who counted the number of trees to be cut down for this ring road, because the locals are doubtful regarding numbers of tress and numbers of trees to be affected shown less. Which

procedure is carried out for counting of trees? The report shown that 720 trees would be affected, but locals said more trees were being affected.

l) Will the affected farmers be given adequate compensation; will they be given another piece of land? There are no details of the standards laid down by the Indian Road Congress.

m) There is no mention regarding the measures to be taken for pollution during construction. We have a clear allegation that the damage to agriculture was not taken into consideration while planning the ring road.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee requested Shri Rajendra Gade to submit the suggestions, objections in writing. At that time, Shri Dyanoba Gaware Patil told that they have 45 written questions they will be present after the meeting.

He objected that Executive Summary and EIA report is purposely loaded in English, so that local person cannot raise any objection.

Shri Gade said he had asked about 46 questions. However, this project should not be started without resolving the issues of all the affected farmers. He submitted his statement in writing to the Chairman of the Committee. At that time Mr. Gyanoba Gaware Patil also submitted a written statement to the organizers.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the Executive Summary is made available in Marathi and English. You can study it and submit your Say to local MPCB Office. The acknowledgment of the same will be given. It will be submitted alongwith minutes of the meeting to Government.

5) Shri Balasaheb Gavare, Moi, Tal – Khed, Dist – Pune :-

Mr. Balasaheb Gaware said that our five generations were dependent on this agriculture. Our five generations depended on agriculture and dairy farming. The farmer works in the field, cultivate crops, so you officials can eat. But if farming is destroyed due to these project then what will our next generation do?

Almost all my farms are affected by Ring Road, Railways and PMRDA. What we will eat. MLAs and MPs have earned so much. However, we request that our farmland shall be excluded.

6) Shri Gulabrao Govind Baraskar, Wadgaon, Tal -Maval, Dist-Pune:-

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) has organized a public hearing for Pune Ring Road Eastern Alignment Urse to Solu here today. Many farmers are not informed for this public hearing.

Though this is a very important project and positive discussion going on most of farmers have not been informed.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should not do the job of spreading misunderstandings. Because it will hinder this good work and create misunderstandings while paying compensation to the farmers. However, it should be informed to whom and when the messages is sent.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that all the information has been given at the beginning of the meeting. As you came late for the meeting, I am informing again that –
- As per Notification as issued by Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006 (As amended from time to time), it is mandatory to publish 30 days in advance public notice of Environment Public Hearing in a local newspaper for local language and in one national newspaper for English. Hence, as per Notification here, public notice was published on 30th November, 2021 in local newspaper daily Loksatta for Marathi and in English in daily Indian Express.
- As per the Notification, the EIA report and Executive Summary report was made available at notified Government Offices 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;

Grampanchayat office – (Taluka Maval)-

Urse; Ambi, Warale, Akurdi, Nanoli via Chakan, Induri, Sudwadi and Sudumbare;

Grampanchayat office – (Taluka Khed) -

Khalumbre, Nighoje, Moi, Kuruli, Chimbali, Kelgaon, Charhjol Khurd, Dhanore and Solu

Nagar Panchayat Office –

Vadgaon Maval, Tal – Maval, Dist – Pune;

Nagar Parishad Office –

Alandi, Tal – Khed, 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. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project.
- Convener of the meeting informed that acknowledgment receipt from all Gram Panchayat offices is received to MPCB office and photo copy of the same will be made available, if desired.

7) Shri Baraskar objected that these two daily newspapers are not common in this area. Here, Shri Dnyanoba Gavare Patil objected that EIA report is purposefully made available in English. Local farmers cannot understand English. He further stated that the copy of the minutes of the meeting which will be submitted to Government be made available to local people.

8) Shri Dnyanoba Gavare Patil objected that Notification was published on 3rd May by Sub Divisional Officer. We registered our objections. Still the objections have not been heard. It is not surveyed also. He said that already 4-5 months have gone. The agitators are against the project. Our 5 ½ acre land is affected. There are 50 names on 7/12.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee here informed that as requested by you, Hon'ble Chairman has extended 15 days time. Here again Shri Dnyanoba Gavare Patil demanded that copy of the minutes of the meeting shall be made available to villagers.
- Convener informed that the suggestions, objections raised will be noted. This minute of the meeting will be made available to local people, if they desired.

9) Advocate Dilip Dhamale, Tal – Maval, Dist – Pune:-

Advocate Dilip Dhamale opined that a public hearing has been held here today. Most of the local people opinion that they are not aware about today's public hearing. So you should take the phone number of one of the PAPs and give them idea of a public hearing or you should adopt another method so that the local people know the outline of this program.

- a) He said that the Administration has fixed stickers on the affected trees. But for that, age of the trees should also be taken into consideration. Therefore, due to the age of the tree, the potential of the fruits and flowers of that tree will be known to everyone immediately.
- b) The Project Proponent MSRDC should plant trees five times than the affected by the project.
- c) There is a road through hilly area at Urse, the animals go from one side to the other. You have planned for tunnel here. If it is moved a little to the north, the animals will be able to move from place to place according to their natural movements.
- d) There are many water sources at hills. If water facility is made available, the animals can use it.
- e) The Project officials have planned this road from Urse. The road from Urse to Wadgaon road widened to 90 meters. However, the road is not constructed then the land should be returned to the farmers, the minutes of the meeting should be prepared considering demands of the farmers. Because at that time MSRDC did not consider the demands of the farmers. Local farmers and MSRDC should come together and work out a way out for the mistakes that were made at that time.
- f) Every year Ready Reckoner is announced by the 31st of each year. It hasn't happened yet. This causes injustice to the farmers. The price of each commodity should be 10-15% and the farmers should be given extra compensation.
- g) Farmers are told five times compensation of the price of land, which is creating confusion in the minds of farmers. Because the land use is different for various activities like industrial, commercial

and other activities. Hence, all the documents should be checked in the Collector Office while paying the compensation.

- h) Identity cards should be issued to the farmers as affected people who give their land. Similarly it should be made mandatory at the government level that priority should be given to the children of the affected farmers.
- i) The State Government has made Road Development Plan for 2001 and 2021. It should be implemented. The Project Proponent in the affected village should spend some amount from CSR fund for social activities. He said that MSRDC should co-operate for implementation of the drinking water scheme.
- j) At the government level, the demands of the farmers should be considered sympathetically. Along with the compensation, some plans should be made in the interest of the farmers.
- k) It is requested that Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee should extend the time limit upto 25th January instead of 20th January, so that local farmers can get time to study and for submissions.

Advocate has again raised the point that suggestion is already given regarding change in road which passes nearby Bhandara Hill. So information regarding same should be given.

10) Shri Prakash Jamkar, Tal – Maval, Dist – Pune :-

A lot of land has been acquired for MIDC in our village and the Ring Road work is going on the rest of the land. We lose a lot of land. The condition of our village is very bad. If anybody goes to ask for a job, the company deny.

He further demanded that what you will do for the farmers children from this Ring Road.

- The Environmental Consultant for the Project Proponent while answering said that we welcomed the suggestions received regarding Bhandara Hills, considering spiritual value of Bhandara Hill, some suggestions were received. As per the instructions from the Deputy Chief Minister we have made changes near Bhandara Hills.

The participants demanded to explain the changes.

- The Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent, while answering said that the temple which is on Bhandara hill, there was an old plan which was one km to the south. Now the existing road has been diverted 300 meters to the right and then the road will be as planned. Therefore, the base of Bhandara Hill is not affected.

11) Shri Rajendra Bajirao Gade informed that Bhandara Hill design was planned by MSRDC in three types viz Sky Blue, Blue and Red. Three types of plans have been sent to the Government. He said that there is distance of one k.m. between Chakan Talegaon road and Ring Road. The distance of 3.0 km is between Interchange and Bhandara Hill. You crosses the road three times. Basically, the plan that you sent to the government is not acceptable to us. That is a mistake.

Shri Gade demanded that, if you build a bridge of one k.m. at Chakan Talegaon road, you will not have to pay for any land compensation here. He alleged that MSRDC has planned to cut down 2,000 trees on Chakan Talegaon Road, which is totally wrong. He urged Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to look into the matter. Shri Gade said that if the road is taken across the Indrayani river, 2,000 trees will be saved. We will not allow a road near Bhandara hill as planned by MSRDC.

- Convener of the meeting appealed them to give their suggestions in writing also.

Shri Gade further objected that, if the road is built from Urse through MIDC, then all the villages in 37 k.m. it means from Ambi village to Moi village will be saved and large irrigated agriculture land will be saved.

12) Shri Ravindra Sorde, Alandi gaon, Tal- Khed, Dist – Pune :-

He said that everyone knows the importance of Alandi village. Adjacent to the Banayan Tree on the Samadhi is the barren land, which belongs to Forest Department. As lot of people gather there every day which contribute the pollution. Plan the project there.

- Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed the view that many people have registered suggestions and objections. If you want a presentation, it can be made available on your email, cell phone. You can submit your suggestions or

objections regarding the technical issues at local MPCB office, District Collector's Office, Sub Divisional Office / Prant Office.

The views, suggestions, objections will be submitted to the Government along with the minutes. The Chairman said that after considering the issues, time period is extended to 25 January 2022 upto 6.00 P.M. to register your suggestions and objections. You can submit your statements by post, in person, by mail.

- The Chairman said that all the suggestions, objections will be sent to the Government, including the objections for Alandi, Moi, Bhandara Hill.

Many participants objected that when they visit the MSRDC office they do not get proper treatment. Similarly, we request the Chairman to instruct the Khed Sub Divisional Officer to take statements from the farmers. Farmers have ordered to go out during the hearing.

13) Shri Dattatraya Gade Patil, Sudumbare, Tal-Maval, Dist-Pune:-

Bhandara Hills, Bhamchandra Hills are a holy place. Most of the people here have registered suggestions and objections about the Ring Road. Here the Government is in oppose of the farmers. The study should be carried to check how many farmers will become homeless due to this Ring Road.

14) Shri Ankit Prakash Kad, Induri, Tal – Maval, Dist-Pune:-

Our family have been cultivating in Induri village since last ten years. Considering Maval taluka, irrigated agriculture land starts from Induri village. We have been cultivating crops since many generations on indrayani river water. Now Government has planned to build the road of 110 meters through such a agriculture field.

If you are going to take the road through the such a fertile land, will the land use not change? and if the land use changes, will the pollution increase or decrease, whether it is surveyed? For the last several thousand years, there have been farms, crop of Guava. If the garden is destroyed and 70,000 vehicles pass through the Ring Road every day, will it not be polluted? Isn't the pollution of Pimpri Chinchwad is on the lives of farmers?

He further said that 45 meters of space is required to build a four lane road. 60 meters space will be too much. If you want a six-lane road, you can

make it 75 meters. However, we farmers are wondering why you want to build 110 meters of road and take our farms. If the road is 60 meters or 75 meters, then the farmer can cultivate his fields. You say that the road will be taken through our fields, but do not tell us what compensation will be paid. It seems that this road is for the rich, not for the farmers.

He further pointed out that Bhandara Hill was considered. We have been saying for many years, do not remove the irrigated agriculture land of Induri, Nanoli etc. There are irrigated lands here.

Shri. Ankit Kad said that barren land/Malran is on the other side of Bhandara Hill. MIDC land is there. Hence, the project should be taken from there and the reservation should be changed.

15) Shri Prashant Ramchandra Dhore, Induri, Tal –Maval, Dist–Pune:-

He said that many meetings have been held, but the Administration gives false satisfaction to the farmers. You have decided to make the road from here. Then to hold meetings to waste time of the farmers. The Authorities are lying with the farmers. We have often given statements to the people's representatives. After several requests you do not held meeting with Collector. You just listen to the orders of superiors and cheat the farmers, are you going to solve our grievances, do you have that right?

- Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that we respect the sentiments of the participants. But this Committee is constituted for environmental issues of the proposed project. This dais is not for the demands made by some participants. There is separate government agency for it. You can ask Justice from them.

At this moment, Shri Dhore objected that we had meetings with Prant Officer 4-5 times. Tahsildar is also here. But meeting is not arranged with District Collector. He opined that there will be pollution. You are just hearing of the Government.

- Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed again that this committee is not for the points you are raising. This Committee is for environmental issues only. Hence, it is requested to raise environmental issues of the proposed project and same will be noted.

At this time Shri. Dhore said that we farmers are not in the situation to listen. We can commit suicide. The Sub-Divisional Officer should tell, we have made so many requests, they have not replied to any one in writing.

- Convener of the meeting again told that, the points raised by you are related to the Sub-Divisional Office and District Collector's Office. The Sub-Divisional Officer and Deputy Collector have come here to take notes on environmental issues. The points you have raised are noted.

At this time Mr. Dnyanoba Gaware Patil said that many meetings were held with the Sub-Divisional Officer, Tasildar. We will co-operate only if meeting will held with Collector.

Shri Dhore asked the Sub-Divisional Officer when we will have a meeting with the Collector?

- The Sub-Divisional Officer said that, the time limit of West Ring Road was till January 4, 2022. We made tables of all this, we wanted to publish its gazette, because it was ready, we didn't pay attention to other things. If we had not done so by January 4, 2022, the first notification would have been canceled. The rate would have been affect. Therefore, the current survey process has not been carried out. However, the time and date will be informed after discussion with the Collector. We have not surveyed the land of your village. It will be done only after discussing with you.

Here, Shri Dhore objected that we had taken the date two months ago. Even after two months, the date is not available.

- The Sub-Divisional Officer said that, understand the process. When we survey and counts the plot, counting is a small matter. At that time 7/12 reports of all the numbers from the year 1930 are scrutinised. Once the search report of each gut number has been drawn up, assessment of valuation communication to Government, prepare a report on the complaints is a long process.

It takes a long time to prepare report of everyone. It doesn't happened that land measurement done and a very next day report submitted. As 4th

January was the last date, special attention has to be paid there. So the process could not be carried here.

At this time, Shri Dhore objected that the date of the meeting of the District Collector should be fixed first.

- The Sub-Divisional Officer said that, I have no objection to the date of the meeting with the District Collector. This is a government project. It is the government's job to implement it."

At that time Shri Dhore said that we have irrigated agriculture land amongst four brothers, which is near the river. He objected that the PMRDA had diverted the road to exclude some areas. When Orchards, horticultural areas will be affected, then that is also pollution.

- Sub-Divisional Officer said that understand the legal process. We take note of the objections raised by the farmers. Then we come for the measurement of land. When the survey of land is done, the record of orchards and land noted. Afterwards the opportunity of hearing offered. Such hearings have been completed with video recording in my Bavdhan office. The hearing has to be held in camera and it is a legal procedure.

At this time, Shri Dnyanoba Gaware Patil objected that first hearing should be held and then counting of land should be done. This objection should be noted.

Shri Rajendra Bajirao Gade said that it has just been informed that no further action will be taken till the Pune Collector does not convene meeting of four villages.

At this time Tahsildar said that, you have raised second point regarding meeting with District Collector, now the Additional District Magistrate present here and he will speak.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee told that as per the discussed in the meeting, it my responsibility to arrange the meeting with District Collector. He instructed Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee to conclude the meeting.

While concluding the meeting, the Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, said that the Chairman of the meeting has given the deadline of January 25, 2022 for written suggestions, objections about the proposed project considering the difficulties faced by the local people. However, you should submit your written objections to the local office of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. All written views, suggestions, objections will be submitted to the Government along with the minutes of the meeting.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that it seems that the questions of the participants are over, hence with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, he declared that the public hearing meeting is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

The views, opinions, suggestions, objections received total 02 by MPCB are enclosed herewith.



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