

Minutes of Public Hearing Panel in respect of proposed Tapi Irrigation Development Corporation, Jalgaon (Maharashtra) is proposing to establish Lift Irrigation Project named “Kurha Vadhoda Islampur Lift Irrigation Scheme” Village Rigaon (Lifting), Taluka: Muktainagar Dist: Jalgaon reservoir at village Islampur Taluka Jalgaon (Jamod) Dist: Buldhana (Maharashtra) dtd. 30.11.2023 at 12.30.00 hrs., at Construction Camp, Near Islampur Dam, At. Islampur, Tq. Jalgaon (jamod) Dist: Buldhana.

Tapi Irrigation Development Corporation, Jalgaon (Maharashtra) is proposing to establish Lift Irrigation Project named “Kurha Vadhoda Islampur Lift Irrigation Scheme” Village Rigaon (Lifting), Taluka: Muktainagar Dist: Jalgaon reservoir at village Islampur Taluka Jalgaon (Jamod) Dist: Buldhana (Maharashtra). The said Public Hearing has been conducted as per the provisions made in the notification dtd. 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest (Climate Change). Accordingly, the Public Hearing in respect of the sand mining projects has been conducted on 30/11/2023 at 12.30 hrs. at Construction Camp, Near Islampur Dam, At. Islampur, Tq. Jalgaon (Jamod) Dist: Buldhana. The Hon’ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Office Order No. E-76 of 2023 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-231102-FTS-0234, dtd. 02/11/2023 of constitution of Environmental Public Hearing Committee to conduct the said Public Hearing.

The following members of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee were present for the Public Hearing.

1. Hon’ble Shailesh Kale, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jalgaon Jamod – Chairman.
2. Shri S. D. Patil, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati – Member.
3. Shri M. D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Akola – Convenor.

The public notice for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing has been published in Daily “Lokmat” (Marathi) and Daily “Hitwada” (English) on 26/10/2023. Accordingly the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted on 30/11/2023 at

12.30 hrs. at Construction Camp, Near Islampur Dam, At. Islampur, Tq. Jalgaon (Jamod) Dist: Buldhana.

The Public Hearing was started with due permission of Hon'ble Chairman. Shri M. D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub Regional Officer, Akola welcomed the participants present in the Public Hearing. He further briefed about the requirement of conducting Environmental Public Hearing of the said project. He further stated that the Tapi Irrigation Development Corporation, Jalgaon (Maharashtra) has submitted Environment Management Plan, Executive Summary (English & Marathi) in respect of above project. The said documents were made available at following offices for the people residing in the project area / environmental groups in order to obtain suggestion / objections, if any, from the concerned.

1. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, 15 floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
2. Collector Office, Buldhana.
3. Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion(E), Mumbai- 22.
4. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sahakar Surbhi Bapatwadi near Vivekanand Colony, Amravati – 444606
5. Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Alsi Plot, Opposite Hutatma Smarak, Neharu Park Chouk, Akola.
6. Zilla Parishad Office, Buldhana.
7. District Industries Center, Buldhana.
8. Sub-Divisional Office Jalgaon Jamod, Malkapur, Dist. Buldhana.
9. Tahsildar Office Jalgaon Jamod, Nandura, Malkapur Dist. Buldhana.
10. Nagar Panchayat Sangrampur, Dist. Buldhana.
11. Gat Grampanchayat, Wadgaon, Tal-Jalgaon Jamod, Dist. Buldhana.

12. Grampanchayat :- Asalgaon, Dhanora, Nav (khurd)] Palashi Supo, Rasalpur, Kherda Khurd & Sungaon Ta. Jalgaon Jamod, Dist. Buldhana.

With the permission of Chair Shri M.D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, Akola and Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee briefed about the procedure of Public Hearing and requested the Project Proponent to give the presentation regarding the project.

The Executive Engineer, Shri Uttam Dabhade had given the presentation regarding said project.

Shri M. D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, Akola stated that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has not received any objection/suggestions in respect of the said project. He appealed the participants to raise their suggestions /objections.

Shri Jabaroddin Patel, Res. Islampur asked that which villages will be given the solar system and water purifiers that will be given to us. The benefits of solar and water purifier should be given only to the project affected villages.

In this respect Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer said that solar system will not be provided through this project however solar street lights will be provided. These street lighting projects will be given to the affected villages on priority.

Shri Zaidoddin Patel, Res. Borgaon Shambhu said that the people whose land has been acquired should be given work first. Interests were promised regarding job placement by the project.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer said that since the project started till now 23000 people have been given benefit of work from time to time through this project. But after the project actually starts, the local people will be given employment.

Shri Sahdev Damodar, Res. of Islampur said that the land has been purchased for this project since 2009-2010. But the purchase was made at a low rate. The said purchased land should be given the current purchase rate.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer said that earlier in total 424 cases the land have been purchased through private negotiation. It is not possible to increase the price of land which has been purchased earlier.

Shri Sahdev Damodar, Res. Islampur asked that when will the work of this dam be completed and when will the farmers get the benefits.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer explained that the work of the said dam is 60 percent completed. The work has been stopped because of environmental clearance has not been issued by the concerned authority. Hope to get the same in next two months. Further works will be done according to availability of funds.

Shri Sahdev Damodar, Res. of Islampur asked that last year as per the news published in the newspaper Irrigation Deptt. had received 2226 crore funds for the project. How is it possible that there is no funding for the project anyway?

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer explained that the administrative approval of 2226 crores has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for this project. But environmental clearance has not been received yet.

Shri Sahdev Damodar, Res. Islampur asked how the work of the project is going on despite the lack of environmental clearance.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer explained that the environmental hearing of the project was conducted in the year 2010-2011. But due to the violation of environmental laws, an environmental public hearing has been organized according to the new proposal.

Shri Sahdev Damodar, Res. Islampur asked why you are acquiring land even though the farmers are ready to buy it directly.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer explained that some farmers did not approve for direct purchase in the year 2017-2018. Therefore, the proposal of land acquisition has been sent to the collector's office.

Shri Santosh Majre, Res. Vadgaon Gad said that I have approved the purchase of land by direct purchase 3 years ago.

Shri Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer Hon. Requested the President to approve direct purchase.

In this respect the Chairman said that if there are direct purchase proposals, they will be accepted in the same form.

Shri Sukhdev Wankhade, Res. Navkhurd said that the purchases of those times were made by putting pressure on the farmers and showing them greed. Not a single person has been given the job. The job was not given as per the certificate.

Shri Sheikh Sadiq Sheikh Bahadur, Res. of Vadgaon said that if the land is not purchased, they were threatened that the land will be purchased through the collector. I had a total farm of 4 acres. The certificate was not issued. It is a good job that the dam is happening. But our agriculturists should be given the price as per today's price.

In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer said that the price of land purchase is decided by the Collector on the recommendations of the committee and given accordingly.

Mr. Omkar Dabhade said that nobody has threatened any farmer to purchase the farm by force.

Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer explained that regarding questions related to land, the matter will be resolved by holding a meeting with the Collector. However, the representation related to land should be given in written form.

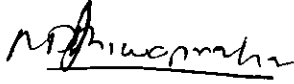
Mr. Adilkhan Nazirkhan said that my land Gut No. is 102. I had 13 acres of land. Of which, 7.5 acres of agriculture land has been acquired. I have no road to the remaining 7.5 acres. I should be given a bullock cart road to go to agriculture.

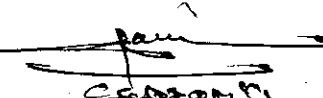
In this regard Mr. Uttam Dabhade, Executive Engineer said that the employees/officials of this department will visit his farm and a way will be worked out in this regard.


Shri Rajendra Gandhi said that there has been a discussion that the dam is going to be built for the past several years. Dry land still does not get water. It is a request

from all the farmers to complete the dam work as soon as possible and give benefits to the farmers.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chairperson the Public Hearing concluded with vote of thanks.


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