

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TEMBHU LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT, DISTRICT SATARA, SANGLI AND SOLAPUR, MAHARASHTRA (109 VILLAGES) PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, SANGLI WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MAHARASHTRA KRISHNA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MKVDC), DISTRICT SANGLI- 416415, MAHARASHTRA. THE UPSA IRRIGATION SCHEME PROJECT PROPOSED TO PROVIDE THE BENEFIT OF IRRIGATION TO THE TOTAL 53 VILLAGES IN SANGLI DISTRICT SUCH AS 15 VILLAGES IN KHANAPUR TALUKA, 13 VILLAGES IN TASGAON TALUKA, 13 VILLAGES IN ATPADI TALUKA, 8 VILLAGES IN KAVTHE-MAHANKAL TALUKA AND 4 VILLAGES IN JAT TALUKA. DIST-SANGLI. MAHRASHTRA.

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed project for proposed expansion of Tembhu Lift Irrigation Project, District Satara, Sangli and Solapur, Maharashtra (109 villages) proposed by project proponent the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sangli Water Resources Department Maharashtra Krishna Valley Development Corporation (MKVDC), District Sangli- 416 415, Maharashtra. the Upsa Irrigation Scheme Project proposed to provide the benefit of irrigation to the total 53 villages in Sangli District such as 15 villages in Khanapur Taluka, 13 villages in Tasgaon Taluka, 13 villages in Atpadi Taluka, 8 villages in Kavthe-Mahankal Taluka and 4 villages in Jat Taluka was conducted on Wednesday, the 21st Feb, 2024 at Auditorium, Vita Panchayat Samiti, Vita, Taluka Khanapur, District – Sangli, Maharashtra at 11.00 am.

As per the Office Order of The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E-29 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-230426-FTS-022, dated 26-04-2023 and accordingly following were present for this public hearing.

- 1) Dr. Raja Dayanidhi, -
Chairman
District Magistrate Sangli.
- 2) Shri. Jagannath S. Salunkhe, - Member
Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur,
- 3) Shri. Navnath S. Awatade, -
Convener
Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sangli.

Shri. Navnath S. Awatade, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sangli, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Raja Dayanidhi, District Magistrate, Sangli and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. Jagannath Salunkhe, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of The Hon'ble Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) 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.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, was in receipt of application from Project Proponent Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sangli, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for their Proposed project for their Proposed Expansion of Tembhu Lift Irrigation Project, District – Satara, Sangli & Solapur, Maharashtra. The Upsa Irrigation Scheme Project proposed to provide the benefit of irrigation to the total 53 villages in Sangli District such as 15 villages in Khanapur Taluka, 13 villages in Tasgaon Taluka, 13 villages in Atpadi Taluka, 8 villages in Kavthe-Mahankal Taluka and 4 villages in Jat Taluka. Accordingly, as per Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi's Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and amended notification, as it falls under Category 1 (C), the said project is required to obtain "Environmental Clearance" and to conduct environmental public hearings in advance the today's hearing has been organized.

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 unit.

The Project Proponent submitted an online application dated 09 August 2023 for grant of preliminary approval (ToR) to the said project by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi and preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment

Report on 9th August 2023 and the application was approved online by the Government of India on 2nd November 2023 has been granted.

After approval of the Hon'ble Collector, Sangli to hold the said public hearing on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 at 11.00 PM, The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide his office order no. E. 29 / 202, vide letter No.BO/JD/WPC/PH/B-23042-FTS 022 dated 26-04-2023 constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee.

As per the said notification, 30 days advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sangli in the Local Newspaper in "Daily Sakal" for Marathi language and in National Newspaper "The Times of India" for English language on 19th January, 2024. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit. Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as under -

1. District Collector, Sangli.
2. District Industries Center, Sangli.
3. C.E.O. Zilla Parishad Office, Sangli.
4. Zonal Office, Western Central Zone, Environmental, Forest and Climate

Change Ministry, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing,

Civil Line Nagpur-400 001.

5. Deputy Secretry, Environment Department, Govt. Of Maharashtra, New Adm. Bldg., 15th Floor, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai.400 032.

6. Member Secretary, M.P.C.Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 32.
7. Regional Office, MPC Board, Udyog Bhavan, Kolhapur.
8. The Tahsildar, Tahasil Office, Khanaur, Tasgaon, Atpadi, Kavathe-Mahankal, and Jath. Dist-Sangli.
9. The Gramsevak, Grampanchayat Office, Bhadkewadi, Bhikwadi Budruk. Ghoti Budruk. Ghoti Khalsa, Renavi, Revangaon, Shendgewadi, Aianwadi, Banurgad, Dhondgewadi, Ghatgewadi, Jadhavwadi, Zakhinwadi, Khusbawde, Tadchiwadi, Taluka-Khanapaur, Dist-Sangli.
10. The Gramsevak, Grampanchayat Office, Kachrewadi, Biranwadi, Dahiwadi, Waifala, Yamgarwadi, Dhondgewadi, Dongarsoni, Kindarwadi, Lokrewadi, Narsewadi, Savalaj, Vijayanagar, Vadgaon, Taluka-Tasgaon, Dist-Sangli.
11. The Gramsevak, Grampanchayat Office, Ambewadi, Bombewadi, Gulewadi, Kalewadi, Khanjodwadi, Lingivare, Padalkarwadi, Pandharewadi, Pimpri Khalsa, Pujarwadi (Dighanchi), Rajewadi, Umbargaon, Vibhutwadi, Taluka-Atapadi, Dist-Sangli.
12. Gram Sevak, Gram Panchayat Garzewadi, Kundlapur, Raiwadi, Jakhapur, Jaigavan, Karewadi, Lonarwadi, Shelkewadi, Taluka-Kavathemahankal, District Sangli.
13. Gram Sevak, Gram Panchayat, Bevanur, Valekhindi, Navalwadi, Singanahalli, Taluka-Jat, Dist-Sangli.

Convener informed that, till date have not received any written suggestions/objections to the Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sangli regarding the said project. However, if the citizens present today have any objections or suggestions if any, they can give them in written or oral form.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted orally or in writing.

The Convener said that the suggestions / objections raised by you will be recorded in the minutes. Similarly, the revised environmental assessment report of the project promoters will be submitted to the Central Government through the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai for further action, taking note of the video recording, video footage, suggestions and objections raised in the meeting. After that the technical consultant of the project was requested to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, the project Environmental Consultant while presenting about the project and the Environmental Management Plan said that to provide the benefit of irrigation to the area of 41003 Hecter from Vanchit 109 villages in Satara Sangli and Solapur districts, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra on 30.09.2023, the 8 TMC water availability has been finally approved. Every year the people here are suffering from drought. The demand of people's representatives and farmers regarding providing water to these villages has been pending for many years. It is proposed to provide irrigation benefits to the area of 41003 Hecter of 109 villages in 9 Talukas of Satara Sangli and Solapur Districts.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. While asking

questions, full name and residential address should be informed. This will be recorded as it is in the minutes of the said hearing.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/ Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee:

Sr. No	Name and Village	Opinion Presented
1	Prof. Shri. N.K. Hipparkar, Walekhindi, Tal Jath, Sangli	There is no any Environmental objection on the proposed project. Requested to complete the proposed project as soon possible. Also the Proposed Tembhu project is environment enriching.
2.	Shri. Shankar Shinde Tembur (Retired sub divisional engineer), Bevnur, Tal Jath, Sangli.	Bevnur village has been included in the extended project and there is no any objection on the proposed project. Also requested to complete the project soon possible.
3.	Shri. Mohan Rangrao Jadhav, Dahiwadi, Sangli	Eight villages near Dahiwadi had not received irrigation facility but now has been included in Tembhu project. There is no any Environmental objection on the proposed project. Also requested to complete the proposed project soon possible.
4.	Shri. Dathu Pandurang Waghmode, Gulabwadi, Sangli	Gulabwadi village does not even have a drop to drink. This scheme has benefited. No objection

5.	Shri. Krushna Baburav patil, Captain, kerewadi, Tal Kavthe mahankal	Requested to complete the proposed pipeline as soon as possible
6.	Shri. Pramod Shivaji Shendge, Pedh, Sangli	Pedh village (near 5 wadi) is included in the said extended project and there is no environmental objection
7.	Shri. Prashant Udhav Kulkarni, Savlaj	There is no any environmental objection
8.	Shri. Shankar Nivrutti Shinde, Gram Panchayat Sadashya, Benapur, Sangli	Requested to complete the proposed project soon possible. Also requested to release water from Balwadi to Wagholi Shirdhon. There is no any environmental objection
9.	Shri. Sagar Raghunath Pawar, Gram panchayat Sadashya tadachiwadi tal. kanapur	We request to add the village in Tembhu proposed project. There is no any environmental objection on the proposed project
10	Shri. Shivaji Shinde, Maji Sabhapati, Jath Panchayat Samiti, Valekhindi	There is no any environmental objection. Due to` proposed project the farmers would not be dependent on fodder camps
11	Shri. Pankaj Tanaji Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Vaiphale	There is no any Environmental objection on the proposed project
12	Shri. Atul Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jakhapur, Tal. Kavate Mahankal	8 Villages are included in the proposed project and there is no objection.
13	Mr. Gajendra Shrimant Pise, Public Appointed	As there is a large afforestation in Avalai and Pisewadi village if the

	Sarpanch Avalai, Pisewadi, Shernoli Br. Gram Panchayat	tank will fill, it will be beneficial in summer.
14.	Shri Hanmant Khilare, Vice President, Khanapur Taluka (BJP)	Stone Crusher project to be investigated (Not related to public hearing)
15	Shri. R J Patil, Vaiphale	Congratulation and best wishes for the proposed project. Also there is no any environmental objection.
16	Shri. Daji shreeram Pawar, Yenavadi (Agastyawadi Public Appointed Sarpanch)	Request to release water from Agasthyawadi – yenwadi – dholare – jadhavwadi - Gorewadi. there is no any environmental objection.
17	Shri. Dhanaji Patil, Raiwadi, Tal Kavte Mahankal	It is requested to lay pipe of 800 mm diameter from Wakhurde to Raiwadi lake to release water to Mahadev Khora. Also, the PDN line should be laid from the canal passing through Nagaj and water to be released in the embankment to Nilesh manes farm. As there is a scheme to provide water to 7 villages from Raiwadi lake, the scheme should be completed as soon as possible. Hence no any Objection.
18	Shri. Sandeep Tatya Thombare (BJP Vice President) Khanapur	There is No any Environmental objection. Question- But please clear about why you fear of some side effects.

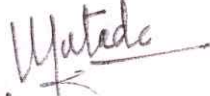
		Answer- Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Department, Sangli explained that for any industrial or irrigation projects, public hearing is mandatory as per the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
19.	Shri. Sandeep Shivling Mali, Savalaj, Tal. Tasgaon, Dis. Sangli	No any Environmental objection
20	Shri. Sanjay Laxman Patil, Wadgaon, Tal Tasgaon, Dist Sangli	No any Environmental objection

Hon'ble Shri. Sanjay Kaka Patil, Member of Parliament, Hon'ble Mr. Gopichand Padalkar, Member of Legislative Council and other respected public representatives as well as all citizens present unanimously raised their hands and expressed their support/approval for the said project and requested the government to make efforts to complete the said irrigation project as soon as possible.

After that the Hon'ble Chairman Dr. Raja Dayanidhi, District Magistrate said that the main purpose of this Environmental Public Hearing is to get the public's opinion on whether there is any environmental negative side to the extended Tembu project. Also opined that this is a statutory provision. Therefore, both the departments prepared a report at the earliest and directed to take further action assuming that there is no objection related to the environment.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing thanked all participants, project officials, government officials, Police Administration and on behalf of Chairman declared the meeting as concluded.

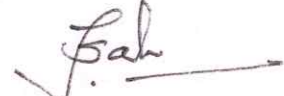
The hearing proceedings started at 11.00 am and ended at 01.30 pm.



(Navnath S. Awatade)

Convener,

Environment Public Hearing Committee
And Sub Regional Officer,
M. P. C. B. Sangli



(Jagannath S. Salunkhe)

Member

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(Dr. Raja Dayanidhi)

Chairman,

Environment Public Hearing Committee
And District Magistrate, Sangli