

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY HARBOUR, BREAK WATER CONSTRUCTION, QUAY WALL CONSTRUCTION, DESILTING OF THE HARBOUR AND OTHER ANCILLARY MATTERS IN TOTAL AREA OF 12.5 HECTORS AT MOUJE HARNE VILLAGE, TALUKA-DAPOLI, DISTRICT – RATNAGIRI, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD, HOME DEPARTMENT (PORT & TRANSPORTATION) , 2nd FLOOR, INDIAN MERCANTILE CHAMBERS, RAMJI KAMANI ROAD, BELLARD ESTATE, FORT, MUMBAI – 400 001, MAHARASHTRA.

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed project of Development of Fishery Harbour, Break Water Construction, Quay Wall Construction, Desilting of the Harbour and Other Ancillary Matters in Total Area of 12.5 Hectors at Mouje Harne Village, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri, Maharashtra proposed by Project Proponent M/s Maharashtra Maritime Board, Home Department (Port & Transportation), 2nd Floor, Indian Mercantile Chambers, Ramji Kamani Road, Bellard Estate, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001, Maharashtra was conducted on Friday, the 09th February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at Mouje Harne, Barawadi Satkarya Mandal, Malekar Hall, Near Harne Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

Shri Sanjay Jirapure, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chiplun and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Chandrakant Suryawanshi, Additional District Magistrate, Ratnagiri 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 and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present in large number and with permission of 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 and 14th August, 2018, 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 M/s Maharashtra Maritime Board, Home Department (Port & Transportation), 2nd Floor, Indian Mercantile Chambers, Ramji Kamani Road, Bellard Estate, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for their

proposed project of Development of Fishery Harbour, Break Water Construction, Quay Wall Construction, Desilting of the Harbour and Other Ancillary Matters in Total Area of 12.5 Hectors at Mouje Harne Village, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

Convener further informed that, proposed Project as per EIA Notification, 2006 falls under Category B 7 (E) which requires to obtain prior Environment Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Mantralaya, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai 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 unit.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application alongwith pre-feasibility report to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Mantralaya, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai on 04-07-2023 and it has been considered and given online approval on 17-10-2023.

After sanction of District Collector, Ratnagiri to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 09th February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m., and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), 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- 110 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-240117-FTS-0130 dated 17/01/2024.

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| 1) District Magistrate-Ratnagiri or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai - Regional Officer – Kolhapur, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chiplun | Convener |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chiplun in the Local Newspaper in Daily Ratnagiri Times for Marathi and in National Newspaper Daily Indian Express for

English on 07th 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 –

- 1) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur – 440 0001;
- 2) Hon. District Collector, Collector Office, Ratnagiri,
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Ratnagiri,
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ratnagiri,
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Dapoli, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri.
- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri,
- 7) Sarpanch/Gram Sevak, Gram Panchayat Office-, Harne, Pajpandharii, Adkhal, Anjarle, Asud, Murud, Karde, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri,
- 8) Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 9) Member Secretary – Head Office – Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No 8, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022
- 10) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, District Collector Office, Kolhapur – 416 002
- 11) Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Parkar Complex, 2nd Floor, Gala No.224, Behind Nagar Parishad Office, Chiplun, Taluka – Chiplun, Ratnagiri – 415 605
- 12) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai;

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that no objections are received against the project.

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 by orally or in writing also.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, suggestions, objections and has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The

suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Similarly, the revised Environmental Impact Assessment Report of the Project Proponent should have to be submitted to SEIAA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government Mumbai after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting after approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same He requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project.

Environment Consultant of the project said that Harne is a village situated on the west coast of Ratnagiri district in the Konkan division of Maharashtra and is a major fishing port with a large fishing and fish distribution business. There are about 600 fishing boats operating here and considering the large scale of fishing, infrastructure is not available to meet the needs of fishing boats and fishermen.

Local fishermen have been demanding for many years a well-equipped fishing harbor at Harne. Therefore, the Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra has prepared a proposal to develop Harne Fish Port.

Environmental Consultant informed that the project has been approved under the Government of India's Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) vide letter dated 22nd August, 2022.

The said project has been granted administrative approval by the Government of Maharashtra on 6th June, 2023.

State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra has granted Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance (CRZ Clearance) to the said project on 26th September, 2023.

The fish handling capacity of the proposed fish port is 79,970.0 tons per annum.

He said that the total cost of the said project is Rs 205.25 crore and after the completion of the port with all facilities, it will be handed over to the Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra.

After completion of the Presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise any suggestion, objections in respect of project proponent in environmental angle only. While informing, full name and address should be mentioned.

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

1) Shri Harishwar Harichandra Kalekar, Chairman, Harishwar Sahakari Machhi Vyavsaya Sanstha Ltd., Taluka-Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri:-

Our organization fully supports the project regarding the proposed construction of fish harbor at Mauje Harne, Taluka-Dapoli, District-Ratnagiri. We fully agree. But guidance/explanation should be given regarding the following points:-

How many jetties will be there in the port? Which jetty will it be, pillar jetty or substantial jetty? What is the arrangement for water supply, what capacity is it going to be?

We demand that two types of water should be provided, one for drinking purposes and one for domestic usages. Who will pay the water bill?

What is the provision of roads? We have a bridge. Only bullock carts ply here, so transportation from the jetty to the main road needs to be arranged. Are there arrangements for local women and local men to sell? If not, what are you going to do? Are separate toilets and bathrooms provided for men and women? If not, it should be done.

Also, is there a rest house arrangement for the local Koli/Fishermen brothers, if not, are you going to do it? Are you going to arrange a restaurant? Information about Waste Management Plan should be given.

Diesel sales arrangement and information for all organizations should be given. Is there a navigation tower system? Is there a system of stalls and shops for the local citizens,

police chowky, availability of medical services, security guards in the project and so on. Are there facilities for cold storage, processing units in the port?

After the port is fully constructed, who will look after it?

Environment Public Hearing Committee directed Project Environment Consultant to give the answers

Project Environment Consultant informed that all the suggestions, views and objections raised have been noted. Here answers are given to few questions.

Project Environment Consultant replied that after the completion of the project, it will be handed over to the Fisheries Department, Government of Maharashtra and all its maintenance and other arrangements will be looked after by the Fisheries Department of the Government of Maharashtra.

According to your suggestions, separate toilets for men and women will be provided in the project. A fish selling center will be constructed to sell fish to the local people. Similarly, approach road has been arranged and it has been shown in the map. After handing over the project to Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra, all the expenses including water bills will be borne by the concerned department i.e. Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Maharashtra.

2) Shri Abdur Hajamane, Ex. Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Dapoli, Chairman, Suvarnadurg Macchimar Society, Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri:-

As mentioned in the presentation, this jetty is essential for all fishing community. Similarly, the questions raised by Shri. Kalekar in the meeting have also been answered. Suvarana Durg Macchimar Society has no objection to this project. I am telling our project brothers here that you need this Jetty, this project is very essential. Therefore, our fishing community will be happy and prosperous. This project is supported by all fishing societies.

3) Shri Ravindra Yashawant Mehendale, Villager

Whether land is available for construction or whether additional land is to be acquired for the project?

Environmental Consultant said that the project will be developed in the space available for the project.

4) **Shri Balkrishna Nago Pavashe, Executive President, Harne Macchimar Sangharsha Samiti, Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-**

All information about the project has been given in the presentation and it has been approved by our Harne Macchimar Sangharsh Committee. There will be no problem in constructing any project here. We will continue to support you in completing the project.

5) **Shri Nandkumar Gopichand Chaughule, Director, Shri Ram Macchimar Co-op. Society Limoted, Pajpandhari, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri:-**

The problem we face is the diesel distribution system. Our diesel distribution system is outlet driven, not closed. Is there any planning for that? Because open stock is dangerous. There are seven companies and their tankers, each with a stocking capacity of twenty thousand liters. So, whether each will society get space for four tankers to park the same? Because some societies are out of our working zone. So is there any room for them all?

Environmental Consultant said diesel distribution has been planned as per Government rules.

At that time, Shri Harishwar Harichandra Kalekar, Chairman, Harishwar Sahakari Machhi Vyavsaya Sanstha Ltd., Taluka-Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri informed that there are 7 – 8 societies and asked Is the space planned with future needs in mind? Because if it falls short, it will create other problems.

Also whether underground tank for diesel will be permitted by Hon. Collector and other Competent- Authorities? So what is the plan for it?

Project Environment Consultant said that while planning the project, a DPR (Development Project Report) has to be prepared in advance, it includes all the issues which is raised in this meeting. The same has been done here.

Considering the future requirement, how many liters of diesel will be required has been studied. But if the local societies desires to submit some written suggestions about how many liters of diesel they will require considering the future needs, they can submit it. It will be included in the revised EIA report and will be submitted to Government.

Here, Shri Harishwar Harichandra Kalekar, Chairman, Harishwar Sahakari Machhi Vyavsaya Sanstha Ltd., Taluka-Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri raised the objection that whether enough space is made available to accommodate all societies, otherwise only some societies will get space and some societies will have to park diesel tankers outside.

At this moment, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Environmental Consultant to explain the question of whether some places have been planned keeping in mind the need of diesel in the future.

Environmental Consultant said that the space is available as per present requirement and local people and societies can provide planning for future their requirement.

Project Environment Consultant showed the map of the project and said that according to the project planning, a space of 70 meters X 35 meters has been reserved for fuel and space behind it is available and it can be used in future.

Project Environment Consultant further informed that Development of Harne Port will be carried by Maharashtra Maritime Board and later it will be handed over to Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra. Therefore, the relevant government department will look after the management and handling of it.

6) **Shri Suresh More, Ex. Dy. Sarpanch, Harne Grampanchayat, Presently Ice Seller:-**

Efforts are being made to solve difficult issues in this meeting. In the presentation, the information about the proposed project and the facilities which will be provided due to it has been given. 10-12 people have ice selling business in this Harne port. So, is there a plan to provide them any space for their livelihood? Or whether Government will make any alternate to ice sellers.

Environmental Consultant said that in the planned project, space has been reserved for ancillary facilities.

7) **Shri Mahesh Mahadeo Pawar, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-**

This being a Jetty project, it is comprehensive. The problems of fishing community, villages in the area and many other sections of the society dependent on fishing will be solved. But the approach road required for this project passes through the market, where there is a lot of congestion. However, a new road should be planned for this project and funds should be provided for it.

Environmental consultant said that this suggestion has been accepted and the said proposal will be submitted to the government.

8) **Ms. Sana Kazi, Member, Harne Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-**

When the construction of the jetty will start, how long will it take to complete the work, and will fishing activities and business at Harne harbor continue? If the fishing activities have to close for construction activities, then who will compensate for it?

Environmental Consultant said that a proposal will be submitted to the government after today's public hearing. Government approval is expected in two months after that. Construction is expected to take two years. All the construction work will start gradually without starting immediately. The construction is planned in such a way that the business will not be shut down during the construction phase. Just need to change the place. So no one's business will be closed, no one will suffer.

9) **Shri Bharat Joshi, Trainer Chief, Home Guard, At Present Residence – Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-**

If the proposed project is going to have oil tankers, diesel and if there is an accidental fire, is there any safety system planned at the place? Only firefighting system is not sufficient, but a fire brigade vehicle is also necessary.

Harne is a village with a population of eight to ten thousand people. Boats cost more than lakhs. However, in the new project it is necessary to arrange a fire brigade vehicle and space should be reserved for it. Also there is a need for an ambulance and space should be made available for fire brigade vehicle and ambulance. The approval should be sought from the Government.

Environmental Consultant said that the proposal will be submitted to the government as per the above suggestions.

10) Shri Gopichand Chaughule, Owner of Boat, Pachpandhari, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-

The presentation contains information about the project and the facilities to be provided. But there is no information about drinking water system and ice . Also, nearly 12 hectares of land will be acquired for this jetty. So where will the platform of the jetty will be? Where will its drainage and where is the ETP going to be located? Explanation please be given.

Project Environmental Consultant said that the ETP will be operationalized on the right side of the project where the auction hall is located.

Shri Gopichand Chowgule asked the next question that the rest house for sailors and the fishermen's societies demanded to have a big hall for meeting.

Environmental Consultant said that there is a rest house arrangement for the sailors. But there is no arrangement of the hall.

Shri Harishwar Harichandra Kalekar, Chairman, Harishwar Sahakari Machhi Vyavsaya Sanstha Ltd., Taluka-Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri demanded that there are many fishermen societies and they need meeting hall for their discussions. Here Project Proponent remarked that rest house can be used for it.

11) Shri Nadim Balruddin Walav, Residence – Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-

There are small and big suppliers at Harne port. So is there any place reserved for them?

Environmental Consultant said that the project has a large auction hall. Also, space has been reserved for ancillary service. Hence, it can be accommodated there

12) Shri Rajendra Nagu Chaughule, Director, District Macchimar Sangh :-

The project is supported by individuals and all fishermen's associations. A good project is happening, so all the fishermen are happy. Harne Port is a famous port and also as a tourist port Harne Port is a developed port. If there are any facilities for tourists, it should be explained.

Environmental Consultant here said that Harne port is being developed for fishermen and not for tourism.

Shri Harishwar Harichandra Kalekar, Chairman, Harishwar Sahakari Machhi Vyavsaya Sanstha Ltd., Taluka-Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri asked whether navigation system will be made available here?

Project Proponent informed that special provision is there for Navigation. Accordingly, there is navigation channel.

13) Shri Raisa Memon, Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-

I am speaking on behalf of small and large suppliers here. So whether space is reserved for us and what is the government procedure to get it?

Project Environmental Consultant said that the responsibility of the Maharashtra Maritime Board is to develop the port. After that, the developed port will be handed over to Fisheries Department, Government of Maharashtra. The fishermen society then should contact the Department of Fisheries.

14) Shri Ismail Ibrahim Naik, Member, Harne Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri :-

Everyone has expressed their opinion in the meeting. That's right. However, we request that this project should be launched as soon as possible.

15) Shri Bramhanand Kururikar, Owner of Boat :-

We want the said project to be done as soon as possible. Our question is where to keep/park our boats for the four months of monsoon? Because it is not possible to keep it at creek. Can the boats be taken to the jetty for repairs and any changes?

Environmental Consultant said that there is space for boat parking and provision is made for boat repairs.

Shri Kurulkar questioned how many boats would normally be accommodated.

Environmental Consultant replied that the port's capacity does not depend on the number of boats, but on the fishing capacity. Twelve to fifteen thousand tons of fish are inbound and outbound at Harne port. In future, we are planning for 79,000 tonnes. It means we are arranging 4-5 times more than today.

At that time, Shri Kurulkar asked the question whether two hundred boats could be accommodated in our language.

16) Shri Abdur Hajamane, Ex. Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Dapoli, Chairman, Suvarnadurg Macchimar Society, Harne, Taluka – Dapoli, District – Ratnagiri - informed that we all fishing community and all gram panchayat offices are supporting the project.

While concluding the meeting, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked all villagers and remarked that the public hearing has been conducted in a very positive and friendly atmosphere. While supporting development, participants have given very insightful suggestions to solve their problems in the future by being aware of their rights. Apart from environmental issues, this will definitely be taken into consideration while addressing the issues here as an Administrator.

However, I suggest to Maharashtra Maritime Board that even though the local people have given full support to the development of the port, they should continue the work in such a way that the business of the local fishermen should not be disturbed during the development of the port.

He thanked everyone and declared the public hearing is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Written suggestions/objections received:- Nil.



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