

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PAVNAR (DISTRICT WARDHA) TO PATRADEVI (DISTRICT SINDHUDURG) OF SHAKTIPEETH EXPRESSWAY (WARDHA DISTRICT COMPONENT) OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AMRAVATI DTD. 26/11/2025.

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. Executive Engineer of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Amravati has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed Construction of Pavnar (District Wardha) to Patradevi (District Sindhudurg) of Shaktipeeth Expressway (Wardha District Component). The Public Hearing was held at Hotel Hariram Tower, Murarka Layout, Near Dadaji Dhuniwala Math, Wardha-442001 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Sanjay Teli, Additional District Magistrate, Wardha. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur attended as a Member of the public hearing panel, and Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur-II as a Convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.00 a.m. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the citizens present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

INTRODUCTION:-

Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Amravati has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed Construction of Pavnar (District Wardha) to Patradevi (District Sindhudurg) Shaktipeeth Expressway (Wardha District Component). The application for Public Hearing on the environmental aspects of the proposed project was submitted to the M.P.C. Board, HQ, Mumbai on 10/09/2025. Accordingly, the Board vide letter No. MPCB/JD/WPC/ENV-PH/B-250912-FTS-0198 dated 12/09/2025 had issued instructions to initiate the process of Public Hearing.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

Public Hearing procedure was initiated with the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing panel. The Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II welcomed the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens and others.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and the same will be communicated as it is to the Government. Chairman also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision regarding accordance of approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestions orally or in writing.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Sakal' (Marathi) on 21/10/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Copies of the Environment Impact Assessment & executive summary containing salient features of the project in English & Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public before 30 days in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram

Panchayats as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing during the notice period of the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-77/2025 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-251031-FTS-0050 dtd. 31/10/2025. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**. One online suggestion through email was received to MPCB in the notice period. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-II and Convener requested the project proponent to give the detail presentation about the project. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in Marathi language. Project proponent explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire-fighting facilities, manufacturing process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impact, Land environment, climate and meteorology, Air Environment, existing water quality, water consumption, biological environment, socio-economic environment, impact on local infrastructure, environment management plan, air emission, preventive maintenance / inspection etc.

After the presentation Sub-Regional Officer & Convener Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod requested the citizens to express their views, comments, concern & suggestion after mentioning their name & name of the village.

FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW;

1) Shri. Vijay Dharmasares, Deoli.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	My farmland is located in Deoli. I have not received any information from the government authorities during land survey. Also, a copy of the land survey panchnama should be provided.	A Panchnama is prepared during land survey. A copy of the said Panchnama can be obtained from the concerned Land Records Department. Also, necessary instructions and information in this regard will be provided from time to time.
2	The proposed expressway will divide my farmland into two parts. Since the expressway is at about 10 feet height, how will be the drainage of rainwater from the land adjacent to the highway? What measures have been taken for this aspect?	Culverts and underpasses will be provided at every 500 meters of the highway and drainage channels will be constructed to enable drainage of rainwater and easy crossing of the highway.

2) Shri. Narendra Ingle, Kajalsara

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Is the project's DPR available online or in PDF format?	You can obtain the DPR of this project from the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporations Office.

3) Shri. Virendra Darne, Wabhaon

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There will be increase in air pollution due to proposed expressway which will lead to increase in respiratory diseases. Also, noise pollution will disturb the peace of the villages.	During construction phase there is a possibility of noise, air, water pollution. All measures will be taken by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation for abatement of pollution. Noise barriers will be installed near urban settlements to reduce noise pollution.
2	There have been a large number of accidents on the Samruddhi Highway. What measures will be taken for prevention of accidents on this expressway?	Point noted.
3	Farmers have not received any information from the government authorities during land survey. Also, many existing trees are not mentioned in survey sheets.	A Panchnama is prepared during land survey. A copy of the said Panchnama can be obtained from the concerned Land Records Department. Also, necessary instructions and information in this regard will be provided from time to time.

4) Shri. Harshvardhan Gholhar, Deoli

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The proposed expressway will be passing from the Deoli Municipal Council limits. Since MIDC Deoli and Butibori-Tuljapur highway are also near the town, pollution in the town will increase. Hence, the proposed expressway should be diverted 1 to 2 km outside the town.	The alignment of proposed expressway has been approved by the Maharashtra Government. The proposed alignment is studied as per the ISO standards set by the Government. A comparative analysis of several options is carried out and the option that receives the highest score is finalized.

5) Shri. Mangesh Bhuse, Padegaon

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The proposed expressway will divide my farmland into two parts. What arrangements will be made to cross the highway from one side to another?	Culverts and underpasses will be provided at every 500 meters of the highway and drainage channels will be constructed to enable drainage of rainwater and easy crossing of the highway.
2	How will the water of the adjacent land be drained? What measures have been taken for this aspects?	
3	What will be the compensation offered for the farmland.	A Committee of the District Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer is appointed regarding land acquisition and the said committee will take the appropriate decision in this regard.

6) Shri. Ganesh Wankhede, Dhotra (Railway)

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The expressway will pass through which part of the Dhotra (Railway) village.	You can obtain the DPR of this project from the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporations Office.

7) Smt. V.N. Khanderao, Grampanchayat, Isapur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The proposed expressway will be passing from the land on which village well, pipeline and switch room are located. Hence, alternate arrangements should be made for drinking water supply.	Point noted.

8) Smt. Manjusha Bobde, Grampanchayat, Watkheda.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	600 trees were planted three years before under MNREGA on the Watkheda to Kajalsara Pandan road. All these trees will be cut during construction of the expressway.	About 11,500 trees will be cut in Wardha district. Once the highway is completed, 52,000 trees will be planted within two years and then their maintenance and repair will be done by the contractor for five years.

9) Shri. Nitin Ingole, Kajalsara

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Kajalsara village has also planted trees on the Watkheda to Kajalsara Pandan road. All these trees will be cut during construction of the expressway. Measures should be taken for tree plantation.	About 11,500 trees will be cut in Wardha district. Once the highway is completed, 52,000 trees will be planted within two years and then their maintenance and repair will be done by the contractor for five years.

10) Shri. Devendra, Deoli.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	How many trees will be cut due to the construction of expressway and how many trees will be planted?	About 11,500 trees will be cut in Wardha district. Once the highway is completed, 52,000 trees will be planted within two years and then their maintenance and repair will be done by the contractor for five years.

11) Shri. Irfan Pathan, Sawangi (Meghe)

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	At what distance toll booths will be set up on the expressway and what will be the toll fare?	Toll plazas will be set up at the Entry Interchange and Exit Interchange of the expressway. Toll fares will be determined by the Government.

12) Shri. Vinay Mahajan, Isapur

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	What will be the per acre compensation of the farmland.	A committee headed by the District Collector and comprising of various Government Officers is constituted by the Government and the said committee decides the remuneration. MSRDC does not take a decision in this regard.
2	My farmland is located on the proposed expressway. What decision will be taken regarding acquisition of remaining farmland like 5R/10R.	A Committee of the District Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer is appointed regarding land acquisition and the said committee will take the appropriate decision in this regard
3	My farmland will be divided into two parts. What arrangements will be made to cross the expressway from one side to the other?	Culverts and underpasses will be provided at every 500 meters of the highway and drainage channels will be constructed to enable drainage of rainwater and easy crossing of the highway.

13) Shri. Vijay Pote, Isapur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	My farmland is adjacent to the Yashoda River. The entire village will be affected if the river is blocked due to the expressway.	No natural streams and rivers will be obstructed by the expressway. Bridges will be constructed at such locations.
2	The canal road used to access the farmland will be closed due to the proposed expressway. An alternative road should be provided.	Culverts and underpasses will be provided at every 500 meters of the highway and drainage channels will be constructed to enable drainage of rainwater and easy crossing of the highway.
3	Isapur village is located adjacent to Deoli MIDC. The land in Isapur should be valued according to the market price of land in MIDC and Deoli city.	A committee headed by the District Collector and comprising of various Government Officers is constituted by the Government and the said committee decides the remuneration. MSRDC does not take a decision in this regard.

14) Shri. Suresh Wadkare, Digras.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The market value of my land is high since it is located adjacent to the road. The market value of other fallow farms is comparatively low. Therefore, while paying compensation, the market value should be taken into account and paid accordingly.	A committee headed by the District Collector and comprising of various Government Officers is constituted by the Government and the said committee decides the remuneration. MSRDC does not take a decision in this regard.

Chairman of Environment public hearing panel and Additional District Magistrate, Wardha appreciated the public for peacefully raising the suggestions and objections. He further said that the opinions and suggestions put forward by citizens will be incorporated in the minutes and will be sent to the Government. Also, if anyone wants to record their views in writing they are advised to submit them to the committee or submit them to the MPC Board, Office, Nagpur/Collector Office, Wardha through email. He also thanked the public present for the public hearing. After that, it was declared that the public hearing was over.


(Hema Deshpande)

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and**

Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur


(Sushilkumar Rathod)

**Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
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Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-II.


(Sanjay Teli)

Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel

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Additional District Magistrate, Wardha