MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF CHANNAKA –KORTA (RUDHA) BARRAGE ACROSS PENGANGA RIVER-INTERSTATE IRRIGATION PROJECT, VILLAGE CHANAKHA, TAL. KELAPUR, DIST. YAVATMAL PROPOSED BY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PENGANGA PROJECT DIVISION, YAVATMAL AND EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PENGANGA PROJECT DIVISION, ADILABAD, GOVT OF TELANGANA BY VIDHARBHA IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NAGPUR.

Date of Public Hearing	:	**12/10/2018**
Time	:	**02.00 hrs**
Venue	:	**Lokshradheya Abasaheb Deshmukh, Parwekar Vidyalaya, Chanakha, Tq. Kelapur Dist. Yavatmal**

Preamble:

Executive Engineer, Lower Penganga Project Department, Yavatmal and Executive Engineer, Penganga Project Department, Adilabad, Government of Telangana by Vidharbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Nagpur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for proposed project of Chanakha-Korta Inter-State Project for irrigation purpose across the River Penganga at Village Chanakha, Taluka Kelapur District Yavatmal. The matter regarding same was discussed in 95th meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley and Hydroelectric Power Project (RV&HEP) Govt. of India meeting held on 11th & 12th June, 2018. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 11th & 12th June, 2018 copy enclosed herewith as annexure-I. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent has submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 12th October 2018 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspapers namely "Deshonnati and Sakal" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 07/09/2018. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authority.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

1) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
2) Joint Director, Water Pollution, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
3) Regional and Sub-Regional Offices, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur
4) Collector Office, Yavatmal
5) Zilla Parishad Yavatmal
6) District Industries Center, Yavatmal
7) Sub Divisional Office, Kelapur
8) Tahsil office, Kelapur Tal. Kelapur District Yavatmal.
9) Municipal Council Office, Pandharkawada, District Yavatmal.
10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Kelapur, District Yavatmal.
11) Nagar Panchayat Office, Zarijamani District Yavatmal.
12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Zarijamani District Yavatmal.
13) Gram Panchayat office, Chanakha, Rudha, Kodori, Pimpri (Bori), Pimpalkhunti, Bori (Patan), Dabha (Dorli)

All these authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 13 were requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdictions.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at **Lokshradheya Abasaheb Deshmukh Parwekar Vidyalaya, Chanakha, Tal. Kelapur, Dist. Yavatmal.** The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local peoples and close proximity to the proposed project.

A public hearing panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India.

1. Mrs. Bhuwaneshwari S. **- Chairman**
   Assistant District Collector and
   Sub-Divisional Magistrate

2. Shri. Raju Vasave **- Member**
   Regional Officer, Chandrapur
   Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

3. Shri. Pratap Jagtap **-Convener**
Sub-Regional Officer, Chandrapur
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Shri. Raju Vasave, I/c. Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur was unable to attend the Public Hearing. Leave of absence was granted to them by the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel. The written submissions received and attendance sheet of public hearing panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as annexure-II & III respectively.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept and objective of Public Hearing. She made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. She stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. She made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Ghanshyam Tote, Sub Divisional Engineer, Yavatmal Irrigation Division, Yavatmal made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

1) **Mr. Vijay Keshavrao Chinchore, Principal, Resident of Chanakha:**

Hon'ble officials and guests were welcomed at the beginning of the public hearing. He presented the demands of residents of Chanakha in detail there.

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
i.	Farmers from Nimdheli, Chanakha, should get water for irrigation purpose	Project Proponent Mr. Amol Wasulkar, Executive Engineer informed that the issue has been noted. He also informed that earlier some area was reserved for mining purpose, which is not covered in the project. Department will re-examine & accordingly obtain NOC from Mining Department and will try to include that area in the project. But for the same, approved resolution by Grampanchayat is required to be submitted to Division Office.
ii.	To shift the old pump house located at Chanakha to Nimdheli, a new place located about 1.5 km.	Project Proponent informed that, it is not necessary to shift the pump house at new location. By increasing the length of distribution

		network and by using pump, irrigation area can be increased.
iii.	Increase the length of protection wall from barrage to the Lord Ram Temple.	The Project Proponent informed that the issue has been noted and action should be taken accordingly.
iv.	Will the farmers of Chanakha & Nimdheli get water through open canals or closed pipes?	Project Proponent informed that, now as per the prevailing practice/guidelines, supply of water will be through closed pipelines network.
v.	The farmers are suffering from sanctuary damages and due to mining excavation activities farmers are not getting water for irrigation purpose. Hence, requested to remove such terms & conditions and nearby farmers & plot owners shall be given benefits. Also the affected people due to floods occurred in the year 2006 shall be benefited.	Project Proponent informed that, the issue regarding compensation due to floods in the year 2006 is related with Rehabilitation Section of Revenue Department.
vi.	There shall not be any restrictions for fishing activity for Bhoi Community of Chanakha.	Project Proponent informed that, no conditions have been imposed for fishing activity and they can continue the fishing activities.
vii.	The enquiry shall be carried out regarding the damages due to flood (such as washed away pumps, wires, pipelines, etc.) and compensation shall be given to the farmers of Chanakha Village.	Project Proponent informed that, the issue of compensation due to flood is dealt by Rehabilitation Section of Revenue Department.
viii.	The damages caused due to blasting activity during construction of dam in Chanakha Village shall be compensated.	Project Proponent informed that, due to blasting activity, if there are any damages then they will be compensated after following the due procedure laid down by the Government from time-to-time. For the same, affected people shall

		apply individually for compensation to Irrigation Department of Govt. of Maharashtra or Govt. of Telangana.
ix.	The beautification of Ram Temple, Mother Temple and Mahalaxmi Temple in Chanakha shall be carried out	Project Proponent informed that, proposal of beautification of temples is already included in the Project and will be carried out accordingly.

2) Shri Narsinghrao Ramalu Kusanilwar, Resident of Rudha Village:-

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	The existing large Nalla which flows through Khairi, Dogra, Vidarbha forest and meets to the River. Due to this Nalla during rainy season heavy floods occurs and near about 200 to 250 ha area of this village is affected. The same situation occurred this year also due to which there is a heavy damages of agricultural fields. Requested to carry out survey.	Project Proponent informed that, the existing nalla is downstream of the barrage and there is no any adverse impact of this nalla to the barrage. During the flood situation nalla flood water cannot enter into river & its backwater causes stagnation. The issue of compensation due to flood is dealt by Rehabilitation Section of Revenue Department.
ii.	Major flood in the year 2006, caused huge damages. If the construction of protection wall is proposed, the same shall be constructed upto Nalla by letting out intermediate outlets. The Protective wall will solve the problems of both the Villages and almost 500 Hectares of land will be covered by perennial water supply.	Project Proponent informed that, the issue was already discussed in the previous meeting with Gram Panchayat Chanakha and at that time it was demanded that the protection wall shall be constructed from barrage to temple. Project Proponent also informed that, if the construction of protection wall is extended then it will require to construct the same on both sides of the river. Hence,

		it was decided at that time as per Gram Sabha decision to construct the protection wall upto barrage only.

3) Shri Nitin Sudam Barahate, Resident of – Chanakha:

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Protection wall of our village was stolen. The same thing was also mentioned in the book "Uttam Yashachi Zal" written by Shri. Shivajirao Moghe. However, in the RTI reply received from Penganga Project Officer it was mentioned that their department has not constructed protection wall.	Project Proponent informed that, regarding stolen wall submit all the documents available with you to the Department. Department will examine and will take appropriate action.
ii.	There are so many problems in our village. Gram Panchayat Chanakha has passed a resolution regarding the same on 16/04/2015 which shall be followed.	
iii.	The Tipeshwar Sanctuary is about 1.0 km away from our village. However, in presentation, it is shown about 10.0 kms. This may please be rectified. We are facing so many problems from wild animals, the animals destroy our crops. Because of barrage, this problem will increase.	
iv.	If the protection wall is constructed in front the big dam and if canal is passed through the villages Sukali, KopaMandavi, Sunna, Tembhi then approximately 2500 area of land will come under irrigation which will improve the livelihood of people in the area. Will the members from the project affected families get Certificates of PAP?	Project Proponent informed that, for the purpose of irrigation, water will be supplied through underground pipeline network as per Government's Rules. Project Proponent also informed that, the area of Sunna Village does not comes under the command area of this project.

	The resolution passed in Gram Sabha regarding construction of canal behind temple shall be implemented.	And the same will come under the command area of Lower Penganga Project and at present this project is not on priority of Govt. of Maharashtra. Earlier this project was also a part of Lower Penganga Project due to which it would have taken a long period to complete. Hence, it was decided to exclude the barrage from Lower Penganga Project in order to complete it as early as possible as per Inter-State agreement.
v.	Our village should be adopted by Telangana Govt. and give jobs to project affected families.	

4) Shri Sanjay Vitthalrao Siratawar, Resident of Chanakha:

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	There are 10-12 farmer's land near project site. The pumps & pipeline of these farmers have washed away during rainy season due to construction activity of the barrage. And now question arises about cultivation as we cannot install our pumps properly.	Project Proponent informed that, till date construction work of barrage is not commissioned and no storage is made.
ii.	In summer season, the Govt. department officials removed out Motor Pumps & pipelines. Our life depends upon this water. Therefore we should be allowed to lift the water.	Project Proponent informed that, the farmers can lift the water from the river and officials from Maharashtra Government or Telangana Government will not interfere in it.
iii.	Compensation shall be given for the damages cause due to floods.	Project Proponent informed that, the issue of compensation due to

		flood is dealt by Rehabilitation Section of Revenue Department.

5) Mr. Nagareddy Totawar, Ex. Sarapanch, Khairi :

Sr. No.	Issue	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	My village Khairi is adjacent to the project, but same is excluded from the project. Our village is also facing the water scarcity problems. Therefore water should also be provided to our village.	Project Proponent informed that, the area of village Khairi is not covered under the command area of this project. The issue will be examined. Also as per interstate agreement, 20 % water will get to Maharashtara. Accordingly, command area is finalized.

6) Smt. Maya Anandrao Barahate, Resident of, Chanakha;

Sr. No.	Comments
i.	The development of our village should be done before the project and the said development shall be extended from Chanakha up to village Arali. Our village does not have toilet facility. Also compensation shall be given for the damages caused due to the flood.

7) Mr. Amol Shriram Nullerwar Resident of Chanakha:

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	The 20-25 homes situated on the bank of river shall be rehabilitated. Without rehabilitation we will not allowed to construct the barrage and make protest by the fasting.	Project Proponent informed that, the high flood level of Penganga River is 217.0 M. The height of proposed protection wall is 218.10 M. As per study / survey, at this level nobody will affect.

		Hence question of rehabilitation will not arise.
ii.	In the year of 2006 floods, 19 houses were under submergence and my house is also affected, Government agency has not taken cognizance.	Project Proponent informed that, the high flood level in 2006 was 217 M, but we are constructing protection wall 1.10 Meter above HFL i.e. 218.10 M. Hence such situation will not arise.
iii.	Because of blasting activity, we are facing the problems.	Project Proponent informed that, for the construction of protection wall, there is no need of blasting.

8) Mr. Vicky Deshattiwar Proper Chanakha, Resident-Pandharkawda;

Sr. No.	Objection	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	The notice regarding the public hearing was not displayed in the villages	Pratap Jagtap, Conveyor of Public Hearing Panel informed that, as per EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspapers namely "Deshonnati" and "Sakal" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" 30 days before the Public Hearing i.e. on dated 07/09/2018 mentioning about date, time & venue of Public hearing. Also the copies of EIA Report & Executive Summary in Marathi & English were made available at Zilla Parishad, yavatmal, Tahsil Office, Sub-Division Office, Panchayat Samiti Office, Kelapur, Municipal Council Offfice, Pandharkawada, Nagar

		Panchayat Office, Panchayat Samiti Office, Zarijamni and concerned Grampanchayats of the project.
ii.	As per the Grampanchayat Act, 100 peoples quorum is required to take the decision on proposal. The quorum is not followed here.	
iii.	Why you are deciding the rate of our land which goes under the submergence of this project?	
iv.	Why our water is being taken away by the Government of Telangana?	The project proponent informed that till the construction work of barrage is not commissioned. As per the interstate agreement 20% water will get to Maharashtra State and 80% will get to Telangana state.
v.	Nobody has understood anything about the presentation made during public hearing. Even 10% of the village peoples don't aware about this project.	Project proponent informed that approval of distribution network is at final stage, after getting all approvals command area notification will be published. Study will be carried out to cover all the area of Chanaka village. Right now work of barrage is carried out by Telangana Government in their area.
vi.	Peoples are not acknowledged about merits and demerits of the said project.	Project proponent informed that we are discussing here the issues of merits and demerits of the said project.
vii.	When the Lower Penganga project is going to be done.	Project proponent informed that Lower Penganga project will be completed in future. Chanakha project is not a part of Lower Penganga project.

viii.	How many proposed barrages are on the Penganga river? What is distance between subsequent barrages?	Project proponent informed that the information of the distance between subsequent barrages is not available here. But there are total five proposed barrages on Penganga river that is Chanaka – Korta, Digras, Pimparad-Parsoda, Bhimkund, Tejapur.
ix.	Why the agreement in between Government of Telangana and Maharashtra has not been executed for 50-50% distribution of water of this project. Also the videography of the public hearing shall be shown to Chief Minister and send it to Mantralaya.	Project proponent informed that as per interstate agreement Maharashtra State will get 20% water and Telangana will get 80% water.

9) Mr. Pentanna Gangareddy Nagulwar, Resident of Ghubadi;

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	He said that the laborers at construction site are from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Those people are getting job at site. But people from Maharashtra, Telangana are not employed here. We should be given employment opportunities.	The project proponent informed that priority will be given to the local residence.

10) Mr. Mallareddy Shekhanna Panajwar, Resident of Chanakha;

Sr. No.	Suggestion
i.	The villagers and the other people should now be satisfied with the question asked and the barrage should be completed as early as possible.

11)Mr. Ramrao Mukundrao Madpalliwar, Resident of Chanakha;

Sr. No.	Request	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Due to the flooding of this year entire submergence of land on the bank of river. The early construction of protection wall will save about 150 to 200 acres land from submergences. If the work of construction of protection wall towards Chanaka – Korta site will completed at the earliest there will be no damages to our crop.	The project proponent informed that the protection wall will be constructed in this season to avoid damages due to flood.
ii.	The height of the wall from the project has increased just half a kilometer. And the work is stopped, resulting submergence of our land and damage thereof.	The project proponent informed that after storage of water, again survey will be carried out at 213 M. After that if anybody is affected will get compensation as per rule.
iii.	After completing the protective wall, make survey of the farmers affected due to back water as soon as possible.	
iv.	The work of Road would had been completed before 2 years, this should be done as early as possible?	The project proponent informed that till the work of barrage in Maharashtra has not commissioned. Work of construction of protection wall and road will be started simultaneously and will complete during this year.

The Convener and Chairman of the Public Hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

(Pratap Jagtap)
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur &
Convener, Public Hearing
Panel

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