

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED NAGPUR - MUMBAI ACCESS CONTROLLED EXPRESSWAY PROPOSED BY M/S MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., FROM DHOTRE TO DERDE KORHALE ; TAL-KOPARGOAN, DIST- A'NAGAR OF 29.4 KM, PART OF PACKAGE-IV.**

The public hearing for proposed Nagpur - Mumbai access controlled expressway proposed by M/s Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., from Dhotre to Derde Korhale, Tal-Kopargaon, Dist-A'nagar of 29.4 KM, Part of Package-IV of 120.694 KM length was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 11.00 hrs at Sant Mahadevi Satsang Sabhagruh, Atma Malik Kendra, Kokamthan, Tal-Kopargaon, Dist-A'nagar.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Office Order E - 29 of 2017 under letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-1446, dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 :-

- 1) Shri Kundan Sonawane,  
1/c Additional District Magistrate  
(representative of District Magistrate  
A'nagar) **- Chairman**
- 2) Shri R. U. Patil,  
1/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik  
(representative of the MPCB, Mumbai) **- Member**
- 3) Shri P.R. Mane  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, A'nagar. **- Convener**

Shri Mane, Convener with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing panel requested to all peoples to come inside the hall, as very few attendance of peoples are present. Same requested was repeated by Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Public Hearing Panel and after waiting of one hour the Chairman Shri Kundan Sonawane instructed to start the public Hearing on 12:00 O'clock. As per presenty register Initially 11 peoples were present out of which 6 peoples scratched their names and 5 peoples were remain present for public hearing. The list of those present during public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-I

Shri Mane, Convener of the meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the public hearing panel. He briefed about the procedure of public hearing prescribed in EIA Notification 2008 amended thereto. He further informed that the public notice this public hearing was published on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 in daily The Times of India, in English and in Marathi, Lokmat, Marathi Newspaper. The details of the project including Executive Summary and EIA were made available at respective Grampanchayat (10) offices for its wide publicity.

The Member of the Committee further informed that, as per said Notification, the project falls under Category '7 (f).' The aim of conducting public hearing 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 proposed Expressway. The Expert Appraisal Committee of Ministry of Environment and forest, Govt. of India has granted the proposal for ToR for conducting EIA studies in its meeting held in month of May 2016. Accordingly, MSRDC, the project proponent prepared draft EIA Report. The copies of EIA report and Executive summary in English and Marathi were also made available at Ministry of Environment & Forest Office and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, A'nagar, Additional District Magistrate, A'nagar, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, A'nagar, Regional Office, MPCB, Nasik and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Zilla Parishad, A'nagar, District Industries Centre, A'nagar. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestions/comments regarding the above project. The Member further informed that one writing objection in writing are received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, A'nagar. He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Further Shri Kundan Sonawane, representative of District Magistrate, A'nagar and Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project proponent to explain the details about proposed project and its environment management plan in local

language Marathi. He further appealed general public to give suggestions/comments/opinion if any, about the project after technical presentation of the project.

The officials of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation gave the presentation of the construction of proposed project and Environment Management Plan in detail. Shri Toke informed the Govt of India (GoI) has planned 10 (Ten) world class Express Highways in order to boost the road infra-structure. Simultaneously, the Govt. of Maharashtra has planned Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway (NMEW) for diversion and redistribution of heavy traffic on existing corridors. The proposed NMEW is being implemented by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., which will pass through ten districts from Vidharbha through Marathwada to Konkan region. During presentation, MSRDC officials clarified that as per ToR (Terms of Reference) granted by SEAC-I of Govt. of Maharashtra, the concept of "Rain Water Harvesting" and channelizing of flow of rain water along with the high way will be the part of project design only. The stone abandoned stone quarries will be converted into water reservoirs with the help of District Administration as per the proposal submitted by MSRDC. He also pointed out that to meet the demand of water storage and supply, the existing abandoned quarries can be handed over to MSRDC so that those can be converted into water reservoir which will cater the need of

water requirement for the construction of proposed Nagpur Mumbai Express Highway.

After completion of presentation and detailed information, Chairman of the Committee appealed general public to ask any questions or give suggestions if any regarding the project.

Shri Prakash Karde, resident of Kanhegaon, Tal-Kopoargaon, Dist-A'nagar informed that the already village Kanhegaon was divided into two parts by railway line which is built in the past and if the proposed high way further village Kanhegaon will divide into four parts. The acquisition of village land by the Government do affects the free movement of the local people as they are prohibited to enter in the area of Government land. The person who offers the land for developmental project of Government are deprived from their rights which is past experienced by the local people. If any person dies in the railway acquired areas, first the penalty imposed is grabbed by the railway officials and then only the body is handed over to the relatives. He further expressed the opinion that due to this corridor, the flora and fauna of the area will be affected. The flying birds which are one of the nature's gifts which helps in pollination of seed will be deprived due to destruction of trees coming under the Right of Way of the proposed High Way.

Shri Karde further informed that no. of trees have been cut previously and suggested to plant at least 10,000 nos of trees in the Kanegaon grampanchayat area.

Chairman of the Committee Shri Sonawane instructed that the compliance to the suggestions shall be incorporated by MSRDC in EIA and same shall be appraised to MoEFCC for grant of clearance.

Shri Sonawane, Chairman of the Committee informed that till today only one written objection is received by the Committee in the public hearing. Chairman of the Committee informed that Shri Vaibhav Prataprao Chavan, resident of Dhotre village, Tal-Kopargaon, Dist-A'nagar has submitted a written objection to MPCB office and other offices. Shri Sonawane read the Memorandum wherein Shri Vaibhav Chavan has an objection regarding the land pooling scheme proposed and notified by Government of Maharashtra vide G. R. dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. He is also mentioning that as per the model ToR prescribed by MoEF & CC, no High Way can be constructed within 500 Mtrs of residential area / educational institute and Hospitals. The alignment submitted by MSRDC for grant of ToR in EIA report and present alignment on ground is different which is violation of Environmental Clearance granted. He further blamed that the MSRDC has submitted false information, submission of different alignment for obtaining EC.

Chairman of the Committee while concluding the meeting thanked local people for raising the objections and suggesting the constructive steps for this project. He informed that the suggestions, comments made in this meeting will be incorporated in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to the concern authority through proper channel.

Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, company officials and general public who attended the public hearing/meeting and stated that the said public hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



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Convener of the  
Public Hearing  
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Sub Regional  
Officer, MPCB,  
A'nagar



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Member of the Public  
Hearing Committee  
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Officer, MPCB, Nashik



**(Shri. Kundan Sonawane)**  
Chairman of the Public Hearing  
Committee and I/c Additional  
District Magistrate representative  
of District Magistrate, A'nagar