

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF KOTGAL BARRAGE PROJECT FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSE ACROSS THE RIVER WAINGANGA AT VILLAGE KOTAGAL TALUKA & DISTRICT GADCHIROLI PROPOSED BY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GADCHIROLI IRRIGATION DIVISION, GADCHIROLI BY. VIDARBHA IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (VIDC), NAGPUR, CHANDRAPUR IRRIGATION PROJECT CIRCLE CHANDRAPUR.**

**Date of Public Hearing** : 09/10/2018  
**Time** : 11.00 hrs  
**Venue** : District Planning Committee Hall, Collector Office, Gadchiroli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli

**Preamble:**

Executive Engineer, Gadchiroli Irrigation Division, Gadchiroli by Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC), Nagpur, Gadchiroli Irrigation Project Circle Gadchiroli has applied for Environmental Clearance to Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai for proposed project of Kotgal Barrage for irrigation purpose across the River Wainganga at Village Kotgal, Taluka & District Gadchiroli. The matter regarding same was discussed in 141<sup>st</sup> meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC-I) meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 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. As per the provisions of the EIA Notification, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 as amended thereto, such projects requires public hearing prior to environmental clearance from the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra.

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 Maharashtra. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said projects on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in consultation with District Collector, Gadchiroli. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspapers namely "Deshonnati and Sakal" and English newspaper "The Hitwada" on dated 05/09/2018. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections,



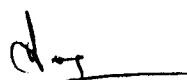
suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authority.

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, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- 3) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 4) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) Collector Office, Gadchiroli
- 6) Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli
- 7) District Industries Center, Gadchiroli
- 8) Sub-Divisional Office, Gadchiroli
- 9) Tahsil Office, Gadchiroli
- 10)Municipal Council, Gadchiroli
- 11)Panchayat Samiti Office, Gadchiroli
- 12)Gram-Panchayat Office Kotgal, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 13)Gram-Panchayat Office Kharpundi, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 14)Gram-Panchayat Office Adapalli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 15)Gram-Panchayat Office Gogaon, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 16)Gram-Panchayat Office Chur-Chura (Mal), Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 17)Gram-Panchayat Office Sakhara, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 18)Gram-Panchayat Office Katli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 19)Gram-Panchayat Office Nagari, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 20)Gram-Panchayat Office Dibhna (Chak), Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli
- 21)Gram-Panchayat Office Bodali (Mal), Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli

All these authorities were requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdictions.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at District Planning Committee Hall, Collector Office, Gadchiroli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli. The said venue was finalised 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India.

1. Shri. Sampat Khalate, - Chairman,  
Additional District Magistrate - Gadchiroli  
(Representative of District Magistrate,  
Gadachiroli)
2. Shri. Raju.R. Vasave - Member  
Regional Officer, Chandrapur  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
3. Shri Pratap Jagtap - Convener  
Sub-Regional Officer, Chandrapur  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

This office has not received any written objections, suggestions, complaints, comments before & during the Public Hearing. The attendance sheet of public hearing panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as annexure-II.

#### **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. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. He 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. He made an appeal to

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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 on behalf of Executive Engineer, Gadchiroli Irrigation Division, Gadchiroli Mr. Dnyaneshwar Battalwar, Environment Consultant 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.

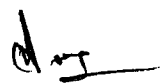
Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES;**

**1) Shri. Kavdu Vithoba Dudhbaware, Kotgal;**

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
i.	Due to this project, total agricultural land of farmers has come under submergence, will they get any compensation? Whether there is any provision for landless farmers?	Project Proponent has informed that those farmer's land coming under submergence will get compensation as per Govt. norms. For this project, required submergence of 260 Hectares land across the Wainganga River of Gadchiroli district, out of which 51 Hectares land is of Kotgal Village. After joint measurement process, with concern Govt. Department compensation will be paid to





	farmers as per Govt. norms & the issue regarding landless farmers is noted & appropriate action will be taken as per Govt. Rules.
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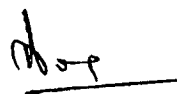
**2) Shri Lalaji Baburao Kawale, Resident of Village Kaneri;**

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	For irrigation purpose, whether open canals will be constructed or underground pipeline will be provided?	Project Proponent informed that, for the irrigation of agricultural land if canal provided, there is requirement of additional land acquisition, also there is a loss of water. Hence, Water Resource Department, Govt. of Maharashtra has adopted underground pipeline distribution network policy as per Govt. Resolution dated 02/02/2017 to avoid water losses which will be followed in this project also.

**3) Sau. Pratibha Prabhakar Choudhary, Resident of Village Navegaon;**

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Whether Villages Navegaon & Murkhala get water from this project?	Project Proponent informed that, Villages Navegaon & Murkhala will come under Kotgal Lift Irrigation Scheme. The work of pump house under this scheme is nearly completed & tentatively this scheme will be commissioned by next year. After completion of Kotgal Barrage the Lift Irrigation Schemes namely, Kotgal, Gogaon & Porla Wasa &





		the land across the bank of river will get benefited. Due to which farmers in the command area will be able to take Rabbi Crops. Water will be supplied to whole area through underground pipeline.
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4) Smt. Yogita Pramod Pipare, President, Municipal Council, Gadchiroli;

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Work of Project is pending since 2011. Due to scarcity of drinking of water for Gadchiroli City, will the city get water from this project?	<p>Project Proponent informed that, this project get approval in 2011. However, due to non-availability of funds the project is not yet commenced. Revised approval will get in short period of time. Also the proposal in respect of Forest Land is submitted to Central Govt. for approval &amp; will get approval at the earliest. To commence the project, necessary procedure is done by Water Resource Department &amp; in short period construction work of the project will be commenced after receipt of Forest &amp; Environment Clearance.</p> <p>There will be availability of 22 MM<sup>3</sup> for Industrial purpose &amp; 10 MM<sup>3</sup> for Domestic Purpose.</p>





5) Shri. Umashankar Bhadule Field Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur;

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
ii.	During construction period, due to vehicle transportation & due to burning of fuel there will be air pollution, also during construction existing water quality will get deteriorated. Project proponent shall elaborate about this issue. Due to RMC plant there will be air pollution. How Project Proponent will follow the guidelines of RMC Plant issued by MPCB?	Project Proponent informed that, necessary measures will be taken to control air pollution. Water sprinklers will be provided to control dust & air pollution during transportation & construction activity. During construction phase, existing water quality will be maintained in natural phenomena. The RMC guidelines issued by MPCB will be strictly followed.

6) Shri. Patruji Tembhurne, Resident of Gogaon;

Sr. No.	Issue	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Whether farmers get compensation for land acquisition?	Project Proponent informed that, compensation for acquired land will be given as per Govt. Rules.

7) Shri. Raju Vasave, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur;

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	What action will be taken under Corporate Environment Responsibility?	Project Proponent informed that, guidelines as per CER will be followed. Local area development, development of roads, electrification will be carried out under the scheme. As the project is located on the bank of river no village is submerged

		hence, question of rehabilitation & resettlement does not arise.
ii.	Has the project proponent carried out study about earthquake-prone area while preparing the EIA Report?	Project Proponent informed that the design & drawing of this project will be prepared by Central Design Organization, Govt. of Maharashtra, Nashik considering earthquake aspects.
iii.	Whether alternative land has been made available for affected forest land due to this project?	Project Proponent informed that the alternative land for afforestation will be made available from Wardha District against forest land which comes under submergence.
iv.	Whether endangered species of flora & fauna observed?	Project Proponent informed that, endangered species of flora & fauna not observed.

**8) Shri. Sampat Khalate, Additional District Magistrate & Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel;**

Sr. No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent
i.	Whether there is any court matter regarding the said project?	Project Proponent informed that; there is no any court matter regarding the said project.
ii.	Whether there is rehabilitation of any villages?	Project proponent informed that; as submerged area is across the bank of river, there is no rehabilitation of any village.
iii.	The pH level of water in the area is mentioned as 8.52 in EIA report. Submit explanation regarding the same	Project proponent informed that; this pH is of underground water & mentioned in EIA report. Necessary measures will be taken.





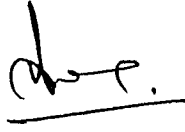


The convener and Member of the public hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be available in due course of time in MPCB office 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 to the Chair.



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MPCB, Chandrapur &  
Convener,  
Public Hearing Panel



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