

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF SIX LANING OF NEWLY PROPOSED GREEN FIELD HIGHWAY FROM KM 524.000 TO KM 547.000 OF STRETCH FROM AKKALKOT TO MAHARASHTRA/KARNATAKA BORDER OF CORRIDOR AHMEDNAGAR - SOLAPUR AKKALKOT-MH/KN BORDER SECTION IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA UNDER BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA (LOT 5 / PACKAGE-2) (LENGTH 26.00 KM ROAD SECTION FROM AKKALKOT TO DUDHANI) BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA (PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT SOLAPUR DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA STATE)**

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The Environment Public Hearing for proposed project of Six Laning of Newly proposed Green Field Highway at District Solapur, Taluka Akkalkot to Maindargi-Dudhani upto border of Karnataka State (26 kilometer) under Bharatmala Pariyojana (LOT 5 / PACKAGE-2) to be developed by Project Proponent M/s National Highway Authority Of India (Project Implementation Unit Solapur District, Maharashtra State) was held on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 11.30 a.m. at Niyojan Bhavan, Sat Rasta, Solapur District, Maharashtra.

Shri Ajit Vasantryao Patil, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur and Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Mrs. Shama Pawar, Additional District Magistrate, Solapur and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists; NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, Gol) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 and as per Notification 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. Convener Shri. Ajit Patil stated that, Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune will not be able to attend today's Public hearing, as informed by him telephonically.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s National Highway Authority Of India for proposed project of Six Laning of Newly proposed Green Field Highway at District Solapur, Taluka Akkalkot to Maindargi-Dudhani upto border of Karnataka State (26 kilometer) under Bharatmala Pariyojana (LOT 5 / PACKAGE-2). *24*

Member, Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance

from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi 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 for obtaining Terms of Reference (ToR) to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and ToR is approved on 15-01-2021.

After approval of District Collector, Solapur to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 11.30 morning, and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), 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- 50 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-220407-FTS-0033 dated 04/07/2022 :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Solapur<br>or his representative not below<br>the rank of an Additional District<br>Magistrate                             | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra<br>Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -<br>Regional Officer – Pune,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Pune | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Solapur,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Solapur   | <b>Convener</b> |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Sakal for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily Indian for English on 24<sup>th</sup>



June, 2022. 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 for public –

- 1) Hon. District Collector Office – Solapur;
- 2) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Solapur;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Solapur;
- 4) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15<sup>th</sup> floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 5) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema Hall, Near Sion Circle, Sion East, Mumbai -400 022
- 6) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Pune ,Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wakadewadi, Pune – 411 003 ;
- 7) Sub Regional Officer ,Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, B/4, Bali Building, Civil Lines, Opp. Govt. Milk Scheme, Saat Rastra, Solapur
- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - Akkalkot, Dist – Palghar;
- 9) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti – Akkalkot, BDO- Maindargi, BDO- Dudhani, District – Solapur
- 10) Chief Officer, Akkalkot Nagar Parishad, Akkalkot, Chief Officer- Maindargi, Chief Officer- Dudhani, District – Solapur *Dny*
- 11) Gram Sevak / Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Offices – Mouje Akkalkot, Etage, Uparage, Mirjagi, Nagore, Sangoli, Baswant, Mugali, Tal – Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur;
- 12) Website of MPCB

Shri Ajit Patil- convener requested Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee to allow to start the public hearing.

After permission of Hon. Chairperson, Environment Consultant while giving detailed information informed that due to this project, the villages Akkalkot (Rural), Etage, Umarje, Mirajgi, Maindargi, Nagore, Sangogi (Baswan), Mugli, Dudhani will be affected. Detailed presentation was given by the consultant.

He informed about the effects during construction, drains provided on both sides of the road for drainage of rain water, flood water, planning of solid waste during project development, green belt planning at various places while developing the road, complete Environmental Management Plan , etc.

After the Presentation, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing appealed all to raise their suggestions or objections. While informing, the full name and residential 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 Somling Bandappa Nimbal, Residence – Mirajgi, Tal – Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur :-**

My Gut No.152/2, Mauje Mirajgi, Taluka-Akkalkot, District-Solapur has an agricultural area of eight acres. This proposed road will pass through our agriculture fields. My living house will be at downside and the proposed road will pass upper side. In 2016-17, I took a loan of thirty five lakhs and created a banana garden using silt. My agriculture fields, banana garden, my living house will be affected. As I have cultivated banana gardening by drawing loan, I should be paid more. I have proof of that. Hence, good compensation should be paid.

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**2) Shri Mahanteshwar Shivanna Solapure, Residence – Mirajgi, Representing Kashibai Bhimsha Nimbal, Gut No.66, Mouje Mirajgi, Tal – Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur :-**



He on behalf of Kashaibai Bhimsha Nimbale informed that Kashibai Bhimsha Nimbale owns 6 acres of land in Gut No.66, Mauje Mirajgi. The field is now planted with sugarcane crop. The proposed road passes through the farm land. Besides this, residential house will also be affected due to this project. Hence, the house and agriculture should be compensated accordingly.

He further said that this is the Green Corridor Expressway, it will provide convenience to the people, it will be beneficial for the villages. But farmers and Project Affected Persons (PAPs) should get proper compensation. We are not against the project, but we should not be treated unfairly. There should not be injustice to any affected persons.

**3) Shri Saifan Ebrahim Mulla, Residence – Gut No.148 of 2, Residence – Mirajgi, Tal – Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur :-**

I have four acres of farm at Gat no. 148/2 and the proposed road is passing through my farm. A sugarcane crop was planted in the field. It is just harvested. We have no road to go upside. The water pipeline is passing through the road. Our well, well water, water pipe lines will be affected due to this project. There is also Gobar gas system installed in the field. The good compensation for all should be given.

**4) Shri Dhondappa Basawant Nimbale, Residence – Mirajgi, Tal -Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur :-**

I have two acres of farm in gut no.66. We have planted Udid pulse in it. Hence, compensation should be paid to us.

**5) Shri Vithoba Sitaram Nimbale, Residence – Mirajgi, Tal – Akkalkot, Dist – Solapur :-**

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Our agriculture field is at Gut no.66/2/B/3. We have five acres of agricultural land. Our living home is also there. We have cultivated sugarcane crop. There are lemon trees and coconut trees also.

In the meeting Shri Vinod Thakur, Akkalkot; Shri Nilesh Gaikwad, Solapur; Shri Sham Dhahave, Solapur; Shri Tushar Dhanave, Solapur; villagers were present. They have not raised any suggestions/objection/views regarding the proposed project

The list of participants alongwith the signature is enclosed. Written letters, suggestions/objections are not received.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee reviewed the suggestions raised during the meeting. He remarked that it is observed during the meeting that nobody is against the development, project. But they are of the opinion that farmers and Project Affected Person (PAPs) should get good compensation. He asked Project Proponent to give explanation

Project Proponent said that after the presentation in the meeting, the villagers, local people raised their suggestions. Here, it is seen that no one opposes the development and proposed road. Their views are Project Affect Persons (PAPs) should not suffer. He informed that whatever land, pipelines, wells, gobar gas, houses, trees, coconut trees, lemon trees, it should get proper compensation.

He informed that, competent Authority for land acquisition is notified by Central Government, who will assess the valuations and declare the Award for compensation to the PAP's accordingly. It is our aim that the payment should be made as soon as possible, after carrying of survey counting is done and after issuance of other Notifications. It is planned in a such a way that by the end of this year, according to the prevailing law, all the project victims should get compensation.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee said to all participants that now everybody understood from where the proposed road will go. Similarly, your assets i.e. land, wells, water pipelines, trees, houses and gobar gas plant etc will be included in the joint measurement statement and accordingly as per the prevailing rules of Government, compensation amount will be given to the PAP. (Project Affected Person).

Chairperson and Member, Convener appealed all the participants to raise the suggestions, questions regarding the proposed project in environmental angle. There



was no response from the participants. Chairperson directed Convener to conclude the meeting.


Member, Convener informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, written objections through MPCB Head Office to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee constituted for this will take further decision. He thanked all for attending the meeting and on behalf of Chairperson declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



(Ajit Patil )

Convener,  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
& Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Solapur

  
(Shama Pawar)

Chairperson  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
& Additional District Magistrate, Solapur