

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TEMBHU LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT, DISTRICT SATARA, SANGLI AND SOLAPUR, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, MAHARASHTRA KRISHNA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MKVDC),SANGLI,MAHARASHTRA.

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of Proposed project for Proposed Expansion Of Tembhu Lift Irrigation Project, District Satara, Sangli And Solapur, Maharashtra which proposed by includes total 51 village from Satara district Project Proponent M/s Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Minor Irrigation Division, Water Resource Department, Krishna Valley Development Corporation (MKVDC), Sangli, Maharashtra was conducted on Tuesday, 05th March, 2024 at Tai Convention Hall, Shri Shivaji Maharaj Chowk, Malharpeth - Pandharpur Road, Vikhle Phata, M.P.O. Vikhle, Tal. Khatav, Dist. Satara, Maharashtra at 11.00 AM.

Shri. Amol Satpute, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Shri. Nagesh Patil, Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee and Resident Deputy Collector & Upper District Magistrate, Satara, Shri.Prashant Gaikwad, Representative for Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune (Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF& CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application from Project Proponent Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sangli, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for the Proposed project of Proposed Expansion of Tembhu Lift Irrigation Project in District – Satara, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category 1(c) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, and 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 on 09 August 2023 along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval on 02 November 2023.

After approval from Hon'ble District Collector, Satara to conduct the Environment Public Hearing on Tuesday, the 05th March, 2024 at 11.00 AM, 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 Environment

Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 29 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-230426-FTS-022, dated 26-04-2023 and accordingly following were present.

- 1) Shri. Nagesh Patil, - **Chairman**
Upper District Magistrate
Satara. (Hon'ble Resident Deputy Collector Satara.)
- 2) Mr. Prashant Gaikwad, - **Member**
Sub Regional Officer,
Representative of Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune.
- 3) Mr. Amol Satpute, - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara

As per the said notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara in the Local Newspaper in Pudhari (Marathi language) and in National Newspaper Times of India (English language) on 07th February, 2024. 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 as under: -

1. District Collector, Satara.
2. District Industries Centre, Satara.
3. C.E.O. Zilla Parishad Office, Satara.
4. The Regional Director, (Pune) Central Pollution Control Board, Survey No. 110, Dhankude Multi-Purpose Halla, Baner Road, Baner, Pune-411 045.
5. Deputy Secretary, Environment Department, Govt. Of Maharashtra, New Adm. Bldg., 15th Floor, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai.400 032.
6. Member Secretary, M.P.C.Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 32.

7. Zonal Office, West Central Zone, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur
8. The Regional Office, MPC Board, Pune.
9. The Tahsildar, Tahasil Office, Khatav and The Additional Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Tal-Khatava. Dist-Satara
10. The Tahsildar, Tahasil Office, Dahivadi and The Additional Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Tal-Dahivadi. Dist-Satara
11. Sub Division Officer, Sub Division Man- Khatav District Satara.
12. The Gramsevak, Grampanchayat Office Kaledhon, Tarswadi, Garudi, Garalewadi, Mulikwadi, Pachwad, Vikhle, Dhokalwadi, Mayni, Hiwarwadi, Manewadi, KanharwadiKhatwal, Padal, Anfale, Dhondewadi, Datewadi, Palasgaon, Kansewadi, Enkul, Bailamwardi, Pimpri, Katarkhataw, Dangewadi, Bombale, Dalmodi , Hingane, Tadvale, Mandve, Pedgaon, Satewadi, Ta Khatav, District Satara.
13. Gram Panchayat Office Virli, Kaldhondi, Mahabaleshwarwadi, Shenwadi, Varakute, Malwadi, Kurenwadi, Lodhawade, Bangarwadi, Jambuhani, Chilarwadi, Valai, Puklewadi, Kukudwadi, Wadjal, Narwane, Dorgewadi, Kalewadi (Narbane), Kirksal, Dhakni, Palasawde. Man, Dist-Satara

Convener informed that till the date of today's public hearing no suggestion/objection has been received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara regarding the proposed project.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted orally or in writing.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, and objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project Proponent and minutes of the meeting after approval of Chairman will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Central Government New Delhi

for further actions. He requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, Environment Consultant gave presentation regarding project and Environment Management Plan (EMP). He informed that Satara, Sangli and Solapur District remain drought prone area. The people were suffering every year. There was demand of local people and farmers to implement water supply scheme. The scheme is planned to meet the requirements of irrigation of 109 villages in 9 talukas of Satara, Sangli and Solapur districts extended to 41003 Ha area.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. While asking questions, full name and residential address should be informed.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee:

Sr. No	Name and Village	Opinion Presented
1	Mr. Pradeep Yalmar, Kanharwadi	<p>Their is No environmental objection. But guidance should be given as to when the actual work will start.</p> <p>Hon. Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer Sangli replied – The tender for the work has been published. The work will start in the month of June to July. It will take four years to complete the work.</p>

2.	Shri Vinod Pandurang Deshmukh, Vikhale.	<p>Guide us on what it means to acquire private land.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – In connection with the project work, a group of farmers has to be taken. At least 2 to 3 guntas will be required from each village and the compensation will be given in the form of the cost as per the ready reckoner.</p>
3.	Smt. Megha Jeevan Pooke, Alternative Committee Member, Mulikwadi	<p>What to do about electricity bill problems for fetching water. What should the farmers do to install the valve for water.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – This question is not about environmental hearing. The Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (MWRRA) office decides the rate of Ursa Sinchan Panipatti. Also, these rates depend on how much water is going to be pumped. 81 percent of the total electricity bill is paid by the government while the rest is paid by the farmers. Also water will not be provided without demand. Water will be available after proper demand.</p>
4.	Mr. Anil Prataprao Bhosale	Congratulations and thanks to all

		<p>officers for the Tembhu project. Also, Tell when the water is going to be released.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – Water will be supplied according to the demand of the farmers. When 20 to 25 farmers demand water together, the water tank will be filled and water will be released in the lake and stream. Supply depends on demand.</p>
5.	Shri Bajrang Nana Kadam, Shenwadi	<p>Many lakes are dry. If water left in it, it will be better.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – It is a matter of irrigation. Water will come when the tembhu plan is completed. Farmers should demand properly.</p>
6.	Mr. Mosin Shaikh, Kaledhon	<p>What to do for Forest Clearance?</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer Sangli replied – An application has already been submitted for the approval of the Tembu extension project where the pipeline is passing through the forest land. But if the individual farmer's pipeline passes through forest land, you have to legally apply for permission.</p>
7.	Mr. Hanmant Nivrithi Deshmukh	<p>There is no any environmental objection. Project water is going to</p>

		<p>be released through Pipelines. But the people of the neighborhood should be guided as to whether it will be of any use. Everyone has their consent, but when some technical issues arise, the officials should resolve those issues.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – water is going to be released through pipelines. Farmers should take it from there outlets. For that, the necessary water bar should be filled. Also this is a technical question. This hearing is environmental. So questions should be on environmental issues.</p>
8.	Shri Shivaji Sable, Tatwade	<p>Thanks to all officials on behalf of all 51 villages. We have no any environmental objection. Tembhu expansion project should be approved at the earliest.</p>
9.	Mr. Anil Pawar	<p>There are 51 villages in the environmental public hearing, But there are 46 villages in the published advertisement. It is requested that the remaining 5 villages should not be deprived of water.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Madhukar Rasankar, Executive Engineer, Sangli replied – There is a printing error in the published</p>

		advertisement and a total of 51 villages like 20 in Man taluka and 31 in Khatav taluka will be irrigated in this project.
10	Shri Amol Appa Katkar, Kirksal (Ex-Sarpanch)	This scheme has the support of 51 villages. The environment is designed very beautifully. 213 types of birds can be seen in Kirksal. There are 16 species of mammals, more than 200 plant species. All this was possible because of the water of Urmodi river. We have no problem or objection to the Tembu Yojana. Requested to involve in creating a green belt through every village and secondary school. Take care of workers' health.
11	Deepak Khashaba Khatal, Vikhale	Thank you on behalf of the people of 51 villages. Ever since the approval of Tembu project, there is a happy atmosphere among all the farmers. The financial standard of the farmers will be raised through the Tembu project. There is no any environmental problem.

After that, Mr. Amol Satpute, Convener once again appealed to the participant to express their opinions/suggestion, if any. There was no response.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked all the participants on behalf of Hon'ble Chairman for attending the meeting and with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman of Environment Public Hearing declared that, Environmental Public Hearing is concluded.

Public Hearing ended with thanks to the Chair.

No Objections/Suggestion received against said project.

The hearing proceedings started at 11.00 am and ended at 12.30 pm.

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Prashant Gaikwad

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(Shri.Nagesh Patil)

Chairman,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
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