

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THEIR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 6-LANE (GREENFIELD) ACCESS CONTROLLED ECONOMIC CORRIDOR FROM AHMEDNAGAR-SOLAPUR-AKKALKOT SECTION STARTS AT SAROLA BADDI VILLAGE NEAR AHMEDNAGAR (KM 290.000) AND ENDS ON NH-150C NEAR UMARGE VILLAGE (KM 524.500) IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA (FOR THE ROAD FROM 304.580 KM TO 343.470 KM- TOTAL- 39 KM PASSING THROUGH ASHTI TALUKA, BEED DISTRICT) PROJECT VENUE AT. M/S. SHREE GOVIND MANGAL KARYALAYA AND LAWNS AHMEDNAGAR-JAMKHED ROAD, BALEWADI PHATA, MAUJE DHANORA, TAL. ASHTI, DIST. BEED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI) WAS CONDUCTED ON 14-02-2024 AT 12.00 PM.

The Environment Public Hearing Meeting for their proposed Development of 6-lane (Greenfield) access controlled Economic corridor from Ahmednagar-Solapur-Akkalkot section starts at Sarola Baddi village near Ahmednagar (Km 290.000) and ends on NH-150C near Umarge village (Km 524.500) in the state of Maharashtra (For the road from 304.580 Km to 343.470 Km- Total- 39 Km passing through Ashti Taluka, Beed district) project. Venue at. M/s. Shree Govind Mangal Karyalaya and Lawns Ahemadnagar-Jamkhed Road, Balewadi Phata, Mauje Dhanora, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed by project proponent M/s. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was conducted on 14-02-2024 at 12.00 pm.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 104 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 240117- FTS- 0024 dated 17-01-2024. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

1. **Shri. Shivkumar Swami,**
Additional District Magistrate,
Beed. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. Sujit Dholam,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chh. Sambhajinagar. : Member
3. **Shri. S.M. Kurmude,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Srimati Seema Mangulkar, Field Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public present

for the hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee she gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment.

Srimati Seema Mangulkar, informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification. The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 20-12-2023. The public hearing was scheduled on 14-02-2024 time 12.00 p.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Beed. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 11-01-2024. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) was made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and other government offices. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) District Collector, Beed.
- 2) Zilha Parishad, Beed.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Beed.
- 4) Tahsil Office, Ashti.
- 5) Grampanchayat Offices, Nandur, Balewadi, Kumbhefal, Kuntephal Pundi, Chincholi, Pundi, Shirapur, Takli Amaya, Rui Nalkol, Nanda, Nimgaon Chobha, Dhirdi, Kelsangvi, Shiral, Imangaon, Khanapur, Chikhli, Walunj, Pargaon Jogeshwari, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed.
- 6) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- 7) Regional Officer, Maharashtra MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalhana Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd,3rd & 4th Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 9) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 10) Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further she clarified that, Board had given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Jalna has not received any suggestions/Objections/views etc to this office.

After that Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Jalna and Convener of Environment Public hearing firstly welcomed all the public present in the surrounding villages on behalf of MPC Board.

He also requested the present public, if they still have any objections/criticisms/comments, they should ask after the presentation of the project. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed project.

The Representative Shri. D. S. Zodge, Project Director and Shri. Ketan Gavande, Project Consultant of M/s.Aarvi Associates Architects Engineers & Consultant Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc. The information on the above is recorded in the CD and taken notes in brief in the minutes of the public hearing.

After concluding the power point presentation of said project by the Project Consultant, Shri. S. M. Kurmude, requested to present public to give their suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. He then informed that this is an environmental public hearing and the questions in the same matter shall be raised from the public.

After that, following suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. were raised and reply to the same was given by project consultant/proponent.

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1.	<p>Shri. Krushna Sahebrao Kakde, Res. of Kuntefal Pundi, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed First of all he congratulated and thanked Shri. Gadkari Saheb for this project of road which is passing through our rural areas under M/s. National Highways Authority of India. He further asked that, how much employment will be provided to the local citizens in this project. Also what is possibility of land available for business, hotels, petrol pump etc. nearby the road.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, till now there is no policy or provision regarding the plot to be reserved or given to citizens for doing business related to the project. When such a provision is made, it will surely be changed.</p>

2.	<p>Shri. Ajit Ghule, Res. of Kelsavangi, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed asked that, this is a large project, from where the earthen material such as murum etc will be excavated for the project, is the locations are already fixed. There are some lakes in the area are you excavating the material from this, is there any development programme in the matter.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, by removing the silt from the lake, the murum etc. which will be used to make the road, which will definitely increase the storage capacity of the lake. Also the water level in the area will also increase. Also, trees will be planted under the green area road project. The excavation will be done by a private contractor and its location will be away from settlements and water bodies.</p>
3.	<p>Shri. Ajay Gund, Res of Waghluj, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed, asked that, about 2 acres of our farm land is going into the said project while a few acres of land will be left on both sides of the road. So what is the solution or what are you going to do for this remaining land.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, utility ducts will be provided at every 500 meters distance through which farm pipelines etc. will be sent. Also, underpasses will be provided at certain distances to help local citizens to cross the road.</p>
4.	<p>Shri. Rohidas Bhaurao Gaikwad, Res of Kumbhefal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, in the gazette there is an entry for land acquisition for road but later in the published list the said gat number is not mentioned, please clarified this.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, the land of Gat number mentioned in the Gazette will be confirmed and re-measured. For that you shall apply to the authorities in the matter.</p>
5.	<p>Shri. Changdev Sukhdev Iksinge, Res of Chincholi, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed, asked that, in the said project, some acres of land of the farmers have been lost and out of that a few gunthas of land remain, the farmers will not benefit from this land, it is a loss. Therefore, the project proponent should buy these remaining land so that the farmers can get some benefit. Also, guide how the service roads on the side of the road will be maintained.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, no provision or policy has been made for the farmers who have 4 or 5 Gunthas of land left due to said project. But there is a provision in the revenue department for the farmers who are suffering losses, so apply to the revenue department regarding the said matters. Also regarding the service road, he said that there are no service roads on the express highway side.</p>
6.	<p>Shrimati. Nanda Balkrushna Thorve, Res of Kuntetal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed asked that, this road is passing through our Kuntetal village. Our land has gone into this road and some guntha land is left, what is benefit to us from this guntha land or what is the government going to do</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO, MPCB, Jalna said that, the said public hearing is about environment. Hence only environmental questions should be asked here. Also land issues are part of revenue department. However, questions regarding land acquisition should be</p>

	<p>remedial measures for this guntha land. Also, whether the route to the farm on the other side of the road is beneficial or convenient for the farmers. Also, will there be any benefit for the farmers whose lands or wells have gone for this project under the dam. she also requested the government to ensure that educated and uneducated unemployed youth of the village get employment in this project.</p>	<p>addressed to the designated revenue officer by applying properly.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Shri. Ghansham Gilche, Res of Shirapur, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed asked that, as you mentioned in the presentation, the road of the said project will pass through a total of 19 villages in Ashti taluka. We welcome that you have given a bunch of EIA report of the said project in the village but the contents of this EIA report/conclusions of the project are not technically fluent or in simple language so it is difficult for the villagers here to understand. He also presented some of the following points-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As noted in the EIA report, it is mentioned that the noise level will be increased till 2050 what measures are been taken for reducing the same. 2. The presentation does not show an analysis of which trees will be planted to help to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions which are do be increased due to this project. 3. Already this village has suffered damage to nature such as water scarcity, lack of industrialization in the area. We welcome that such a big project is happening in our area and the cooperation of the citizens here is to the project, but since there is no bypass road on the side of the road, how should the local people travel along the road. There is no source for connecting the 	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO, MPCB, Jalna said that, note of all the suggestion are taken in the minutes.</p>

	<p>villages of other side of the road. Also, the underpasses shown in the project are not sufficient and no explanation has been given as to whether or not the road is provided while passing through the underpass because after passing through the underpass, one has to pass through private farms again.</p> <p>4. In the presentation, you should explain to the citizens of the rural areas what the impact on the environment will due to the project, what will be the impact on the biodiversity in the surrounding environment due to the said road, in simple language without using technical words.</p>	
8.	<p>Shri. Bhausahab Nanasaheb Latpate, Res of Chikhali, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, first of all, while the citizens present here are presenting their questions and opinions, all of them have mentioned their name and the name of the village in advance. Also, he requested the officers present to mention their name and designation so that the citizens present can introduce themselves. He also presented the following points-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The EIA draft submitted by the M/s. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is incomplete. Therefore, the said EIA draft should be amended. 2. As indicated in the said EIA report, the project will give employment to 2,500 people during the three-year construction phase and priority will be given to local residents, and the project provides permanent employment for about 50 people, shall it be implemented. 3. The trees mentioned in the project should be planted as per rules. Also the farmers whose big trees are 	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, present on the stage Shri. Shivkumar Swami Saheb, Additional District Magistrate, Beed and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Shri. Sujit Dholam Saheb, Regional Officer, MPCB Chhatrapati Sambhajingar and Member of Environmental Public Hearing Committee and I am Shri. S.M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Jalna and Convener of Environmental Public Hearing Committee</p> <p>On this Shri. Shivkumar Swami, Additional District Magistrate, Beed said that, the said hearing is related to the environment, so while raising questions, criticisms and comments, you shall only ask questions related to the environment, this is not a hearing for other issues. Also, if you have written statements, you should give them so that it can be recorded in the minutes and reported to the government.</p> <p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, your suggestions have been noted and will be included in the minutes.</p>

	<p>going to be cut down should be properly recorded.</p> <p>4. For the said road you shall excavate from the local lakes, so that the soil in it can be given to the farmers for farming. Also, the rest of Murum and others should be used for the construction of roads. So that excavation will help to raise the water level in this area.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, about the employment of local citizens that in the said project, when the road construction will be started, local people will be given employment.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Shri. Balasaheb Pandharinath Thorve, Res of Kuntetal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed asked that, this road is passing through our farm and there is permanent damage. Also, the government is not paying for the water wells, ponds and borewells, which will be no longer in use as they will be affected and dried. Also, you shall inform that, what measures will be taken regarding the fact that the remaining land on both sides of the road will not be of any use to the farmers.</p>	<p>On this, the Project Director said that, such remaining land will be considered as per the rules mentioned in the project.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Shri. Babasaheb Dharmaji Kakde, Res of Kuntetal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, we have reported to the Ground Water, Land Acquisition Department that the land measurements done in our village are not accurate. Also, due to the excavation that you are going to carryout, there is a possibility that the water source here will be closed. The land will be barren, there will be no service road on the side of the road so how will the farmers go to the fields on the other side. Also, due to the fact that the said road is at a height, the local business of the traders around us will not be benefitted. All these matters should be considered here and what measures will be taken for this. He has also submitted the written objections for the project.</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, your suggestions have been noted and also your written suggestion have been recorded will be included in the minutes.</p>


11.	<p>Shri. Babasaheb Sakharam Gadhe, Res of Kunbhefal , Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, previously also it is not recorded properly during land acquisition for railway project, lakes and now for this road in this area. Now we are not having enough lands for livelihood. We were totally depended on this farm for livelihood. This farm were our ancestral land like orchards, farms, wells and we did not get the proper compensation for this land and it was not even recorded properly.</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, your suggestions have been noted and also your written suggestion have been recorded will be included in the minutes.</p>
12.	<p>Shri. Kanifnath Kakde, Res of Kuntefal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, he first of all requested the officials present, that they should give time to the farmers here to raise their questions, criticisms and comments only after that the public hearing on the environment shall be concluded. He then presented the following points-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 30 days have not been completed for the EIA draft given by you to the said Gram Panchayat. 2. Again more time shall be given for understanding the presentation and then you shall conduct this hearing again. 3. Whether environmental biodiversity clearance has been taken for the said project. 4. The survey is conducted remotely and the local citizens are not taken in confidence during the survey. 5. As shown in the presentation, the numbers of trees shall be sorted as per age, kinds of trees etc. and recorded and accordingly compensative tree plantation shall be done. 6. There should be a service road along the said road. 7. After that, he also asked, from where are you going to get the water needed for construction of road. Also, if you are going to take 	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, your suggestions have been noted and will be included in the minutes.</p>

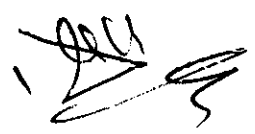
	water from the village, are you going to pay for the same to the Gram Panchayat.	
13.	Shri. Sanjay Vidhate, Res of Nandur, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed said that, the list of farmers which will be affected by this road project shall be submitted along with the amount of compensation to the respective grampanahayats, so that the farmers will get knowledge of the matter and can submit there objections if any which will defiantly benefit to the farmers.	On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna said that, your suggestions have been noted and will be included in the minutes.


Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, Jalna and convener Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that, during the said public hearing, 2 written suggestions have been received as follows-

1. Shri. Pankaj Prakash Chinderkar, President, GIB Foundation, Maharashtra.
2. Shri. Babasaheb Dharmaji Kakade, Kuntcphal, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed.

Shri. Shivkumar Swami, Additional District Magistrate, Beed and Chairman Environmental Public Hearing Committee addressed the audience and said that, the questions raised by them have been recorded. Finally, he thanked the participants and announced that the environmental public hearing of the proposed project was concluded.


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