

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF BARRAGE ACROSS BHEEMA RIVER AT SONTHI
VILLAGE, CHITTAPUR TALUK, GULBARGA DISTRICT UNDER SONTHI LIFT
IRRIGATION SCHEME BY M/s. KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

DATE: 19.06.2014

TIME: 11.00 AM

VENUE: At Project Site, Sonthi Village, Chittapur Taluk, Gulbarga District

M/S Krishna Bhagya Jal Nigam Limited(KBJNL), Government of Karnataka Undertaking, has proposed for modification of Sonthi Minor Irrigation Barrage as "SONTHI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME" by contemplating to utilize 4 TMC of water through lift canals to irrigate 16000 Ha of land situated on the left bank side of Bhima River covering Chittapur Taluk of Gulbarga District and Yadgir Taluk of Yadgir District by modification of submersible bridge as non-submersible bridge and to provide automated vertical type crest gates instead of needle gates..

Details of the Project Location:

Sonthi Village, Chittapur Taluk, Gulbarga District.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF, Government of India, 14-09-2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel:

Public Hearing Panel		
1	Dr. N.V. Prasad, I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga District	Chairperson

Officers of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

1. Shri. Gopal Krishna Sanatangi, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Bellary.
2. Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Gulbarga.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF M/s.KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

1	Shri Pramod Reddy Patil	Chief Engineer
2	Shri B.Balasubramanyam	Superintendent Engineer
3	Shri K.G.Mahesh	Executive Engineer
4	Shri L.M.Nayak	Assistant Executive Engineer
5	Shri. Tarasingh Rathod	Assistant Executive Engineer
6	Shri Khader Patel	Junior Engineer
7	Shri Tippanagowda.S. Anna dani	Assistant Engineer
8	Shri. Vinay Kumar	Assistant Engineer
9	Shri. Husanappa .H.Kattimani	Assistant Engineer
10	Shri. Manjunath Halgar	Assistant Engineer
11	Shri.Basavanappa Bhosle	Assistant Executive Engineer
12	Shri.Ramesh	Assistant Engineer

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of an officer not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter dated 09-07-2013, 10-09-2013, and the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 30-12-2013, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 19-06-2014 at the Project Site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this

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effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Samyukta Karnataka" and English daily news paper "Times of India" on 19th May, 2014 and local daily "Praja Vani" on 20th May, 2014. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or written or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English have been placed at the following places for the references to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga.
2. Office of the Chief Executive officer, Zilla Panchayath, Gulbarga.
3. District Industries Centre, Gulbarga.
4. Town Municipal Council, Chittapur, Gulbarga District.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Sannathi Village.
6. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga.
7. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India
Bangalore.
8. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church street, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel, Gulbarga verified the Notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether the sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

On 19th June, 2014, Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, all the publics, the officials of different departments, members and the staff of the Company and media who were present on the occasion. He

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briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing, and requested the public to interact and to discuss about the project and to present all their submissions either written or orally, which would be a part of both written record and entire proceedings is Videographed.

He requested Dr. N.V. Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga District to start the proceedings.

Dr. N.V. Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, briefed the audience about the Public Hearing and explained the procedure of conducting the Public Hearing. He also informed the gathering to express their views/comments/objections pertaining to the environmental aspect on the proposed "SONTHI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME". If there is any environmental impact, those affected should express their objection/suggestions either verbally or by representation in writing without any hesitation. The Chairperson asked the KBJNL representative to provide a brief technical presentation on the proposed project.

Sri.Vinay Kumar, Assistant Engineer, KBJNL gave a presentation in Kannada language and explained in detail regarding the project and suitable measures to be taken up on the proposed "SONTHI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME" and measures to mitigate environmental pollution problems as per the REIA and Environment Management Plan. He explained the existing scenario of the Minor Irrigation, scope of the proposed modification of minor irrigation to Lift Irrigation scheme and its impact on Air, Water, Noise, Soil Environment, Socio Economic Status of the area, technical details and measures proposed to mitigate the environmental impact caused by the project, details of submerged villages, affected villages and benefitting villages, existing ecologically

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important plants and animals, Health aspects, Fisheries, Agriculture and its evaluation measures conceived for protection and maintenance of Environment, Facilities available at Rehabilitation center, proposed measures for afforestation and other proposed Socio-economic facilities.. Copy of the presentation is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Thereafter, Sri Diwakar.D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga informed the public to place their Views/Comments/Objections as related to environmental issues on the proposed Lift Irrigation scheme.

The following persons expressed their submissions/views/suggestions/comments:

1) Sri. Mallikarjun Poojary, Sonthi Village

He expressed that the roads leading to Shapur, Jewargi and Hurgudi village is surrounded by water and the only free route leading to Sonthi village is Nalwar. He also expressed that Sonthi village is an island surrounded by water from KBJNL barrage and during last year when they stored 3 mtrs height of water all the roads leading to the village was inundated and would affect the building structures and also lead to rise in communicable disease. As per the presentation, if they propose to store 8 mtrs of water the village would be inundated and affect the livelihood of people and requested the Chairman of the Public hearing to Rehabilitate the Sonthi village to safe place with infrastructure facilities.

2) Sri. Bhagappa, Sonthi Village

On behalf of Dr.Ambedkar People's Party, he submitted memorandum to the Chairman of Public Hearing for providing the following facilities for the already existing Buddha Vihar on small island near the Bridge-cum Barrage and does not get flooded:

- a) Providing facility for installation of Buddha Statue as facility of huge retaining wall has been provided to Shri Chandral Parmeshwari Temple.
- b) 2 Acres of land is existing near Buddha Vihar wherein 50 Ft Ashoka Pillar is being constructed for which compound wall should be provided.

The memorandum submitted is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

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3) Sri. Mallinath Gowda Sonthi Village

He expressed that that KBJNL is going provide irrigation facility to 16000 Ha of land which will improve the socio-economic status of the farmers. He also expressed that the backwater of Sannathi bridge cum barrage would flow around the village and the first flow would be about 40 mtrs distance and second flow would be about 800 mtrs distance respectively. He also expressed that the village houses do not have strong foundation due to black soil and standing waters will lead to slum land type and due to backwaters will lead to communicable diseases and poisonous creatures. He also expressed that when the existing mini-hydel power plant had stored 3 mtrs of water, the villagers had experienced lot of difficulties including snake bites and health problems like cholera. On behalf of the Villagers, he submitted memorandum to the Chairman of Public Hearing consisting of facts about Number of snake bitten people, No. of people died from snake bites, No. of people affected from cholera and No. people died from Cholera and requested for rehabilitation of the entire village with all infrastructure facilities. The memorandum submitted is enclosed as **Annexure-4**

4) Sri. Subashchandra, grampanchayt, Sannathi

He expressed that on behalf of the viilagers, Sannathi farmers and laborers were illiterate and less informed about law relating to transfer of ownership of houses and Sites to their names and suitable directions to be given to concerned authorities for helping them to get their property rights to their names and submitted memorandum in this regard. The memorandum is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

5) Sri., Mallana Gowda, Sonnathi Village

He expressed that the Sannathi village has experienced lot of difficulties and that about 12 years back there was Cholera attack in which 50-60 people were affected and 3 people expired. He also informed that before the bridge-cum barrage came into existence, outside Kollur village natural bridge cum barrage was there and during summer the water would get stagnated leading to communicable disease. He also expressed that during one such cholera attack, the Deputy Commisioner had set up health camp during which 3 people died. Now, people have started irrigating their

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fields and also been bitten by snakes and very difficult to travel during nighttime fearing snake bite. In this regard Sri. Mallinath Patil has submitted facts about snake bite and health affected people of which 50-60 people have been snake bitten and about 7 people expired from snake bite. The Cholera outbreak takes place every year in which about 1-2 people die. He expressed that the proposed project is more of disadvantage to the villagers as they fear disease outbreak and snake bites to laborers and cost of getting snake bitten people treated is Rs.10000-20000/- affecting them economically. He also informed that they had taken delegation to Bangalore and met PWD Department who assured them of providing facilities which has not been provided and in view of the above problems being faced that if no rehabilitation measures are provided, under any circumstances they are not ready to stay in the village and will protest and not allow the project to come up.

During the Environmental Public Hearing following written memorandums were received;-

1. Villagers of Sannathi regarding providing road from Sannathi Village to Bhima River, Sri Chandrala Parmeshwari Temple, Chandral parmeshwari Temple to SH 148 and others enclosed as - **Annexure-6**.
2. Villagers of Sannathi regarding that due to storage of 8 mts water from the Sannath bridge-cum Barrage the path leading to their fields will be inundated and providing alternate road to their fields and is enclosed **Annexure-7**.
3. Villagers of Sannathi regarding road repair to damaged road from Sannathi Village to other villages and also providing bus facilities for students from Sannathi to Kollur Village is enclosed as - **Annexure-8**.
4. Villagers of Sannathi regarding fixing of landrates to submerged lands from backwaters at Rs. 15-18 lakhs/ Acre and providing jobs to land losers and enclosed as **Annexure-9**.
5. Sri.Mallana has submitted that his land bearing Sy.No.104/6 has been given for establishing Power substation hence should be given job in power supply company for ensuring his livelihood enclosed as - **Annexure-10**.



The function of Public Hearing was completed with vote of thanks by Sri. Diwakar D, Environmental Officer, KSPCB and also has brought to the notice of the public that, the proceedings will be submitted to the Government.

The whole proceedings of 19-06-2014 have been videographed in accordance with EIA Notification dtd.14-9-2006.

The particulars contained in the annexure to the proceedings public hearing held on 19-06-2014 pertaining to "SONTHI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME" of M/S Krishna Bhagya Jal Nigam Limited (KBJNL).

1. The hard copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure-1.
2. The list of participants who attended the public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-2.
3. Memorandum received from Sannathi Villagers enclosed as Annexure 3 to 10.

Dr. N.V. Prasad

(Dr. N.V. Prasad, I.A.S)
Deputy Commissioner

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Gulbarga, Karnataka

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