

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED, IRRIGATION CENTRAL ZONE, MUNIRABAD, KOPPAL DISTRICT HAVE PROPOSED SINGATALUR LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME BY CONSTRUCTING A BARRAGE ACROSS TUNGABHADRA RIVER NEAR HAMMIGE VILLAGE OF MUNDARGI TALUK IN GADAG DISTRICT TO IRRIGATE 77,198 HECTARES OF DRY LANDS IN 146 VILLAGES OF MUNDARGI & GADAG TALUKS OF GADAG DISTRICT, KOPPAL TALUK IN KOPPAL DISTRICT (LEFT SIDE OF TUNGABHADRA RIVER) AND HOOVINA HADAGALI TALUK IN BALLARI DISTRICT (RIGHT BANK OF TUNGABHADRA RIVER) THE PROJECT PERTAINING TO BALLARI DISTRICT AT PROJECT SITE OF 63 THIMMALAPURA VILLAGE (ALLIPURA) ON 22-09-2015 AT 3.00 PM.

- 1) Venue of Public hearing : **project site
Right Bank of Tungabhadra River
63 Thimmalapura (Allipura)
Hoovina Hadagali Taluk,
Ballari District.**
- 2) Officers present : **Annexure -1**
- 3) Representatives of the Project Present. : **Annexure -2**
- 4) Name of the Public participants Present. : **Annexure-3**
- 5) Written opinions/suggestions received in the meeting : **Annexure-4**
- 6) Copy of Technical presentation made by the project proponent : **Annexure-5**

PREMBLE:

M/s. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Irrigation Central Zone, Munirabad, Koppal District have proposed Singataluru Lift Irrigation Scheme by constructing a Barrage across Tungabhadra River near Hammige Village of Mundaragi Taluk in Gadag District to irrigate 77,198 Hectares of dry lands in 146 villages of Mundargi & Gadag Taluks of Gadag District, Koppal Taluk in Koppal District (Left side of Tungabhadra River) and Hoovina Hadagali Taluk in Ballari District (Right side of Tungabhadra River). As per the notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI Dated 14.09.2006, M/s.Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, has to obtain Environmental

Clearance for its project from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, under Environmental Impact Assessment notification dtd: 14-09-2006 and also it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public hearing.

Accordingly, MoEF has issued the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this project & directed to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies. In view of the above, the Project Proponents have prepared the EIA report and Executive summary of the said Project in Kannada and English version which has been submitted to Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari in accordance with EIA notification. As per MoEF, GOI Terms Of Reference (TOR) letter No. J-12011/44/2012-IA-I dtd. 21-04-2014 and based on request of the project proponent letter dtd.08-07-2015, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board. In accordance with the EIA Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing notification was published in leading news papers of Karnataka State, i.e. "**Vijaya Karnataka**", (Kannada) on **22-08-2015** and "**Deccan Herald**" (English) on **22-08-2015** regarding the project by inviting responses in writing from the concerned persons having a plausible stake in the environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification. Further, also, the draft Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (REIA) report and Executive summary were kept in the designated places like Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ballari, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari, District Industry Centre, Ballari, Town Panchayat, Hoovina Hadagali Village Panchayat, Navali, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari, South Zone Office, MOEF, Bangalore and Help desk, KSPCB, Bangalore for public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 22-09-2015 at the project site, Right Bank of Tungabhadra River, 63 Thimmalapura Village (Allipura), Hoovina Hadagali Taluk, Ballari District. Shri B C Shivamurthy DEO, KSPCB, Ballari Welcomed Shri Sameer Shukla IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ballari, Shri Gopalakrishana B. Sanatangi, Senior Environmental Officer, Ballari, assembled public and the project authority. He briefly explained about the procedure to be followed for public hearing as per GOI, EIA notification 2006. He briefed the gathering that, this uplift Irrigation project attracts EIA notification 2006 and requires environmental public hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to chair the meeting and to conduct the public hearing.

Shri Sameer Shukla IAS Deputy Commissioner, Ballari informed the gathering, about the purpose of this public hearing. Further he informed the project authority to give presentation regarding project before the assembled public. He informed the public to express their views, opinion and objections, if any regarding the said project after presentation made by the project authorities.

The representative of environment consultant of the project M/s Environment, Health and Safety Pvt Ltd., Bangalore gave power point presentation on environment, Socio-economic and etc., of the project. The power point presentation is enclosed as Annexure-5.

As informed by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari, the following participants of the public hearing expressed their views as under:

1. Shri. Maruti Pujar, Allipur:

He stated that, the project proponent have not taken up rehabilitation work as presented in the presentation. The back water is only 5mtrs from our houses which makes us prone for snakes and other reptiles attack. We are living with fish nets surrounding our houses. He further stated that, there is no water and electricity facility in the rehabilitation village. Hence, we are not in position to shift to this area. Further he stated Hon'ble Minister has allotted only 50 houses and he is assuring other facilities in future and has requested us to relocate to the rehabilitation area. He requested the authorities to give necessary infrastructure facilities to their village and he concluded his speech.

2. Shri. I.Chidananda Advocate, Huvinahadagali:

He stated that, as presented by the project proponent it is true that, there are no reserve forest, National Parks and bio-sensitive zones within 10 kms surrounding of the project. He expressed that, there is no reserve forest in submergence area of 4.9 acres and he stated that, his land also comes under command area of the project. He stated that, there is no adverse effect on the environment due to this project. He further stated and concluded that there is agro foresting, plantation all along the canals taken up in the project which will help the ecology of the area.

3. Shri.Hanumanth Reddy Sahukar, Maagal:

He stated that, if the water level comes to 509 RL the water will be around 250' from their village. If there is any rise of water level by 2-3 our village will also get affected, hence it should be considered as submergence village and should be given all rehabilitation benefits. He further stated that, he brought this matter to the notice of former collector Shri Sengupta and requested to consider their Maagal village as affected village and needs to be shifted. He concluded by requesting to consider their Maagal village as affected village due to this project.

4. Shri Aravalli Veeranna, Huvinahadagali:

He stated that, he is one of the beneficiary of this project. He stated that, there is no damage to the environment due to this project and where as it is helpful to farmers. He further stated that, the submergence villages are not given proper justice, the proper rehabilitation program should be taken up by the project authorities. He further stated that, 509 contour levels are considered for declaring submergence area, and it was noted that, during 1991-92 floods the water level has raised by 1-2mtrs. If this occurs, other surrounding villages will also get affected. Hence, he requested to consider RL as 510-511mtrs for declaring submergence area and by this he concluded his speech.

5. Shri.Thirukappa Bandi, Allipura:

He stated that, inspite of their agitation from the beginning of this project their problems are not addressed and solutions are not given by the authorities. We are requesting only basic infrastructure facilities to our villages and not demanding to make it as Singapur. Now the project authorities have taken up construction of 50 houses in rehabilitation village but there is no water supply. He further requested to take up Registration and giving patta to the affected villages by R & R committee as they are incurring Rs.2000-Rs.3000/- for registration which they cannot afford. Further he urged to provide basic infrastructure facility of water supply, electricity and drainage facility in the rehabilitation village. He further stated and concluded that, there is no adverse effect on the environment due to this project.

6. Shri.Nagaraj Tippapur Village:

He stated that, their village has benefitted due to this irrigation project. Farmers are utilizing water for irrigation purpose. There are minor problems to end users of getting water and this has to be addressed by the project authorities. He concluded by saying that, all are benefilled by this project.

7. Shri Gaddi Basavaraj Allipura:

He stated that, villagers are making agitation to solve their problems caused due to this project. There is no fruitful result for our protest. They have constructed 50 houses in rehabilitation village under Hon'ble Ministers grant, but everyone is not given sites, and not allotting sites to 18 years above aged as promised, the project authorities have not given proper

facilities to the rehabilitated villagers. There are no basic infrastructure facilities like water in the rehabilitated villages. He further stated that, some lands are becoming saline and hence they are not getting yield and there is no crop loss compensation from the Govt., In taluka office, they are yet to say about how much compensation they are going to give. He concluded his speech by urging to fulfill their demands.

8. Shri.K.Yellappa Allipura:

He stated that, there is no adverse impact on environment due to this project. However, there are both happiness and pain from this project. Maagal, Gundavala, and Vittalapura villages have submerged due to this project. We are happy in rehabilitated villages. He stated that, project authorities have taken up R & R work in phased manner. We are requesting to complete this work, but the project authorities are expressing that it is beyond their power to implement/complete at one stretch unless sanctioned by higher authorities. He stated that, two borewells are provided but there is no power supply. They have promised to install 25TC's but till now they have not installed in the rehabilitated village. He urged irrigation Dept., Officers to solve villagers problems. He requested employment as per the qualification of the affected submerged villagers. He requested to assure water and electricity supply to their rehabilitated village within 7 days time and he concluded his speech.

9. Shri A K Halappa, Rajavala:

He stated that, due to irrigation canals lands have become saline. We want to submit our grievances to our Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner with hope of getting solutions. There is no water in our 86 Sy.No. land for irrigation purpose but whereas canal is flowing nearby our land and we are unable to use this water for irrigation. He requested to make link canals to their land. He further requested to shift their village and in this regard they have given representation to Hon'ble Minister and Taluka Panchayat, but they are making only promises. We hope Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner to take up this issue. He requested the project authorities to allow affected villagers to utilize barrage road for their movement till March. He concluded his speech.

10. Shri. B.Haalesh, Rajavala:

He stated that, they have given representation to Hon'ble Minister and Asst., Commissioner to shift their village. He stated that, Hon'ble Minister has given instructions to Asst., Commissioner to assess the situation of village during rainy season and report. We request Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner to shift

our Rajavala Village. He further stated that, there is no adverse effect due to this project and by this he concluded his speech.

It was noted during the hearing that, the assembled public made complaints regarding improper drinking water facility in the rehabilitated and affected villages. Hence, the project authorities should give top priority on this issue and other issues raised by the public during the hearing.

The Chairman of the District Environmental Public Hearing Committee **Sri Sameer Shukla, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District** informed the gathering that the proceedings of this Environmental Public Hearing will be prepared and forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Forest, GoI, New Delhi through Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for further deliberations & necessary action and concluded the hearing by thanking the public.

Further, the Publics/Organisations who have participated in the meeting have submitted 02 written Suggestions/Opinions on the Proposed Project the same are enclosed as **Annexure – 4**.



**Deputy Commissioner and the Chairman
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Ballari.**

