

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING on
M/s.KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED, (A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ENTERPRISES) IRRIGATION CENTRAL ZONE, MUNIRABAD, KOPPAL-DIST, HELD on
01-09-2015 @ PROJECT SITE, ALAVANDI-VILLAGE, KOPPAL TQ & DIST.

Presided by : Sri.P.S. MANJUNATH, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c)
Koppal - Dist.



Officers Present : 1. Sri.Gopal Krishna Sannathangi, SEO(I/c), Divisional Office,
KSPCB, Bellary.
2. Sri. B.Rudresh, Environmental Officer, Regional Office,
Koppal.
3. Sri.H.Hanumanthappa, AEO, Regional Office, Koppal

Industry Representative & Public present: Enclosed Vide **Annexure - I & II.**

PREAMBLE:

M/s. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd., (a Govt of Karnataka Enterprises) has proposed Singatalur Lift Irrigation Scheme by constructing a Barrage across Tungabhadra River near Hammige – village of Mundargi-Taluk in Gadag – dist to irrigate 77,198 Hectares of dry lands in 146 villages of **Mundargi & Gadag Talukas of Gadag-dist; Koppal taluk in Koppal-dist (Left side of Tungabhadra River); and Hoovina Hadagali Taluk In Ballari-dist (Right side of Tungabhadra River)** in the State of Karnataka.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, the above said project is required to obtain Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, New Delhi. In order to obtain EC from Ministry, conducting Public Hearing is mandatory as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

The Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, New Delhi before considering the issue of Environmental Clearance has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) to the project proponent and also to go through procedure of public hearing. The project proponent approached the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 08.07.2015 requesting to conduct public hearing.

The Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal after consulting with the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal scheduled the said public hearing on **01.09.2015**. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as per the procedure laid down in the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, issued the public Notice 30 days in advance in the National News Papers.

Which was published in **Samyukta Karnataka**, Kannada daily on **01-08-2015** and in **Deccan Herald**, English daily on **01-08-2015** and also in the local daily **Nagarika** dated: **21-08-2015** inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project within 30 days from the date of publication of the said notification. In addition to this, Board has also uploaded the details of the project in its web site <http://kspcb.gov.in>. Copies of News Paper Advertisements are enclosed as **Annexure-III.**

As published in the public notification, the Executive Summary of the project both in Kannada and English, Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (REIA) Report are kept in the following Office premises for the reference of the general public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal
2. Office of The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Koppal
3. Office of the Joint Director, Dept of Industries and Commerce, Koppal
4. Office of the Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Koppal
5. Office of the Village Panchayath, Halavarthi Village, Koppal
6. Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal.
7. Regional Office, South Zone, MoEF, Bangalore.
8. Help Desk, KSPCB, Bangalore.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING :

At an out set Sri. B.Rudresh, the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal, welcomed the Presiding Officer cum Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c), Koppal-District, Officers, Industry representatives and public who attended the meeting and also briefed about the purpose of conducting Environmental public hearing. Further, he also briefed the activities proposed by M/s. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd., (a Govt of Karnataka Enterprises), Irrigation Central Zone, Munirabad. Koppal – Tq & Dist and requested the Presiding Officer cum Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c), Koppal District to conduct the hearing.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c) consented the project proponent to brief the proposed activities.

Accordingly Sri. Madhu - Engineer from M/s Environmental Health & Safety Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore briefed the following points about the project in local Kannada language:

- About the process involved in the irrigation project.
- Details of base line data collected.
- Impact on Water, Air, and Soil and to the surrounding Flora and Fauna due to the proposed project.
- Environmental Management Plan proposed by the company.
- Corporate Social Responsibilities of the company.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c), while addressing the Public gathered sought the suggestions, views, comments and objections if any, against or for on the proposed irrigation project activities.

The Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Koppal has appealed the gathering, only affected persons of the area need to give their opinion, suggestions or objections on this project without any hesitation, since it is open public consultation, the persons who are interested to submit their opinions in writing is also accepted. It was also informed to give their name, place, address before opinion in order to record in the minutes of the meeting.

Views/ Comments / Suggestions / Objections raised by the public :

1) Sri. Jayanth Bisarahalli, Farmer, Bikkanahalli, Alavandi-hobli, Koppal:

- The up-coming irrigation project proposed by the Government of Karnataka through M/s Karnataka Neervari Nigam Ltd, in the Alavandi-village limits will boost up the farmers by feeding water to the dry lands.
- The Government shall have to take care of the local public needs by providing drinking water facilities.
- The proposed irrigation project activities shall not cause any adverse impact on the villagers.
- The Government shall not allow this irrigation project like Tungabhadra River, which is polluted all along its path and welcomed the project whole heartedly.

2) Sri. Basava Reddy S/o Narayanappa, Ex- T.P.Member, Alavandi-village, Koppal:

- The irrigation project proposed by the Government in the dry belt zone will boost up the entire villagers, it creates lot of agricultural opportunities as well as educating the back ward villagers.
- The proposed project will not cause its adverse effects in any form rather than flourishing the farmer's life and avoiding periodical droughts.
- The farmers need to grow up by adopting modern agricultural methods to get more yields also by conserving valuable water.
- There are huge numbers of deer's present in the surrounding villages, these are causing crop damage/losses every year for the farmers, this needs to be prevented.
- The Government need to create DEER CORRIDOR to prevent the farmers by losing their crops at an regular period of time and invited the project whole heartedly.

3) Sri. Lingana Gouda Patil, Farmer cum Advocate, Alavandi -village, Koppal.

- The up-coming irrigation project proposed by the Government of Karnataka through M/s Karnataka Neervari Nigam Ltd, in the Alavandi-village limits will solve the problems of drought being hit year by year in this sector.
- The project will come as rescue for many farmers to live their lives with the development of agricultural activities; it will solve the water crisis being faced since many years.
- The Government shall take care of the canal bunds by making plantations on either side with the help of students in order to prevent the soil erosion as well creating greenery in the dry areas.
- The students shall be made with awareness of protecting the greenery in the dry zones also overall development of villages in the rural sectors and welcomed the project.

4) Sri.Devappa S/o Ramappa, Basapura-village, Koppal.

- The Government shall take care of planting more and more trees rather than building the irrigations projects.

5) Sri. Dyanappa Hallikeri, Alavandi -village, Koppal:

- The proposed irrigation project in this sector need to be fully utilised by the farmers, this will help in creating greenery also avoids drought.
- There are huge number of national Bird Peacocks are present in this area, due to cutting of trees and plantations by the culprits, the said peacocks are migrating to other places.
- In order to prevent the migration of peacocks, the Government shall have to take immediate action by creating Peacock corridor at this place on National interest and public.
- The project is invited whole heartedly.

6) Sri. Mohammed Sohail, Lecturer, resident of Gangavathi-Tq, Koppa-dist:

- The Government need to encourage the farmers by providing continuous Solar Energy for which necessary programmes shall be made.
- The project was welcomed.

7) Sri. Guru Basava Raj Hallikeri, resident of Alavandi-village,Koppal:

- It is long standing pending project, since two decades the project works are being carried out but it has not served the purposes or fulfil the dreams of the farmers in this sector.
- The villagers are eager to see the feeding of water to their dry lands and to convert them in to wet agricultural zone, but it is inordinate delay being done from the Government.
- This project works needs to be completed on war foot basis in order to fulfil the assurances made by the Government for the land losers, since they are unable to grow any kind of crops in their lands for many years and waiting the Government actions with patience.
- The project was welcomed.

The entire public hearing process audio and video was recorded along with photos, the CD and photos are here with enclosed as **Annexure- IV**.

The some of the villagers who have attended the hearing have submitted the memorandum in written form, they are totally THREE (03) in no's and copies of the same are here with enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

It was also confirmed while closing the proceedings of the meeting about non-receipt of any written complaints/suggestions letter to the Board against the proposed activities of the project. The public gathered in the public hearing have whole heartedly supported and welcomed the irrigation project also requested to complete the same immediately in the interest of overall development of surrounding villages.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (I/c), Koppal acknowledged the people for attending the meeting and also for giving their valuable suggestions / opinions on the irrigation project.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Encl : Annexures – I to V.




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PRESIDING OFFICER

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