

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 20.05.2013 AT 11.00 A.M IN RESPECT OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA, HAVE PROPOSED TO REHABILITATION & UPGRADATION OF EXISTING 2 LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO 4/6 LANE FROM BIJAPUR TO SOLAPURA IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA PASSING THROUGH BIJAPUR CITY, AND HORTHI IN BIJAPUR DISTRICT:

VENUE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING : At Zilla Panchayat Conference Hall, Bijapur.

MEMBERS PRESENT : Annexure-I.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROJECT : Annexure-II.

NAME OF THE PUBLICS PARTICIPATED : Annexure-III.

PREAMBLE:

The National Highway Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport & Highway) have proposed to upgrade the existing 2 lane National Highway -13 into 4/6 lane road from Bijapura to Solapura In the State of Karnataka of passing through the Bijapura city, and Horthi of Bijapur District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment notification dated, 14-09-2006 of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. Accordingly the Deputy Director, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi after finalizing the **Terms of Reference (TOR)**, has directed the Karnataka State pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public hearing. The project proponent has also requested the Board to conduct the public hearing as per notification.

The project proponent has submitted the Executive summary of the said project in Kannada and English to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore as laid down in the procedures of the EIA notification 2006. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued paper notification in leading newspapers on

20.04.2013 and also issued paper notification in local newspaper on 21.04.2013 of Bijapur District regarding the proposed project by inviting objections/suggestion from the bonafide residents and general public who are affecting from the proposed project either by attending the public hearing/in writing/by e-mail to KSPCB and Chairman, Environmental public hearing committee & Deputy commissioner, Bijapur Dist, Bijapur.

The Environmental public hearing scheduled on 20.05.2013 at 11.00 A.M started with purpose of the meeting and welcome speech by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bijapur. The Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur addressed the gathering on the need of conducting environmental public hearing for the up gradation existing 2 lane NH-13 to 4/6 lane from Bijapur to Solapura by The National Highway Authority of India and informed the project proponent to present the case before the committee as well as to public.

Mr.Chandrashekhar, M/s Feedback Infrastructure Services Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi is the project consultant of The National Highway Authority of India., brief about the objectives of the proposed projects that it connect Solapur district in Maharashtra with Bijapur district in Karnataka State and the proposed road linkages to NH-9 (Pune-Hyderabad), NH-211 (Aurangabad-Solapur), NH-218 (Gulbarga-Hubli) & NH-222 (Latur-Solapur) in addition to this it connects SH-12,34,41 & 141 in Karnataka state and SH-149 in Maharashtra state.

Further the company consultant has highlighted the proposed annual average daily traffic density in 2012-13 & projected traffic density in the year 2015 and 2025I, and afforestation. In continuation of the presentation the consultant explained about the likely impacts arising due to proposed road project on the environment through prediction studies and by compiling the base line data collected along the proposed project site on Air, Water and Noise qualities, ecology of the area, land & property acquisition and socio-economic details. The project proponent is planning to take up the preventive measures on water & Air pollution control measures, green belt development and socio economics activities for which a budget estimate has been made available in the budget allocation and planning to spent Rs.370.44 lakhs as initial coat.

After brief presentation on the proposed project, the Deputy Commissioner as the chairman of the environment public hearing informed to the public that the Karnataka

State Pollution Control Board issued paper notification in the leading newspaper on the proposed project establishment by inviting objections/suggestions from the public. So far no body has filed objections/ suggestions on the proposed project to the State Pollution Control Board as well as to the District Administration.

Further the Deputy Commissioner invited the publics to express their comments/ views/suggestions on the proposed project.

Sri.Nelappa, Tidugunthi :

Public participated in the hearing enquired about the numbers of trees to be cut from the proposed project and what action will be taken for replanting.

Mr.R.K.Singh, Environmental Consultant of NHAI, has clarified that 1:2 ration of trees plantation work will be taken in the proposed project and he further informed that about 7079 trees will be cut in the proposed project and planning to take up 14,158 trees plantation work.

Further, Deputy Commissioner has suggested NHAI, to take up plantation work on both sides of the road and ensures that at least 90 to 95% survival efficiency

Sri.Appu Rathod, Bijapur:

Public participated in the hearing enquired about any bypass at NH-13 & Sindhi road junction.

Mr.B.B.Ikhe, Project Director of NHAI, Solapura and NHAI consultant has clarified that they proposed to have a Vehicle Under Pass (VUP) at Singhi road junction based on the future vehicular traffic load..

Further, Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur, has informed that Bijapur Airport is being coming near the proposed road and design the Vehicle Under pass (VUP) by considering both NH traffic load and Airport traffic.

The NHAI authorities have accepted the suggestion made by the Chairman of the public hearing and proposed to have VUP by considering both NH traffic and Airport traffic loads.

Sri.Eshwar, Domanal:

Public participated in the hearing enquired about the land compensation for the

farmers land acquired for the proposed road.

Reacting to this, Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has clarified that land compensation amount will be paid as per the Government tariff by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

Sri.Bandhu Rathod:

Public participated in the hearing has informed that his shop is located adjacent the road and same will be going to acquire for road work, further he enquired about compensation amount for the shop.

Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has clarified that compensation amount will be paid by NHAI as per the Government tariff depending up on the type of land use.

Sri.Sangamesh, Agasanala:

Public participated in the hearing has informed that both fertile and barren lands have acquired for road construction work and he enquired about compensation amount for fertile & barren agricultural lands.

Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has clarified that the type of land will be decided based on the land records available at both revenue & agricultural departments. The compensation amount will decided on the type of land and same will be paid by NHAI through land acquisition officer.

Dr.Babu G. Sajjan, NGO, Bijapur:

NGO, participated in the hearing has informed that Bijapur district is draft hit area, received very less rains & annual average rainfall in the district is 500 to 550 mm. He further informed that there are considerable numbers of big trees are developed along the existing NH-13 road side from Indi taluk up to Solapura. Again he informed that as per the presentation made by the NHAI they are planning to cut about 7076 numbers of trees and proposed to take afforestation work in 1:2 ratios. But the same NHAI has developed the NH-13 from Hungund to Bijapur, by cutting considerable numbers of trees and planted sampling along the sides of the developed NH-13 but the survival efficiency of the plants is about 15 to 20 %, this type of action leads degradation of environment and less rain falls in this area. He suggested the NHAI to take up the proper afforestation work and maintained the survival efficiency rate in the range of 90 to 95% and he also suggested to maintain & develop the planted sampling for

considerable period. He sought a firm commitment from NHAI in this regards.

Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has clarified that the type of land will be decided based on the land records available at both revenue & agricultural departments. The compensation amount will be decided on the type of land and same will be paid by NHAI through land acquisition agencies.

Reacting to this Mr.R.K Singh, the Environmental consultant of NHAI has clarified that 1:2 ratio of sampling will be planted along the sides of the National Highway and median plantations will also be carried to maintained good greenery along the roads sides. He also clarifies that since this is a BOT based project, the Concessionaire will maintain the planted sampling as per concession.

Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has suggested the NHAI to take the help & proper advice from the Forest department, plant the native species and fruit bearing trees along the sides of the roads and he also suggested to NHAI to maintain planted trees to considerable period with survival efficiency rate of 90 to 95 %.

Mr.B.B.Ikhe, Project Director of NHAI, Solapura has accepted the suggestion made the Deputy Commissioner, Bijapura and same will be implanted in the proposed project.

Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has sought clarification from the NHAI about the Horti Bypass and Toll policy for local public who are living along the proposed roads.

Mr.B.B.Ikhe, Project Director of NHAI Solapur has clarified that the Horti Bypass will be taken up in consultation with local people of Horti. Further, he clarify that the toll is not applicable for the people who are living around 20 kms radius from the Toll plaza and pass will be issued to them as per Toll Policy. Also he clarifies that two wheelers, three wheeler and agricultural based vehicles will not be tolled.

Finally, Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has suggested the following suggestion to NHAI to implement the same during project implantation stages via

1. To minimize the probable negative impacts of the project and to maximize the benefits from the project to the local peoples.
2. To construct the proper size Vehicle Under Pass (VUP) at Sindgi Naka Bijapur to cope up the with traffic congestion due to proposed Airport near Bijapur.

3. To provide traffic control devices and road safety features, including traffic signs, road marking, Road lighting & crash barriers as per the relevant IRC Codes and Standards.
4. Noise and vibrations during construction is a significant impact around settlements and inhabited area, therefore the authorities should take all possible noise & vibration mitigation measures during construction stage.
5. To undertake stringent dust control measures & dust suppression system to combat the dust emissions generated during the operations. The emission levels in the surrounding areas should be maintained well below the stipulated standards.
6. KSPCB shall ensure that the project proponents adopt the best available technologies in prevention & control of the emissions. The stack & Ambient Air Quality monitoring values are to be maintained within the stipulated standards.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bijapur, while addressing the meeting said that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting, would be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for further action.

After hearing the above discussions, the Chairman informed that based on the remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendations will be sent to Government of India, while considering permission to the proposed projects with the conditions that the project proponents shall take all necessary precautionary measures during the establishment and operation of the unit by following the guidelines / norms / conditions / directions / standards stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other Competent authorities.

The meeting was concluded with a Vote of Thanks.



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