

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT GOVERNMENT (NEW) INSPECTION BUNGLOW PREMISES, SANTHEMARHALLI VILLAGE, CHAMARAJANAGAR TALUK & DISTRICT ON 21.06.2014 AT 10.30 AM IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF WIDENING & UPGRADATION OF EXISTING 2-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO 2-LANE WITH PAVED SHOULDER / 4-LANE FROM KM 307.810 TO KM 435.250 OF CHAMARAJANAGARAA TO HAROHALLI SECTION OF NH-209 IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

1. Venue of Public Hearing : Govt. (New) Inspection Bungalow premises,
Santhermarahalli village,
Chamrajanagar Taluk & District
2. Officers Present : Annexure – 1
3. Representatives of the Project : Annexure – 2
4. Name of the Public Participants : Annexure – 3

PREAMBLE:

M/s. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways) has proposed widening & up gradation of existing 2-lane carriageway to 2-lane with paved shoulder / 4-lane from km 307.810 to km 435.250 of Chamarajanagaraa to Harohalli section of NH-209 in the state of Karnataka. As per Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) Notification No. 1533 dated 14.09.2006, M/s. National Highway Authority of India require to obtain Environmental Clearance for the proposed road development project from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, and also require to Environmental Public Hearing in the respective District. Accordingly the Public hearing is conducted at Chamarajanagara District.

MOEF has issued the Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. F.No. 10-86/2012-IA.III dated 7th February 2013 for the proposed project to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies. Accordingly, the Project proponents submitted request vide their letter dt,29.10.13 to Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore to conduct public hearing in accordance with EIA notification along with EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) report and Executive Summary of the said Project in Kannada and English version . The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajnarag has consented to conduct public hearing on 20.03.14. In order to conduct public hearing , Notification was given in state newspaper "Vijaya-karnataka" (Kannada) & "Decan-

Herald" (English) on 18.02.14. Also notification was given in the local News paper "Reshmenadu" (Kannada) on 20.02.14. Due to model conduct of Lokasabha-2014 elections, the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar has directed to postpone the Public Hearing meeting & accordingly the meeting was not conducted.

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar has consented new date for conducting Public Hearing on 21.06.14 and accordingly Notification was given in state newspaper "Vijaya-karnataka" (Kannada) & "Decan-Herald" (English) on 21.05.14. Also notification was given in the local News paper "Reshmenadu" (Kannada) on 26.05.14 inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others residing at project site and public likely to be affected by the proposed project within 30 days from the date of publication. Also, the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Executive Summary were kept in the following designated places.

- 1) Deputy Commissioner Office, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar,
- 2) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Chamarajanagar District,
- 3) District Industries Centre, Chamarajanagar
- 4) City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagar
- 5) Taluk Panchyat, Chamarajanagar.
- 6) Town Panchyat, Yelandur, Chamarajanagr District.
- 7) Gramapanchyat Office, Santemarhalli, Chamarajanagar taluk & District.
- 8) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chamarajanagar.
- 9) Ministry of Environment & Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bangalore
- 10) Helpdesk, KSPCB, Ground Floor Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore – 560001.
Bangalore.

Handouts & announcement through audio system was done at the proposed project area on 19.06.2014 & 20.06.2014.

The Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 21.06.2014 at Govt. (New) Inspection Bungalow premises, Santhermarahalli village, Chamarajanagara Taluk & District. Sri. B.M.Prakash, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control

Board, Regional Office, Chamarajanagar extended a warm welcome to Sri. A.M.Kunjappa I.A.S., Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Sri M. Laxman, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Mysore, Sri Surendra Kumar, Project Director, NHAI, Bangalore, Sri H.S. Linge Gowda, Manger (T), NHAI, Bangalore, Sri Suresh Kumar, SLAO&CA, NH-209, Malavalli, public, officials of different departments, elected representatives, members and staff of the project and press who were present.

Sri. B.M.Prakash, Environmental Officer, briefly explained the need for Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Environmental Public hearing as per EIA Notification. He informed that, publicity was given in newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the public hearing and the documents kept for the public hearing. Sri, A.M.Kunjappa I.A.S., Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District to Chairman of the Public Hearing meeting informed the Public to submit their views, suggestions & objections if any to the proposed project. Further informed that proceedings & video graph is being done which is part of the Public hearing procedure and the same will be sent to MOEF for further consideration on the project. Project Proponents made brief presentation of the project. After, brief presentation, the meeting was open for discussions to the public/participants.

The details of the suggestion/views/objections expressed by the public/participants are as follows.

1. **Sri Nanjundaswamy, Mamballi village, Yelandur taluk, Chamarajanagara District** informed that cutting of big trees for road work shall be stopped to the extent possible & suggested to plant trees all along the Road. He has questioned the purpose for providing bypass for Mamballi & Agara Village as, nobody objected to widen the existing alignment passing through the said villages.

Sri Linge Gowda, Manager(Technical), NHAI clarified that as per IRC guide lines the realignment has been proposed for the above mentioned two villages to save the greater number of structures located along the existing alignment. Further clarified, that the extent acquisition width of the proposed NH section for these location is about 8m to 12m only.

2. **Sri Mahesh, Mudlapura village, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** has submitted written objection on environmental issues and as well on proposed land acquisition. He also expressed that, there will increase in noise levels due to increase in vehicle traffic density to the residential area located near the proposed Bypass. The objection letter submitted is enclosed as Annexure-3.

Sri. Suresh Kumar, SLAO/CA clarified that, the By-pass at Chamarajanagr Town will follow the land acquisition procedure and in-concurrence with Chamarajanagara Urban Development Authority (CHUDA). Further informed that, a small land acquisition is proposed for by-pass & the land will not utilize, other than road purpose.

3. **Sri Narayana, Kandalli Village, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** Informed that, he has submitted representation by appealing to construct Flyovers and change of alignment but, there is no action from NHAI. Further, informed that constructing flyovers will save the houses belongs to SC/ST community and requested to DC, Chamarajanagar to look into these issues.

The DC, Chamarajanagar has informed to verify issue.

4. **Sri Lingaraja Murthi, Yalandur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** informed that, there is a Govt. Hospital located within 20 feet away from the proposed realignment for Yalandur town and question about noise control form traffic.

Sri, B.M.Prakash, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chamarajanagar clarified that provision for noise barrier to be adopted for controlling the noise level. The Manager Technical, NHAI has accepted the suggestions.

5. **Sri D. Shivakumaraswamy, Attigulipura Village, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** has stated that, there are number of grown Eucalyptus trees present along NH-209 and due to existing of these trees, there is depletion of Ground water table in the area. He suggested to remove eucalyptus tress and to plant which are helpful to farmers. Further, he informed to make suitable

compensation for acquired land and structures. He also suggested, conduct public meeting at each village with respect to land acquisition.

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagara informed that suitable decision will be taken by consulting with forest department and land acquisition officer.

6. **Sri. Mukundaraj, Kollegal Taluk, Chamarajanagar District** has informed that there are many SC/ST land owners' lands which are obtained through declaration on proposed Kollegal Bypass and out of which a small piece of land proposed to acquire for the project. Further, informed that, Cauvery River is located 200 meters away from the proposed by-pass, land identified falls under submergence, fertile & made objection for the acquisition. The objection letter submitted is enclosed as Annexure- 12.
7. **Sri. Sureshnayak, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** has made compliant to Deputy commissioner, stating that the concerned authorities are not according the license for construction of houses and for commercial shops located on the existing National Highway.
The Deputy Commissioner Chamarajanagara informed that the issue will be verified as per the prevailing rules and regulations.
8. **Sri Mahesh, Santhemarahalli village, Yalandur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District** has questioned about the safe margin to be left from the center of the road for construction for house and also enquired about further acquisition after the proposed acquisition procedure.

Sri, Lingegowda, Manager (Technical) NHAI informed that, ROW of 30m has been envisaged on the basis of current traffic survey for the proposed project. Similarly Land acquisition will be decided for the future expansion/additional on future traffic. Further informed that, As per GOK circular N.H standard the total ROW is 60m and building line is 80m hence from the center of the proposed highway the building line shall be 40m.

9. **Saraguru village, Kollegala Taluka, Chamarajanagara District resident informed** that Survey no. 219/2, 219/3 has been published in 3A and 3D but survey no. 126 is getting affected due to the proposed project. He complained that, the authorities concern have not issued notification for survey no. 126.

Sri, Sureshkumar, SLAO/CA advised to submit request writing & assured verifies the same.

10. **Sri. C A Mahadevashetty, Ex. President, Zilla Panchayat, Chamarajanagara** has questioned, why Bypass/Realignment has not been proposed at Yereyur but realignment has been proposed for Mamballi, Aghra, Yelandur, Chamarajanagara. He further DC, Chamarajanagar to provide alternate site for (PAPs) owners, whose structures are being affected.

The DC, Chamarajanagara informed that, provision of providing alternate site will be examined.

11. **Sri. Harish, Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagara District informed** that there are about 7 operational wells falling on PROW of Kollegal Bypass and questioned about the requirement of by-pass due to loss of water source from the project.

Sri, Lingegowda, Manager (Technical) informed that valuation for bore wells/ open wells shall be done and suitable compensation shall be paid for the loss.

12. **Sri. Guruprasad, Kollegal Taluk, Chamarajanagara District & Sri. Chinwaswamy, Harohalli, Ramanagara District** questioned, why Karnataka/TN Border to Chamarajanagar section have not been included in EIA even though it passes through BRT Wildlife Sanctuary/Tiger Reserve Area. Further informed that, the EIA comprises the details from Chamarajanagar to Harohalli Section (Km 306.437 to km 438.475) only & details of Protected Areas located within 10Km from project area has not been included EIA Report.

Sri, Lingegowda, Manager (Technical) informed that the details for section between Karnataka/TN Border to Chamarajanagar are not given in the EIA Report because it is a different section. The EIA has been prepared for Chamarajanagar to Harohalli Section (Km 306.437 to km 438.475) for which this public hearing meeting is being conducted. Further, informed that no diversion/acquisition of BRT Wildlife Sanctuary/ Tiger Reserve Area has been proposed from Karnataka/TN Border to Chamarajanagar section.

13. Sri Madappa, Santhemarahalli village, Yalandur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District informed that implementation of the NHAI project will help the public even though there is loss of public land & building. He suggested to plant more number of trees in the ration of 1:2 at the edge of ROW and also suggested to remove the small trees with roots and transplant the same. Further, he requested to give scientific rates for land loser's as compensation.

B.M.Prakash, EO, KPCB, Chamarajanagar stated that the project proponents have made Draft EIA and the same is placed before public for opinion. Further, informed that all the views/suggestions received in the public hearing require to be incorporated along with proposal by the project proponent and require submit Final EIA to MOEF. He also informed that necessary Clearance has to be obtained from concerned wildlife authority before project implementation.

Sri. Kunjappa A.M, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District informed the project proponent to adopt all nessecary control measures to prevent pollution from dust, noise etc,. Finally, informed that the project is being executed in the interest of public & also for future development of the District and requested for co-operation for execution of the project.

The public Hearing meeting Concluded with thanks.

The following written objections/views received during meeting and the is enclosed along with the proceedings.

1. Sri Mahesha.P. Chamarajanagar – Annexure-IV
2. Sri M.Mahadevasingh, Mamballi, Yalandur taulk - Annexure-V .
3. Sri D.S.Doreswami, Punajoor Village & Post, Chamarajanagar Taluk - Annexure-VI
4. Sri Ravi S/o late Puttamadaiah, Saragur Village, Kollegal Taluk - Annexure-VII
5. Sri Rangaswami S/o Venkataiah, Saragur Village, Kollegal Taluk - Annexure-VIII
6. Dr Babujagajivanram youth Society (R), Saragur Village, Kollegal Taluk - Annexure-IX
7. Sri Nanjundaswami, President, City Municipal, Chamarajanagar - Annexure-X
8. Sri Guruprasad, Santhemarahalli - Annexure-XI
9. Praja Society (Environmental awareness & protection trust (R), Chandra Layout, Bangalore Annexure-XII
10. Sri Mukenda Raju & Others, Kollegala - Annexure-XIII

Date: 22.07.2014

Place: Chamarajanagar


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