

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 27/08/2013 at Guru-Bhavan, Koratagere for the proposed Rehabilitation and up-gradation of National Highway – 234 from chainage km - 328 + 450 to km 508+ 736, 2 lane/ 2 lane with paved shoulder of Madhugiri – AP border section in the state of Karnataka (NHIIP SP/A/2) by Public Works Dept, Government of Karnataka.

Public Hearing Panel members Present		
1	Sri .K.S. Satya murthy, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur.	Chairperson
2	Sri. C.M. Sathish, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga.	Convener
3	Sri. B.S. Muralidhara Regional Officer, K.S.P.C.B. Tumkur.	Convener

<u>Representatives of National Highway</u>		
1	Sri. Vijay Kumar Chavadannanavar,	Superintendent Engineer.
2	Sri. H.V.Basavaraju,	Asst. Executive Engineer, Kolar.
3	Sri. Ramesh Babu	Asst. Engineer
4	Sri. Santhosh.	Group senior planner, Environment, CDM Smith India Pvt. Ltd.
5	Jomtcy Mathew.	EIA Co-ordinator, CDM Smith India Pvt. Ltd.
6	Aslam.	Associate, CDM Smith India Pvt. Ltd.
7	Sri Ravi.	Social mobilizer, CDM Smith India Pvt. Ltd..

Public attendance.

Copy of the attendance is enclosed as **Annexure-I**

Preamble:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests provides for Public Hearing to address the concerns of local affected persons and others who have a stake in the environment impacts of the project. Public Hearing is one of the mandatory requirements for category 'A' or Category 'B' projects listed in the schedule of the EIA Notification, 2006 requiring prior environmental clearance. A structured Public consultation process has been put in place for conducting public hearing. Detailed procedure has been laid for conduct of public hearing by State pollution Control Board to arrange in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation

The Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India has issued Terms of Reference and pertinent to this, the Project Proponent has requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. He also requested the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner Tumkur to conduct the Public Hearing.

Sri B.S. Muralidhara, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board welcomed Sri K.S. Satya murthy IAS, Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel, other Officers, NGO's, General Public and press reporters present for the Public Hearing. He explained that, National Highway, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Cell, Department of PWP & IWT has filed an application for obtaining Environmental Clearance from MoEF, New Delhi. Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka has proposed to Rehabilitate and upgrade NH-234 from chainage KM-328+450 to Km 508+735, 2 lane with paved shoulder of

Madhugiri - AP border section in the State of Karnataka. As per EIA Notification, dated: 14/9/2006 (as amended on 1/12/2009); for which conducting of Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory, as this proposed project attracts EIA Notification and comes in Category 'A' listed in the schedule of the EIA Notification, 2006.

He explained that the prior arrangements have been made by the Board for public information as per the EIA Notification and the public notices regarding the public hearing was issued in News papers viz., Samyuktha Karnataka (Kannada Daily) and The Hindu (English Daily) on 27/06/2013 and also in Tumkur local News paper Praja pragati, Ganga vahini, Sogadu, Eakesh & Tumkur on 24/07/2013. Further pamphlets were distributed at the Bairenahalli & Arasapura village to participate in public hearing.

Further, he has informed the gathering to express their views/comments/objections and suggestions pertaining to environmental aspects on the proposed project and informed that the written proceedings will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi through KSPCB.

Sri. S. Santhosh, Group Senior Planner - Environment of M/s. CDM Smith India Pvt Ltd., Bangalore, Technical Consultants for National Highway, PPP Cell has made presentation in Kannada language and explained in detail to the gathering regarding the proposed project and suitable measures to be taken up for the proposed project to mitigate Environmental Pollution problems as per REIA and Environmental Management Plan. He explained the present scenario of the project and scope of the proposed project. During the presentation, he reported that suitable measures will be taken up during formation & commissioning of the project based on the Environmental Management Plan. Further it is reported that the proposed road alignment is passing through

Bairanahalli & Arasapura village of Koratagere Taluk, Covering 6.2 KM Length only & proposed additional land requirement is 0.72 Ha only. The road alignment will effect commercial building (4 Nos) residential with commercial (1 No) & Religious property (1 No). The number of trees to be cut for road widening is estimated as 84 Nos. Copy of the presentation made by M/s. CDM Smith India Pvt Ltd., Bangalore, and Technical Consultants for National Highway, PPP Cell is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Later on Chairperson has informed the public gathering to place their views/comments/objections and suggestions pertaining to environmental aspects on the proposed project. The following publics expressed their views.

VIEWS/COMMENTS/OBJECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC:

Sri Vinay kumar, Panchayath member, Arsapura.

After presentation of the project proponent, the member raised that, in the report it is not disclosed the Basava Temple coming under proposed alignment. This is an oldest temple and action is required to protect the same. In response to the above P/P reported that the Temple structure will not come under the Proposed National highway alignment & same will be retained. Deputy Commissioner asked the clarification & directed to provide railing as a safety measure to the public. Further he informed the Engineers of NH along with the Publics of the village to verify the site & take necessary measures.

Smt. M. Lakshamma late Laalu Nayak:

She informed that in the proposed alignment of road making at Lingapura Bus stand Holy worship place of Hindu (Banyan tree) built by her for the utility of Public will be affected & requested for Compensation.

Sri. Nagaraj, Koratagere :

Humbly requested the compensation for the land acquisition. Project proponent reported that only 0.72 Ha of land is acquired in the alignment in the proposed widening of the road. Compensation will be given as per government rules.

Sri A.N. Muddappa, Arasapura:

He informed that there is a open well with tube well exist at Sy. No. 118 which is catering the need of Agriculture and Domestic animals in the proposed road alignment. The same will be affected by the project & he requested to make alternate arrangements for water source. Further he apprehended that there are chances of accidents & requires safety measures. Deputy Commissioner informed the NH Engineers to verify the site and take necessary precautionary measures by providing rails. If the well is coming within the alignment it has to be closed scientifically and alternative source of water shall be made.

Sri Althaf, Panchayat member, Arasapura.

He humbly represented that the water supply and drainage system were developed under World Bank schemes will be affected from the proposed project. Since the alignment is passing through water supply & drainage network. He requested for shifting the entire facility. The NH Engineers informed that they have paid Rs. 6.5 lakhs towards shifting of the pipeline & renovation of drainage to PWD Department. Deputy Commissioner informed the NH Engineers to visit the site & take suitable measures for shifting of the pipelines & also ensure the water supply & drainage facility shall not be affected.

Sri Hanumanta nayaka, Arasapura.

The proposed alignment is passing through his Agriculture land having mango trees & asked for the compensation on the above issues. Project proponent informed that the compensation will be given as per Government rules.

Sri. Chikkappayya, NGO, Koratagere.

He requested to give the information on how many trees will be cut along the proposed alignment & alternate measures taken for new plantation and its maintenance. Further he is concerned on the national bird protection at the proposed site. PP informed that 84 Nos of trees to be fell & the proposed No of tree will be compensated 252 Nos & its maintenance during non monsoon season will be taken by the NH Authorities.

Sri Shekarappa, Arasapura.

He informed that the proposed alignment is passed through his Agriculture land having Tamarind tree & requested for Compensation. Project proponent informed that the compensation will be given as per Government rules.

Sri. Chelubaraya.

He asked about the guidelines for construction of the buildings/structures from the National Highway. Project proponent informed that 45M should be left from the centre of National Highway.

Sri.Puttappa s/o Chandrappa.

He reported that the marking stones were placed in most of the Koratagere Agriculture Land. In this regard there is no publicity from any of the competent Authorities for the purpose of land acquisition. In this connection Deputy Commissioner informed that a separate meeting will be held in this regard.

After hearing views/comments/objections and suggestions pertaining to environmental aspects on the proposed project the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of the project and mentioned that the positive benefits of this project is to be considered and look into the aspects that, how many people are going to be benefitted from this project. This Public Hearing is pertinent to the Environmental issues, For the question which was raised by many of the public regarding the religious structures, water supply, compensation on acquiring Agricultural & farm land. In this regard special land acquisition officer will be posted & he will be visiting affected areas to assess the compensation in consultation with the public & the same will be published in the official gazette. Further the extent of land acquisition is very less. Presently the proposed road is two lanes & is the shortest distance covering East & West Coast. In future also there may be chances of widening, hence the building should be constructed 45M away on either side from the centre line of the National Highway to avoid the dust pollution & vibration from movement of heavy vehicles. Further it is assured to the Publics that any critical issues will be addressed & strategy evolved with the in consultation with NHAI Authorities in protecting the interest of public as per law.

The Deputy Commissioner suggested that the National highway, PWD and Project Proponents are working for the best of the public. The concerns and queries raised by the public during hearing shall be taken into consideration while implementation without effecting the local public. Also highlighted that the High Ways should be developed for the sustainable development of villages and shall not affect the villages by development of highway, it shall consider the environmental aspects. Railway & road development is inevitable for the

development of the State & infrastructure. This requires land acquisition for which the public should co-operate & to support.

It is informed to the audience that the video recording, Suggestions, Objections and Support extended by you all will be made into an abstract and will be sent to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. In turn, the same will be forwarded to the New Delhi, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, for issuing Environmental Clearance for the project.


Lastly, the Deputy Commissioner has thanked one and all present in the audience.

During the Environmental Public hearing four written memorandums were received, which are duly signed by the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur. The photo copies of the same are herewith enclosed with proceedings as **Annexure-III**.

 23/9/13

(K.S. Satya murthy)

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman
Environmental Public Hearing Committee

 Tumkur.