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PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 15.07.2014 AT 11.00 A.M IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF WIDENING, IMPROVEMENT & UP GRADATION OF EXISTING 2 LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO 4 LANE FROM KM 184.912 TO PROPOSED KM 318.772 OF HASSAN TO BANTWAL SECTION OF NH-48 (NEW NH-75) IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

Venue of Public Hearing : "Purabhavana Auditorium", Sakaleshpura Town, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan District.

Officers Present

1. Dr. H GopalKrishna, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan district.
2. Sri.M. Lakshman, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Mysore Zone.
3. Sri.K.V.Shivakumar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional office, Hassan.
4. Dr. Madhukeshwar, KAS, Assist Commissioner, Sakaleshpura division, Hassan.
5. Sri. Manjunath G.N, KAS, Special land aquesation officer, N.H-75, Hassan.
6. Smt. Parvathi, Tahasildar, Sakaleshpura Taluk, Hassan.

Project Proponent:-

1. Sri. Surendrakumar, Project director, NHAI-PIU, Bangalore.
2. Sri. Shirish gangadhar, Technical manager, NHAI-PIU, Bangalore.

Public Participants

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PREAMBLE:

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA has taken-up Widening, improvement & up gradation of existing 2 lane carriageway to 4 Lane from proposed Km 184.912 to Proposed Km 318.772 of Hassan to Bantwal Section of NH-48 (new NH-75) in the State of Karnataka. As per notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI, SO No. 1533 dated 14.09.2006,

proposed project requires prior National Highway Authority of India has to obtain Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, and also it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing (district wise). Accordingly the Public hearing was conducted at Purabhavan auditorium, Sakaleshpur Taluk, Hassan District.

The Project proponent has prepared draft EIA report in accordance with term of reference (TOR) issued by MOEF, New Delhi. The Executive Summary of the said Project was prepared in Kannada and English version which has been submitted to Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore in accordance with EIA notification. As per MOEF, GOI terms of reference letter No. F.No. 10-87/2012-IA.III dated 7th February 2013 and request of the project proponent, the Environmental Public Hearing notification was published in leading newspapers of Karnataka State "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) and "Deccan Herald" (English) on 14.06.2014 and in Hassan district Local News Paper "Janatha Madhyama" on 13.06.2014. The Executive summary of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was kept in the following designated places for public references.

1. Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District, Hassan.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Hassan District,
3. District Industries Centre, Hassan
4. City Municipal Council, Hassan
5. Town Municipal Council, Sakleshpura.
6. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hassan.
7. Ministry of Environment & Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bangalore
8. Helpdesk, KSPCB, Ground Floor Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore – 560001.
Bangalore for Public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 15.07.2014 at "Purabhavana Auditorium", Sakaleshpur Town & Taluk, Hassan District. Shri. K.V.Shivakumar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hassan has extended a warm welcome to Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, other officers, project proponent and publics attending the Public Hearing. Shri. K.V. Shivakumar, Environmental Officer, briefed the gathering about the need for Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Environmental Public hearing as per the EIA Notification, 2006. He also informed gathering about the publicity given in leading state level and district level news papers in 30days advance and also briefed about

project to the public Hearing and document kept in selected places for public reference.

He requested Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to Chair the Public Hearing meeting and conduct the Public Hearing. Additional Deputy Commissioner welcomed all the members and local people for Environmental Public Hearing Meeting. He requested Public to file the objections in writing or orally before Public Hearing committee which will be a part of proceedings and video graph.

Chairman of Public Hearing meeting requested project proponent to make brief presentation in Kannada to the assembled publics. Accordingly the representative of NHAI made power point presentation in Kannada briefing details, and mitigations measures proposed. After the presentation chairman requested public to file their objections and suggestions.

The following are the objections, opinions and suggestions expressed by the gathered public/ members.

1. Sri. Shantharaju, Sakaleshpur Taluk, Hassan district .

He expressed that proposed widening of road from 2-lane to 4-lane, will abstract elephant corridor in the region which may result in diversion of elephants movements into near by villages resulting in distraction of farm land and problem to villages. He also inform that, there is an elephant corridor near Alur and demanded for elephant under pass near Alur.

Manager Technical NHAI informed that, 3 elephant under pass are proposed in the project area and they will take decision on providing one more corridor near Alur after discussion with forest department.

2. Sri Krishnappa, Sakaleshpur.

He informed that about 27 Ha. of Forest Land is required for proposed project and requested project proponent to make provision for alternative development of forest area to compensate acquire forest land. He also demanded good compensation for the private land acquired for proposed project. He demanded strict following of mitigation measures for protection of environment during construction and operation phases of the proposed project in accordance with executive summary.

Additional Deputy Commissioner clarified that, suitable directions will be given to implementing agency and forest department to take up afforestation for the acquired forest land and Suitable compensation will be paid as per provisions in the NH Act 1956. All

the measures will be taken as per Environmental Guidelines to prevent damages to environment. Land Acquisition Notification has already been published except in some areas of Palya, Banavase and Chicknayakanahalli. Further notification for missing Sy. Nos. will be published shortly and will be informed accordingly.

3. Sri. H. Narayana Alva, Coffee Estate Owner, Sakaleshpur

He informed that, previous project like Dams in Gorur, High Tension Wires, Railway Lines has created re-habitation problem in the region and he urged same should not be repeated in the proposed project. He informed that they are ready to give their land for proposed project provided Government gives good compensation to the land losers and provide re-habilitations to affected people in places like Hassan city.

4. Sri. K.S. Manjegowda, Residence of Palya, Alur Taluk.

He informed that NHAI, is not giving information about the alignment of proposed road in Palya. He also informed that, the proposed new alignment will affect poor people as about 80-90 families are going to lose their houses due to new alignment. He also demanded for implementing proposed road as per old alignment which will help people of Palya.

Manager (Tech), NHAI informed that, NHAI has not published 3 (D) Notification for Palya village. Discussions had been carried out with public and public representatives several time in order to resolve the matter. He also informed that alternative plans have been prepared and SLAO, Hassan will organize a public meeting in Palya to take decision on alignment at Palya village with the consent of public.

5. Shri Lingaraj, Palya, Alur Taluk.

He demanded widening of existing road in Palya as the people are mentally prepared for widening of existing road which passes through Palya village. He also informed that the proposed Bypass to palya village is unscientific and requires land acquisition as people of palya ready to give their structure for widening of existing road.

6. Shri Jai Maruthi, Sakaleshpur Coffee Estate Owner

He welcomed proposed project and informed that previous survey was conducted 35 years back for Sakaleshpura bypass which is now coming in the Town limits of Sakaleshpura. He demanded resurveying and re-alignment of bypass for Sakaleshpura town 2-3 km out side town limits which will boost development of Sakaleshpura town. He also requested to consider plantations like Pepper, cardamom, etc. for deciding the compensation amount.

Sri. Manjunath, SLAO clarified that the Sakaleshpur Bypass is from Ch. 214+570 to 220+000 (5.40 Kms). ROW proposed in bypass is 60 m. He also informed that for design of bypass is based on geometry and speed since the terrain is hilly. The proposed bypass will be very useful to Sakaleshpur. He also informed that compensation will be paid considering the plants cultivated in the land.

Manager (Tech), NHAI informed that the land required for Sakaleshpur Bypass is already acquired by State Government in 1991-1992. New alignment of bypass 2-3 k.m away from city limits require new land acquisition which is technically and economically not viable.

7. Shri. Nataraj, Sakaleshpur

He welcomed proposed project as it eases the traffic from Sakaleshpur to Hassan and to Mangalore. He complained that, the proposed project may delay due to compliance to various Government agencies. He inform that, environmental damage in the region due to proposed project is very minimum and also inform that people of the region does not have any objections related to environment due to proposed project. He also demanded for constitution of committee for fair compensation to the land losers.

Chairmen clarified that the compensation will be paid as per NH Act 1956 and guidelines of Government. Concerned people can submit their representations to SLAO, Hassan. As per new guidelines from MOEF, He assure that the preceding of the meeting will be forwarded to MOEF, New delhi at earliest

8. Shri Krishnegowda, Byrapura, Alur Taluk.

He informed that the alignment at Bhyrapura circle, is designed to protect existing petrol bunk, which is belonging to influential persons. He also demanded for re-alignment of road near Byrapura circle by keeping easy traffic movement in mind. He also demanded for construction of Fly-over at Alur circle.

Manager (Tech), NHAI informed that, the road has been designed as per the Manual and Specification and standards of 4-laning. Under pass is proposed at Alur circle for vehicular movement.

9. Shri Saleem, Sakaleshpura

He informed that few structures including houses, prayer hall etc. are getting affected due to proposed 60m width of bypass for Sakaleshpura. He demanded for restrictions of bypass

width to 45m as only 45m is acquired for road widening in the places other than Sakaleshpura bypass. He also requested to clarify whether existing road which passes through Sakaleshpura town will be developed and if it is developed he requested for proposed width of the existing road which passes through Sakaleshpura town.

SLAO, Hassan, clarified that ROW for bypass is 60 m, is based on population of the Sakaleshpura and there is no plans of developing existing road passing through Sakaleshpura.

10. Sri. Suresh Gowda, Mageri Village, Representative from Karnataka Rakshana Vedike

He welcomed the proposed project and demanded for good compensation to land losers of the project and he also urged for protection of water bodies of the region during construction and operation phase of the proposed project. He demanded for providing under passes for animals movement in the project area to conserve wild life. He requested project proponent not to create loud noise by using explosives and heavy machines which will damage the environment and create ecological imbalance in the region.


11. Shri. Guru, Sakaleshpura Representative from Karnataka Rakshana Vedike

He complained that the meeting is conveyed for discussion of environmental problem due to proposed project instead people are discussing more about land acquisition and compensation issues which are irrelevant to the meeting. He demanded concern department should take utmost care to protect environment and regional ecology during construction and operative phases of Proposed project.

In the concluding remarks the chairman, Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna thanked the public for peaceful meeting and valuable suggestions and requested public to extend their co-operation which is essential for Public interest and also for future development of the district. He concluded the meeting with vote of thanks.

Date: 13-08-2014 .

Place: Hassan.


Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan and 13/8.
Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee,
Hassan District.