

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT "INSPECTION BUNGALOW (PREMISES), KANAKPURA, KANAKPURA TALUK, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT" ON 10.06.2014 AT 11.00 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 : Inspection Bungalow (premises), Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara 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 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. As a part of proposal to widen NH-209 by NHAI from 2 Lane Road to 4 Lane Road to an length of 37.530 KM starting from Major Settlements such as Honniganahalli Village, Sathnur, Jakkegowdanahalli, Kallegowdanadoddi, Shivahalli, Kanakapura, Adanakuppe, Bhadra, Karigowdanahalli, Anjanapura, Thoppaganahalli, Hanumanthanagar, Yadavanahalli, Jakkasandra, Thamsandra, Harohalli Village, Kanakapura taluk, Ramnagar District from Chainage 400.80 Km to Km 438.400 in the State of Karnataka. As per notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI vide dated 14.09.2006, M/s. National Highway Authority of India has to obtain Environmental Clearance for its proposed said road development project from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, and also it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing (district wise).

Accordingly, MOEF has issued the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this project to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies. In view of the above, the Project proponents have prepared REIA (Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment) report and Executive Summary of the said Project in Kannada and English version which has been submitted to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ramanagara in accordance with EIA notification. As per MOEF,


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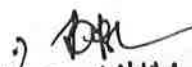
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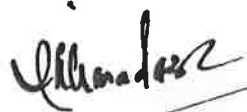
GOI terms of reference letter No. 10-86/2012-IA.III dated 7/2/2013 and request of the project proponent, the Environmental Public Hearing notification was published in leading newspapers of Karnataka State i.e. "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) and The Hindu (English) on 10-05-2014 and on Bayalu Seeme on 10.05.2014 and amendments on 12.05.2014 & 13.05.2014 regarding the Project by inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections of 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 Notification. Also, the draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Executive Summary were kept in the following designated places.

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

The Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 10.06.2014 at Inspection Bungalow (premises), Kanakapura, Ramanagara District. Sri Sadiq Ahmed, Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore South extended a warm welcome to Sri. F.R. Jamadar, Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District, all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and members and staff of the project and press who were present in the Public Hearing Meeting. Sri. Sadiq Ahmed, Sr. Environmental Officer, Bangalore South briefly explained the need for Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Environmental Public hearing as per EIA Notification and informed that accordingly publicity was given in the news papers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the public hearing and the documents kept for the public hearing. He requested Sri. Jamadar, Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District to Chair the Public Hearing meeting. He requested Chairman of this Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the public hearing.


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Further, a brief presentation was made by the project proponent informing public about the details of project road. Special Land Acquisition Officer & Competent Authority, NHAI-209 also elaborated the village wise extent of land acquisition involved in this project in Ramanagara District. The Chairman requested the Public to interact and discuss about the project and to present all their issues, which would be part of both written record and videography. Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District, after briefing the project details requested for open discussions of the public/participants.

The following are the opinions and the suggestions expressed by the gathered public/participants/press members.

1. Sri Shivalingiah, Shivanahalli Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He has requested to save the two temples viz. Sri Anjeneya Temple & Sri Veerabhadra Swamy Temple at Shivanahalli - Village. DC informed that, the possibility of saving will be checked with concerned officials, if the land is not encroached upon by the temples.

2. Sri G.S. Siddaiah, Gabbadi-Village, Kanakapura Taluk.


He informed to save the temples viz. Sri Basaveshwara Swamy & Muguthamma Temple at Gabbadi village. DC informed that, the possibility of saving will be checked with concerned officials.

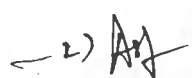
3. Sri Nagaraju, Kallahalli-Village, Kanakapura Taluk


He informed that, Coconut trees are acquired in the proposed Highway; so he has requested for more compensation amount towards these Coconut Trees' (small) acquisition. Mr. Lingegowda, Manager (Tech), National Highways Authority of India, PIU, Bangalore clarified that the land compensation amount will be paid as per NH Act – 1956 and the compensation will be paid as per the guidelines value of Horticulture Department.

4. Sri Kenche Gowda, Kallahalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He asked that what proposal has been made in the project in the location where proposed road is passing through Tank/pond; whether the project will close the ponds/tanks or provide


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bridge or re-alignment; he also requested to save the pond/tank. Mr. Lingegowda, Manager (Tech), National Highways Authority of India, PIU, Bangalore clarified that the capacity of the Tank/pond will not be reduced on the proposed alignment.

5. Sri Byarappa, Shivanahalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He informed that, he has planted 1.5 Acre of Coconut trees, Betel leaves, Arcknut tree and other trees and out of this 1.5 Acre, 35 Guntas are acquired in the proposed Highway. He told that he depends on the revenue generation from this land. For this he has requested for more compensation amount for acquisition of these trees. Mr. Lingegowda, Manager (Tech), National Highways Authority of India, PIU, Bangalore clarified that the land compensation amount will be paid as per NH Act – 1956 and the compensation will be paid as per the guidelines value of Horticulture Department and compensation for forest nursery as per guidelines value of forest department.

6. Sri Srinivas, Kallahalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He requested to give the compensation amount 1:4 as per new enactment (LA&RR). SLAO&CA has clarified that, under NH Act The 3 (A) notification S.O. No- 98(E) Dated:08-01-2013 was published on Date: 11-02-2013 to the public notice and even 3(D) (i.e., Final Notification) was also published before the enactment came in to force. So it is not applicable to N.H-209 Acquisition process. The Deputy Commissioner asked that, is it possible to provide the compensation as per new enactment? SLAO & CA give information in this regard that they have already sought legal clarification from NHAI.

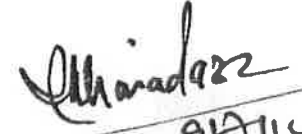
7. Sri. Govindaraju, Shivanahalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk

He requested that, he has 1.34 guntas in Sy. No. 106/2 at Shivanahalli village, out of which nearly 18 guntas of land have been finally notified, but boundary stones were fixed more than one Acre and request to acquire as per map. In this regard the SLAO&CA Clarified that he has already personally inspected this spot and verified with surveyor and in survey records he found there is some differences. That issue is due to non-updation, non-availability of survey and revenue records. The point out area within the boundary stones has already taken as additional 3(A).

8. Sri Mallikarjun, Harohalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk.


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He informed that, he purchased land 675/-Rs. per Sq.Ft. at Harohalli village. Now, in that survey number you are acquiring 7833 Sq. Mtr land and requested to know how much amount is fixed. SLAO&CA has clarified that, till 3 (G) award under NH Act 1956 it is not yet finalized. For this its not possible to disclose at this stage. SLAO&CA in continued with preliminary notification(3(A)) and the final notification (3(D)) published to the general public before the new act came into the effect. So it is not applicable for NH-209 Acquisition process and also clarified that if not satisfied with the award fixed by SLAO, he can appeal before the Arbitrator that is concerned Deputy Commissioner.

9. Shri Sunil, Kallahalli-Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He has informed that, his land boundary stone is not yet fixed. SLAO&CA informed that, he inspected the site at Kallahalli. Boundary Stone is not fixed due to preparation of additional 3 (A). Once, additional 3 (A) is notified for that location, the ROW/ NH boundary stone will be fixed.

10. Shri Shivalingu, Shivanahalli – Village, Kanakapura Taluk.

He asked to KSPCB Official regarding felling of trees during the construction of roads and compensatory trees are not being planted. For that KSPCB official informed that afforestation should be explained by project proponent. NHAI officials and Consultant informed that the tree shall be planted on the available ROW and apart from that cost for Compensatory Afforestation considering 1:2 ratio will be paid as per Compensatory afforestation Act (Forest Department). The budget has been considered in EMP cost.

11. Shri Uchappa, Vijaya Karnataka Newspaper.


He asked that, that whether NH-209 is handed over from State Government/NH wing and who will maintain the old trees. Mr. Lingegowda, Manager (Tech), National Highways Authority of India, PIU, Bangalore has informed that, till date the NH-209 is not handed over from State Government/NH wing/MoRT&H.

12. Sri. Santosh, Harohalli – village, Kankapura Taluk.

Sri. Santosh enquired about protected areas located within 10Km radius of project road which is not highlighted in EIA Report. NHAI officials and NHAI Consultant clarified that wild life & forest dept. has intimated the presence of protected areas within 10 Km radius.


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However the concerned authorities are yet to provide detailed information regarding the same. The information shall be updated in the final EIA report accordingly once the authenticated maps from concerned authority are provided.


13. Sri Sadiq Ahmed, Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore instructed to abide by all necessary measures to control Environmental Pollution like Dust, Noise etc during project implementation phases to implement EMP properly by submitting Affidavit. Sri. Surender Kumar, Project Director, PIU- Bangalore, NHAI has assured that all the needful activities respective to Environmental Protection shall be taken care of during Project Implementation.


14. Sri. Jamadar, DC- Ramanagara asked to Public / Participants if any more queries /objections/suggestions etc. to share with. There was no any further query from Public / Participants. The meeting was ended with vote of Thanks.


Further, praja samsthe (parisara jagruthi and samrakshana samithi trust) (R) No.26, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, Gangodanahalli, Chandra Badavane, Bengaluru have filed objections to the above said project to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore on 13-06-2014. Copy of the letter enclosed for reference.

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