

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD
ON 09-01-2014 AT 11AM WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF
GOWRIBIDANUR INDUSTRIAL AREA 1ST STAGE AND 2ND STAGE BY
KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD,
GOWRIBIDANUR TALUK, CHIKKABALLAPURA DIST, KARNATAKA**

<i>Public hearing panel members present</i>		
1.	Mrs. Sathyabama, K.A.S. Additional Deputy Commissioner Chikkaballapura Dist, Karnataka	Chairperson
2.	Sri. M.K Prabhudev Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore (East)	Representing KSPCB
3.	Sri. C.R. Manjunath Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Chikkaballapura.	Convener
Officers and others present:		
4	Representatives of project proponents and their consultants	Annexure-I
5	List of participants	Annexure-II

M/s Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board has proposed to develop an industrial area i.e., Gowribidanur 1st stage and 2nd stage at different survey nos. of Kudumalakunte village of Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura Dist, Karnataka in an extent of 293.17 Ha. The project proponent requires Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Govt of India as per EIA notification dated: 14.09.2006 (as amended till date) as the proposed project falls within 10 km from the interstate boundary and it is required to go through Environmental Public hearing. As per MoEF, Govt of India. Terms of Reference (TOR) Letter F.No.21-65/2012-IA.III and F.No.21-66/2012-IA.III and as per request made by the project proponent vide letter dated: 10/10/2013, the Environmental Public hearing was conducted.

The KSPCB has notified the public hearing notification dated 09.12.2013 in leading news papers Viz., Vijay Karnataka (Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) and appeared as news items in local news paper viz., "Vijaya Vani", "Vani" and "Vijaya Dwani" on 19/12/2013. M/s. KIADB has acquired 293.17 Ha of land for the development of industrial area in 2 Phases. 1st Phase work was under progress and 3 No.of units are already working. This area is just adjacent to Andhra Pradesh state boundary. Hindhupur and Gollapuram industrial parks currently exist adjacent to the KIADB Industrial area.

The public hearing was conducted at project site on 09.01.2014 at 11:00 AM under the chairmanship of Smt. Sathyabama, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura, Sri. M.K. Prabhudev, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore (East) and Sri, C.R. Manjunath, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Chikkaballapura, assisted the chairperson in conducting Environmental public hearing.

The Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chikkaballapura explained the purpose and need for conducting public hearing. The Environmental officer has informed the public gathered to express their views, objections and suggestions on the proposed industrial area with respect to environmental issues.

The presiding officer then directed the representative of KIADB to make presentation on the overview of the project and its environmental issues.

On behalf of KIADB Sri. Hemanth Rajkumar representing M/s. Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd., Bangalore (EIA consultant) has explained about the project through presentation.

He also explained land use pattern of the proposed Gowribidanur Industrial Area (1st & 2nd Stages).

Summary of the project explained by the Consultant is as follows:

- About 96.6 Ha of land has been acquired for the development of the 1st stage, of which 54 Ha of land has been reserved for industrial development and the remaining land has been reserved for civic amenities viz., Roads, Parks etc and 19 Ha of land is reserved for KSSIDC.
- For the 2nd stage development, about 196 ha of land has been acquired, of which 86 Ha of land is reserved for industrial development and the remaining land has been reserved for civic amenities viz., Roads, Parks etc.
- Latitude and Longitudes of the said industrial area is 13⁰42' 52" –N and 77⁰29' 46" –E respectively.
- Nearest railway station – 2 kms from Devarapalli and 9 km from Gowribidanur and as per the information furnished by the project proponent there are no sensitive areas like Biosphere, Reservoir, Forest, River and Archaeological Monuments within 10 km radius.
- The estimated quantity of water required for the 1st and 2nd stage of KIADB Industrial area is 3 MLD and presently the source of water is from bore wells. KIADB is exploring the possibility of utilizing the treated waste water from tertiary treatment plant of BWSSB, Yalahanka.
- KIADB has proposed to provide drains on either side of the roads to convey the effluent of the various industries to the CETP of the industrial area and for which

about 3 Acres of land has been reserved. The treated effluent is proposed to be utilized for cooling towers and for green belt development.

- The Hazardous Waste generated during the operation phase of the industrial area is proposed to be handed over to TSDF Dabaspur and for collection of Solid Waste, about 7 Acres of land is reserved.
- The project proponent has submitted the Environmental Management plan to mitigate the pollution during construction and operation phase of the industrial area.

After the completion of presentation, the presiding officer expressed that, Since kudumalakunte village of Gowribidanur Taluk is situated in the border of Karnataka State and Andhra Pradesh State, KIADB has to obtain EC from MoEF, New Dehli. In this regard to encourage the industries, KIADB has acquired about 700 Acres of land and necessary allotment will be made and accordingly,

Many industries are going to be established such as M/s. Reliance Industries and other major garment stitching units etc in this area in future and pertinent to this, as mentioned in the EMP report, all industries shall take up the measures as follows,

- Rain Water harvesting facility must be provided by all the industry authorities in their industry premises irrespective of the quantity.

- Sufficient buffer zone must be maintained in all the industry premises and necessary measures are to be taken to mitigate the pollution to be caused by the industries.
- All industries shall always comply with the provisions of the relevant Acts, and to the guidelines of MoEF.
- Sarojini Mahishi report shall be implemented at all times by the industries in providing employment to the local persons.

Presiding Officer has emphasized the KIADB authorities to adhere to the EMP report during the operation phase of the industries and challenges must be taken up to mitigate the pollution and equal importance shall be given to both developmental and environmental issues.

Meanwhile, requested the public gathered to submit/express their views/objections/advice related to the proposed industrial areas by KIADB.

Views/suggestions/objections raised by the public are listed below,

1. Sri Chowdappa, Environmentalists, Kudamalakunte:

He stated that KIADB had given compensation earlier to the land owners and appealed once again to give compensation as per recent **Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013**. He requested the authorities to consider 20% employment to the local people in the proposed Industrial Area and social security

to the locals by establishing police station. He has also emphasized the project proponent to furnish the information about the source of water to this industrial area and requested not to exploit bore well water of this area for the industrial activities since, people of this surrounding villages are depending on these bore wells for domestic purpose. He requested the project proponent to give compensation to the land owner's at 4 times the prevailing market value.

Air pollution, Noise Pollution and thermal pollution is going to be caused due to the large industries and for these industries, while granting permission he has emphasized to incorporate stringent conditions so that, environment shall be protected at all point of time without causing any pollution to the surrounding environment and also directions shall be given to the industries to comply with the pollution control laws.

He also stated that Hospital facility is to be given to the local villagers, as these are exposed to Air pollution and also co-ordination committee is to be formed by involving local publics, environmentalists, subject experts, Agriculturists etc.,

Sri. Chowdappa, Environmentalist also suggested to give more publicity about the public hearing and more attempts should be made to make surrounding villagers to appear for the hearing since the nearby villagers are going to be affected more due to the development of industrial area.

Also, suggested KIADB to explore the Possibility of using Uttara Pinacini River (Surface water) to the Industrial Area.

2. Sri S.S.Reddy – Social worker, Kudamalakunte:

He has highlighted the proverb of Sir. M. Vishweshwaraiah that, without the agriculture and industrialization, country cannot grow. He requested to extend protection to the women once the industrial area is developed as there are chances of exploitation. All the industry authorities shall be given proper directions in protecting the Environmental and Social issues by showing concern in this regard. He stated that Industries should assist to establish local orphan's centers for old age people and children.

Also, expressed to arrange training programmes to agriculturists about rain water harvesting technologies, as this area is facing acute shortage of ground water and also assist to provide advanced equipments for agriculturists.

3. Sri.Khasim Sab, Karnataka State Praja Vimochana Prachara Samithi,

He welcomed the establishment of Industrial area in the backward area and requested to generate and provide maximum employment of about 20 % to the local people and he also suggested to form a co-ordination committee.

He has also suggested to allot 10% of the land acquired to the local economically backward deserved people for establishing industries under the Govt. schemes such a tiny, small scale, NAREGA, KMDC and NMDC. Sri.Khasim Sab has mentioned that, Rs. 3 Lakhs per Acre has been given in the 1st phase and Rs. 9 Lakhs in the 2nd phase and now it was learnt that, about Rs. 18 Lakhs per Acres is being disbursed and he expressed about 17-18 % of the people could not get their compensation so far for the reasons viz., family dispute and incorrect documents

etc. Hence, he requested to establish the legal cell in the area for assisting the local people to avoid misappropriation.

Sri. Jaganath, Development Officer, KIADB has assured that, after discussing the matter with the Hon;ble Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura to form a co-ordination committee involving formers. Local representatives and officials of the KIADB. Also, Task Force Committee will be formed in Kudumalakunte area to monitor the employment of local people, which has been successfully adopted in Honda company of Kolar.

4. Sri Ashwathappa – Kudamalakunte:

He expressed that, my involvement is there since many years with respect to enhancement of amount for the acquired land when it was Rs. 3.5 Lakhs per Acre. Also, requested to give compensation immediately to the land owners. In this regard Smt. Sathyabama, ADC has informed the KIADB Officials to look into this matter after obtaining the declaration from the Gowribidanur Tahsildar. KIADB Officials have agreed for the same.

He stated that permission should not to be given for Steel Industries and chemical factory as these are highly polluting industries.

5. Sri Sreeramaiah - Kudamalakunte:

Expressed that, it is very happy that, due to development of industrial area many people are going to get jobs but at the same time we are very much scared about

the negative impacts on the environment and also on the public health due to air pollution, noise pollution and their health hazards. He appealed that, the allotment shall be given to non- polluting industries only. In this regard Sri. Jaganath, Development Officer, KIADB has informed that allotment will be made to non-polluting industries such as garments stitching units, where more number of employment can be created.

Finally, the Chairperson concluded the hearing with the following remarks:

The Chairperson informed the gathering that, the compensation as per Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 is not possible for the land acquired already and can be considered for future land acquisition by considering the present Bill which includes, consent of 80% of the people, rehabilitation with infrastructural facilities, providing employment opportunities and releasing of compensation to an extent of 4 times the present market value of the land etc.,

Further, informed that, the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner has requested the Government to insist the project proponents to mandate that, 5 to 10 Crores or 5% of the total cost of the project under CSR scheme(Corporate Social Responsibility) and to be implemented in a time bound manner in consultation with the District Administration and in the mean time the Presiding Officer has informed the gathering that, there are many responsibilities/commitments on the KIADB and CSR is one among them and they shall take up this project in such a


way that, health of the surrounding people should not be effected, there shall not be any impacts on the Environment and Economic Status of the surrounding people must be improved, etc., as highlighted in the Environmental Management Plan report (EMP).

The Chair person directed the land acquisition officer to settle the pending issues at the earliest as per Law.

The REIA report submitted by the project proponent does not reveal much on the existence of working industries in the 1st phase and environmental impact of the nearby industrial parks of Andhra Pradesh, where large No. of steel units are operating. It is felt necessary to consider the environmental impact of the surrounding industries which already exist.

During Environmental public hearing Sri. Chowdappa, Environmentalist Kudamalakunte has submitted a representation and is enclosed.

Sri. M.K. Prabhudev, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore (East), summarized the views expressed during hearing and also informed that opinions/ suggestions/ views expressed are recorded and the proceedings will be forwarded to the MoEF. Finally the hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


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