

Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted on 20.07.2022 at Sabha Ground, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil and District Barnala for the development of 6-Lane Access Controlled Greenfield Highway of Mohali-Sehna from Km Ch. 0+000 to km 135.370 (Total Length - 135.370 Km) in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojna Phase-II (Lot-9/Package-1) passing through 6 districts of Punjab namely Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur & Barnala.

The following were present to supervise the proceedings:-

1. Sh. Paramvir Singh,  
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Urban),  
Barnala
2. Sh. Gagandeep Singh,  
District Revenue Officer,  
Barnala
3. Sh. Rajeev Gupta,  
Environmental Engineer  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Sangrur
4. Sh. Ravinder Dalal,  
DGM, Project Implementing Unit,  
Phase-II, Urban Estate, Patiala
5. Sh. Simarpreet Singh,  
Assistant Environmental Engineer  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Sangrur

Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Sangrur welcomed the Presiding Officers and people from adjoining towns/villages, who came to attend the public hearing of this project. He informed that National Highways Authority of India has filed an application in the office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for getting Environmental Clearance under EIA notification no. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006 for the development of 6-Lane Access Controlled Greenfield Highway of Mohali-Sehna from Km Ch. 135+370 (Total Length - 135.370 Km) in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojna Phase-II (Lot-9/Package-1) passing through 6 districts of Punjab namely Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur & Barnala. He apprised the public present there about the requirement of conducting the public hearing before deciding on the application filed by the NHAI for getting the environment clearance for proposed 6 lane National Highway project. He also brought into the notice of public that the NHAI has submitted copies of draft EIA report alongwith the executive summary of the same and a copy of each such document was placed in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Barnala, Zila Parishad, Barnala, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Malerkotla, Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Chandigarh and Regional Office, Sangrur of the PPCB for access to the public and other stakeholders. He further brought out that a notice of public hearing was published in two prominent newspapers namely, 'The Tribune (English Daily) and Jagbani (Punjabi Daily)' on 11.06.2022 to make the public aware of the date, time & venue of the public hearing and about the places/offices where the public could access the draft EIA report and its executive summary report before the said hearing. Thereafter, he requested the representative/Environmental Consultant of the NHAI to elaborate about the main features of the project and the draft EIA study report.

Sh. Tarun Chaudary representative of M/s Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar Environmental consultant of the NHAI brought out the details of the project proposal before the public as under:

- The proposed National Highway is Green field alignment project and proposed for 6 lane Carriageway width with paved shoulders. The proposed project starts from near Mohali (St. Ch. 0+000) and terminates near Sehna (End Ch. 135+370) in the state of Punjab having a total length of 135.370 Kms. The proposed National Highway project has been envisaged through an area which shall have the advantage of simultaneous development as well as shall result in a shorter distance to travel. The project will act as the prime artery for the economic flow to this region. It will enhance economic development, provide employment opportunities to locals, strengthen tourist development, ensure road safety and provide better transportation facilities and other facilities such as way side amenities.
- The Terms of Reference (ToR) for preparation of EIA report was approved by MoEF&CC vide No. 10/45/2021-IA.III (Proposal no. IA/PB/NCP/229099/2021) dated 22.10.2021 and amended vide No. 10/45/2021-IA.III (Proposal no. IA/PB/NCP/245016) dated 31.012022. This Public Hearing is being organized in compliance to EIA Notification, 2006 (amended thereof).
- The proposed National Highway Expressway will improve connectivity and development of proposed Section of National Highway will improve the connectivity the districts of Punjab State (viz. Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur & Barnala).
- The proposed project will provide better, faster & safe connectivity for the passengers of the Punjab State. With improvement in economy, there will be more generation of employment opportunities.
- There are 13 villages & 2 tehsils falling along the project road in Barnala District.
- The total area of Land acquisition is about 249.5953 Ha out of this land, 245.2453 Ha is private land & 4.35 Ha is of Govt. land and forest land. The land area which is to be acquired for the project is 249.5953 Ha in District Barnala.
- The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Project alignment is crossing 04 no. nallah / drains.
- About 33143 trees will be planted as compensatory plantation against 967 trees, which are to be felled during implementation of the project in District Sangrur.
- The total cost of the project is INR 6332.07 Crore. The budget earmarked for Environmental Management Plan is INR 12.28 crores.

Thereafter, Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Sangrur brought into the notice of public present at the venue of hearing that as per the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.9.2006, as amended from time to time, the persons present at the venue may seek any information or clarifications on environment related issues of the project from the NHAI. It was also brought into the notice of the persons present there that the information or clarifications sought by them and reply given by the project proponent will be recorded in the proceedings of the hearing, which will be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for further consideration. Accordingly, he requested the persons present in the hearing to seek information or clarifications on the project one by one. He also informed that no information / clarifications / comments / views / suggestions / objections on the project have been received from the public in writing by the Board, so far.

Thereupon, the detail of the information/ clarifications sought by the persons present at the venue of hearing and the reply given by the project authority is as under:

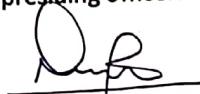
Sr. No	Name and address of the person	Detail of query / statement / Information / clarification sought by the person present at the venue of hearing	Reply of the query / statement / Information / clarification given by the project proponent
1.	Sh. Amarijt Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	<p>The service road is required to provided alongwith the highway passing through the village.</p> <p>If, there is crossing of highway in the land of one person, he shall be given the permission for installation of second borewell in the separated land.</p> <p>Rate fixation must be done according to the losses to be made with the construction of highway.</p> <p>How shifting of electricity wires will be done?</p>	<p>There is no provision of providing service road alongwith the highway till now. People can give memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and same can be forwarded to the Central Govt. for kind consideration.</p> <p>Pipeline will be laid for the person whose land will be divided into parts after construction of highway.</p> <p>The issue will be considered at the time of fixation of rates for the acquired land.</p> <p>The electric wires of capacity upto 11 KV will be shifted by the project proponent. The electricity wires having capacity more than 11 KV will be shifted by the PSPCL.</p>
2.	Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	There are no Patwaris deputed for the village Thikriwal and other nearby villages. Therefore, it is requested to depute Patwaris for the same, so that joint Khasras can be distributed at earliest.	The presiding officer informed that the Govt. has started the recruitment process and Patwaris will be deputed shortly.
3.	Sh. Nazram Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	There are no Patwaris deputed for the village Thikriwal and other nearby villages. Therefore, it is requested to depute Patwaris for the same, so that joint Khasras can be distributed at earliest.	The presiding officer informed that the Govt. has started the recruitment process and Patwaris will be deputed shortly.
4.	Sh. Gurjant Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	There are no Patwaris deputed for the village Thikriwal and other nearby villages. Therefore, it is requested to depute Patwaris for the same, so that joint Khasras can be distributed at earliest.	The presiding officer informed that the Govt. has started the recruitment process and Patwaris will be deputed shortly.
5.	Sh. Jagroop Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	There are no Patwaris deputed for the village Thikriwal and other nearby villages. Therefore, it is requested to depute Patwaris for the same,	The presiding officer informed that the Govt. has started the recruitment process and Patwaris will be deputed shortly.

		so that joint Khasras can be distributed at earliest.	
6.	Sh. Hardeep Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	What arrangements will be provided for the control of rainwater flow alongwith the highway?	There is a provislion to provide 18 under passes for the drainage of rain water.
7.	Sh. Darshan Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	The no. of trees mentioned in presentation will planted in total stretch of the road ?  Which spleces of plants will be planted ?  Who will take care of the plantation?	Total no. of 33143 trees will be planted only in District Barnala along the proposed highway.  The broad leaf trees like popular, shisham, kikar etc. will be planted. The tender has been allotted to the private company for 03 years for replacement, curing, watering of new plants.
8.	Sh. Ranbir Singh, Village Thikriwal, Tehsil & District Barnala	Rate fixation must be done according to the losses to be made with the construction of highway.	The matter will be discussed at the time of acquisition of land.

No other environment related question / query was asked by the attendees. Accordingly, the public hearing was concluded and closed by the presiding officer.



(Simarpreet Singh)  
Asstt. Environmental Engineer  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Sangrur



(Rajeev Gupta)  
Environmental Engineer  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Sangrur



(Paramvir Singh)  
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (U)  
Barnala