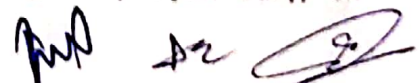


Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted on 15.07.2022 at Shri Gurdwara Sahib Village Akalgarh, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala for the development of 6-Lane Access Controlled Greenfield Highway of Mohali-Sehna from Km Ch. 0+000 to 135.370 (Total Length -135.370Km) in the State of Punjab under Bharatmala Pariyojna Phase-II (Lot9/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. Gurpreet Singh Thind,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (G),
Patiala
2. Sh. Amit Kumar,
Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Zonal Office-1, Patiala
3. Sh. Ravinder Dalal,
DGM, Project Implementing Unit,
Phase-II, Urban Estate, Patiala
4. Sh. Dharamvir Singh,
Junior Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Patiala

Sh. Amit Kumar, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Patiala welcomed the Presiding Officer 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.0+000 to 135.370 (Total Length - 135.370 Km) in the State of Punjab under BharatmalaPariyojna 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, Patiala, ADC office, Patiala, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Patiala, Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Chandigarh and Regional Office, Patiala of the PPCB for access to the public and other stakeholders. He further brought out that a notice of public hearing was published in 2 no. prominent newspaper namely The Tribune (English Dally) 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 NHA 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 NHA 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 135.370Kms. 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 31.01.2022. 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 4 villages & 2 tehsil falling along the project road in Patiala District.
- The total area of Land acquisition is about 37.60 Ha out of this land, 35.32 Ha is private land & 1 Ha is of Govt. land and 1.2756 Ha forest land.



- The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Project alignment is crossing 2 no.nallah/canal.
- About 1,99,680 nos. of trees will be planted as compensatory plantation with minimum 2 no. of row, (@10 m distance) of trees on either sides of the proposed highway as per Green Highway Policy and IRC SP-21:2009. About, 10,175 trees will be planted as compensatory plantation against 755 trees, which are to be felled during implementation of the project in District Patiala.
- The total cost of the project is INR 6332.07 Crore. The budget earmarked for Environmental Management Plan is INR 49.85Crores.

Thereafter, Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Patiala 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.

Approximately 60 persons from the nearby villages attend the public hearing. But, no one marked his attendance as resentment for the said project.

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. Bhupinder Singh s/o Gurbachan Singh, Village BuggaKhurd	He asked whether the proponent shall provide passage from one occupied land to another piece of land in between the road. He demanded	The existing road will be under passed to provide crossing.


		<p>written assurance in the matter.</p> <p>He further requested that the adjoining or opposite land of the project, which is not acquired be provided with water supply / electric connection for installation of new pumps pipe lines for irrigation.</p> <p>He enquired about the mode of payment to be made as in the villages the land is registered in the joint accounts as per the revenue report. Whereas, the land belongs to the heir who has the possession</p>	<p>Pipe ducts will be provided from at specific distances for proper networking of irrigation in the fields.</p> <p>It was requested to visit the revenue department to strike out some solution for the same.</p>
2.	Sh. Satnam Singh, Village Barima	<p>He asked to provide crossings for the way to the fields and path along the road so as to enable them to enter their fields with the farming machinery. Also, he asked that whether the promoter shall pave the service roads or not.</p>	<p>Under passes will be provided at particular distances on the road for fields access.</p> <p>There is no provision to pave the service road as per the project proposal.</p>
3.	Sh. Bhajan Singh, Vill. BuggaKhurd	<p>Drainage of water from pipes will be blocked in due course of time will NHA allow them to repair the pipelines.</p> <p>The proposed highway may disrupt the natural drainage pattern of the area.</p>	<p>Culverts of 2 m x 2 m size will be constructed for water flow, which can be cleaned manually.</p> <p>Cross drainage structures are designed to maintain the natural drainage pattern of the area.</p>

All the villagers were against the project as no assurance has been given to them regarding approach to the individual peace of their land, regarding irrigation issues and issue of the payment to all the members shown as per the land record, whereas, the land belongs to the occupier only.


In the last Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board asked to raise hands who are in favour of the proposed project. No one from the people present

raised the hand. Thereafter, people were requested to raise their hands who are not in favour of the project. Almost 99% of the people present in the public hearing raised their hands in dis favour of the project.

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



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