

Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted on 19.07.2022 at Aggarwal Dharamshala, Village Sherpur, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur 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. Latif Ahmed,
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Urban),
Sangrur
2. Sh. Rajeev Gupta,
Environmental Engineer
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Regional Office, Sangrur
3. Sh. Bhupinder Singh,
Naib Tehsildar,
Sherpur, District Sangrur
4. Sh. Ravinder Dalal,
DGM, Project Implementing Unit,
Phase-II, Urban Estate, Patiala
4. Sh. Vipin Kumar,
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Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Sangrur 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. 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, Sangrur, Zila Parishad, Sangrur, 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 31.01.2022. 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 9 villages & 1 tehsil falling along the project road in Sangrur District.
- The total area of Land acquisition is about 952.6 Ha out of this land, 826 Ha is private land & 119.25 Ha is of Govt. land and forest land is about 7 Ha. The land area which is to be acquired for the project is 78.1859 Ha in District Sangrur.
- The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Project alignment is crossing 10 no. canals, 01 no. nallah and 4 no. of Nali / drains.
- About 13073 trees will be planted as compensatory plantation against 45 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 4.85 crores.

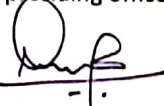
Thereafter, Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Sangrur brought into the notice of public present at the venue of hearing that as per the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.9.2006, as amended from time to time, the persons present at the venue may seek any information or clarifications on environment 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. Jaspal Singh, Village Gobindpura	The Lissara drain is flowing at a distance of about 4 km and the construction of National Highway will impact the flow of rain water to the said drain and will cause floods in the area. Is any provision to cross the existing road?	The adequate no. of bridges / culverts will be constructed for the flow of rain water. The natural flow through drains / canals will not be disturbed. The crossing to existing road will be provided.
2.	Sh. Satnam Singh, Village Pharwahi	The no. of trees mentioned in presentation will be planted in total stretch of the road? Which species of plants will be planted? Who will take care of the plantation?	Total no. of 13073 trees will be planted only in Sherpur Block of District Sangrur 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.
3.	Sh. Gurvinder Singh Cheema, VIII. Patli Phall, Sherpur	Drainage of water from pipes will be blocked in due course of time. Proposed highway may obstruct the natural drainage pattern of the area.	The culverts of size 2 mtr x 2 mtr will be constructed for water flow and the same can be cleaned manually. Cross drainage structures have been designed to maintain the natural drainage pattern of the area.

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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