

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing Held on 05.01.2017 At 11.00 Am At Project Site, Damavaram Road, Near M/s. BMR Industries, SPSR Nellore District for the Proposal To Set Up a Green Field Airport In Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Mode at Sy No. 232 To 261, 218 To 230 etc. of Damavaram & Sy Nos.238, 334, 335, 240, 237, 239, 241 To 244 etc. of K.K. Gunta Grampanchayats, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District over an Extent of 236 Ha (584 Acres) M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BiACL).

M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL) submitted proposals to set up a Green Field Airport in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode at Sy No. 232 to 261, 218 to 230 etc. of Damavaram & Sy Nos.238, 334, 335, 240, 237, 239, 241 to 244 etc. of K.K. Gunta Grampanchayat, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District with an investment of Rs.293.11 Crores. The project proponent submitted an application with project details duly following the stipulated procedure laid down in the EIA Notification, 2006 to the Ministry of Environmental & Forest, GOI. After scrutiny of the application, the MOEF & CC, GOI has issued letter of Terms of References (TORs) to the project proponent and directed A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Nellore to conduct Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) with regard to the proposed project of **M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL)** and to submit minutes of the proceedings to MOEF & CC, GOI as per procedure in vogue.

In compliance to provisions of EIA, Notification, 2006, the Environmental Engineer (EE), APPCB, RO, Nellore has issued Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) Notification on 03.12.2016, 30 days before the date of conduct of Public Hearing to be held on 05.01.2017 inviting the public to offer their comments, objections, views, clarifications and suggestions, if any, on the proposal to set up a Green Field Airport in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode at Sy No. 232 to 261, 218 to 230 etc. of Damavaram & Sy Nos.238, 334, 335, 240, 237, 239, 241 to 244 etc. of K.K. Gunta Grampanchayat, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District by **M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL)**. The Public Hearing Notification was published in Telugu daily newspaper 'the Saakshi' and English daily Newspaper in 'the Deccan Chronicle' on 03.12.2016. As per the date stated in EPH Notification, the present EPH is

conducted on **05.01.2017 at 11.00 AM at Project site, Damavaram Road, Near M/s. BMR Industries**, SPSR Nellore District under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector, SPSR Nellore District, nominee of the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District.

The following members have attended :-

PANEL MEMBERS :

1. Sri A.Md.Imtiaz, IAS Joint Collector, Nellore,
SPSR Nellore District
(Nominee of the District Collector
SPSR Nellore District & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing pannel)
2. Sri M. Pramod Kumar Reddy. Environmental Engineer,
A.P. Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office,
SPSR Nellore District.

PROJECT AUTHORITIES :

1. Sri M. Venkateswarlu Managing Director
M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport
Corporation Limited
2. Sri CH. Nagarjuna Project Manager
M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport
Corporation Limited
3. Dr. Prabhakar Rao Environmental Consultant of M/s. M/s.
Bhogapuram International Airport
Corporation Limited

At the outset, the Environmental Engineer, APPCB, RO, Nellore has welcomed the public gathering of the Environmental Public Hearing and explained that **M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL)** submitted proposals to set up a Green Field Airport in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode at Sy No. 232 to 261, 218 to 230 etc. of Damavaram & Sy Nos.238, 334, 335, 240, 237, 239, 241 to 244 etc. of K.K. Gunta Grampanchayats, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District with an investment of Rs.293.11 Crores. The

proposed project falls under EIA category of projects, for which Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) is a statutory pre-requisite mandate to be fulfilled to obtain public opinion on the proposed project to issue Environmental Clearance (EC) by MoEF&CC, GOI. He informed that the District Collector is the Chairman of the Public Hearing panel as per EIA Notification 2006. The Joint Collector, Nellore, Nominee of the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District will preside over today's EPH proceedings. The purpose of conducting the present EPH is to get public opinion viz., comments, views, objections, apprehensions, clarifications and suggestions etc. if any, on the project proposal. The public are invited to freely express their views, as stated in the paper advertisements, which were published 30 days before. After that, he invited the Joint Collector, Nellore, Nominee of the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District to chair the proceedings of the public hearing and to address the gathering.

Sri A.Md.Imtiaz, IAS, Joint Collector, Nellore, Nominee of the District Collector and the Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing panel has welcomed the gathering of the Environmental Public Hearing and informed that **M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL)** is the Nodal agency recognized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishment of proposed green field Air Port at Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District in addition to the existing airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh. He further informed that as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 issued by MoE&F, GOI, EPH is mandatory for this type of projects coming under EIA category. He also opined that the majority public opinion on the proposed Green Field Airport project is apparently positive, as the District Administration made adequate compensations for the lands acquired from the public for the proposed project and pending land compensations would be taken up subject to disposal of cases pending before the Hon'ble High Court. As per the project report submitted by the proponent, there are no significant pollution problems due to the project except noise nuisance, which would be generated in case of increased air travel traffic.

He categorically reminded to the public that the noise generates from air crafts would be minimum if the area of airport activities is wider as compared with the present Shamshabad Airport or the erstwhile airport at Begumpet. The present proposal of airport project has been said to be contemplated in view of industrial growth likely to come up in SPSR Nellore District, which is already well connected with Krishnapatnam Port and National Highway. He informed that whatever the opinion expressed by the public would be recorded in the form of audio & video recordings in addition to the written documentary evidence i.e. minutes of the public hearing proceedings and same would be submitted to MOEF & CC, GOI for consideration and also informed to the public that the EPH panel is not empowered to take any decision on the issue of permission to the proposed project in this public hearing meeting. He requested the public to express their opinion without any hesitation on the proposed project of M/s. BIACL.

Then, the Joint Collector, SPSR Nellore District has requested the management of M/s. BIACL to present technical details of the proposed project to the public for information.

Dr. Prabhakar Rao, Project Environmental Consultant M/s. BIACL has presented the technical details of the proposed project as follows :-

Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Ltd. (BIACL or the Authority) is the nodal agency of the Energy, Infrastructure and Investment Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh engaged in facilitating the development of infrastructure projects in the State. The proposed airport is located at a distance of approximately 27.0 km from Nellore in South-South-East Direction.

The proponent has acquired about 236 Ha. (584 acres) of land, which has been identified in Damavaram & KK Gunta Grampanchayaths of Dagadathi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District for the proposed Greenfield Airport..

The total water requirement for the proposed project is estimated to be of about **244 KLD**. Total sewage generation will be about **52 KLD** and the same will be treated in a well-designed Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). Nearest source of water is from Nellore Municipality or Ground water.

Baseline data

Baseline data for environmental attributes like ambient air, meteorology, water, water use, hydrology, land use, soil, geology, noise, socio-economic status, ecology and biodiversity etc. was collected. The study was conducted during the period from March to May, 2016.

Air Environment :

Ambient Air Quality monitoring was conducted at nine stations for the parameters relating to Particulate matter viz., PM10 & PM2.5, SOx, NOx, CO & Hydrocarbons and these parameters monitored are found to be within the stipulated CPCB Norms.

Land use pattern:

The land use pattern of the study area consists of the following land types.

Agriculture Land : The agriculture land has accounted for 53.1% of the study area. Agriculture land is surrounded by settlements. The axis of development is National Highway (NH-5) & the State Highways which is primarily the major node for land use change in the study area. The site will be connected to NH 5 by the development of an approach road in 24 acre area.

Settlements : The proposed site is mostly barren land and therefore, there are no settlements or social infrastructure within the project site. The site will be connected to the NH 5 by development of approach road in 24-acre area.

Land use pattern of the project site:

The land use pattern has been Bifurcated for plantation 97.6 Acres, Open scrub – 204.2 Acres, Marshy land - 7.7 Acres, agriculture lands – 272.6 Acres, totaling 584 Acres acquired for the project.

Noise Management :

During construction phase, the proponent has proposed to implement occupational safety measures such as masks & earplugs will be supplied to the working personnel

Water Management :-

Water will be consumed for construction & domestic purposes. The sewage generated will be treated in the proposed STP and then recycled to the maximum extent possible. It is proposed to construct rain water harvesting structures for ground water recharge to compensate increased usage of water for the project.

Ecology :-

There is no forest in the project site area, though there are naturally growing trees/ plants/ vegetation in the area. This project will result in loss of all vegetation in the project site. However, only a few trees and shrubs were found growing in the project site which will be removed after taking prior permission from relevant authority. No major impact on aquatic biology is envisaged during pre-construction phase. The proponent proposed to develop green belt 348 acres in consultation with officials of Forest Department and plan to develop avenue plantation along the haulage way.

Solid & Hazard waste Management :-

Solid waste in the form of garbage & canteen waste would be segregated at source and will be treated at site using organic waste converters. The recyclable waste will be handed over to authorized recyclers and the Hazardous waste in the form of waste oils will be managed as per the Hazardous Waste Management & Handling Rules. E-waste generated will be managed as per the existing E-waste Management & Handling Rules.

CSR and R & R Package :-

It is estimated that Rs.0.63 Crores has been allocated for the development activities of the surrounding areas under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Land compensations would be made to all the eligible land owners, who have handed over their lands for the proposed project as per the provisions of Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R & R) Policy of the Government.

After that, the Joint Collector, SPSR Nellore District & the Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing proceedings invited the public to express their opinion without any hesitation on the proposed project of M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL) and made a note that whatever opinion that is expressed by the public would be recorded in Audio & Video recording in addition to written document of the minutes of proceedings and same would be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for scrutiny while considering the issue of Environmental Clearance to the proposed project of M/s. BIACL.,

The following public have expressed their views/ apprehensions as under :

Sri Sunanda Reddy, NGO, Environmental activist welcomed the proposed Green Field Airport project and appreciated the project proponent for selection of the area and he suggested the following in Environmental aspects :-

- To incorporate public health status, crop production data and ground water status of the area.
- To construct rainwater harvesting structures to recharge ground water.
- To take up effective measures for top soil management to develop vegetation.
- To take up plantation in the surrounding villages with variety of trees species viz., herbal & fruit bearing types and to develop avenue plantation all along the haulage roads.
- To constitute a co-ordination committee to take up demand oriented developmental programmes,

- To conduct skill developmental programmes for the educated youth and also to provide additional employment in addition to the projected 400 employment avenues in the proposed project.

He concluded his speech with a wish that the proposed green field Airport project would be an ideal airport in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Sri K. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Dagardarhi, SPSR Nellore District – he informed that the land compensations so far made to the land losers is not in compliance with the New R & R policy of the Government, as per the collected the information under Right to Information Act.

Sri P Venkaiah, R/o.Damavaram Village, Dagadarhi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - He welcomed the proposed Green field Airport project and requested the project management to provide employment to their educated village youth.

Sri V. Seenaiiah, Sarpanch, Damavaram Village, Dagadarhi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - He expressed his consent for the proposed airport project with a request to provide employment to their village youth and also an alternative arrangement to be made for Mungamuru kaluva passing through the project area.

Sri Nimmakayala Venkaiah, R/o.Damavaram Village, Dagadarhi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - He has brought to the notice of the District Administration that he has not been compensated for the land, which has been cultivated by them for the past many years and he requested the District Administration to take necessary action for compensation

Sri A. Murali, NGO of SPSR Nellore District - He welcomed the proposed green filed airport project .of M/s. BIACL, which is a boon for the local area development for which the public have extended their total support. He wished that wholesome infrastructure development projects shall be monitored by a public trust or committee and also to take-up Socio Economic developmental programmes such as conducting of skill development programmes to the village youth under CSR. He appreciated the project proponent to take up the project.

Sri H. Madhubabu, NGO, Environmental Activist, Nellore - He noted that multiple connectivity viz., National Highway, Port & Airport is the prime component for assessment of development of a State and hence, the proposed green filed Airport project is the need of the hour for industrial development. He wished that the project proponent would provide adequate land compensations at the earliest to the land losers, who are losing their lands once for all for the development of the state. He supported the proposed project.


Sri Nimmakayala Prasad, Ex-Sarpanch, Damavaram Village, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - He expressed his pleasure upon handing over the lands for the rates fixed by the Government and he requested the project proponent to allocate adequate land for housing purpose to their villagers. He consented to the proposed airport project.


Sri Srinivasulu, R/o. Arundatiwada, Damavaram Village, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - He welcomed the proposed green filed airport project and demanded that house sites should be allocated to their villagers along with employment to the youth.

Then, **the Joint Collector, SPSR Nellore District** & Nominee of the District Collector and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing panel has summed up the public opinion expressed in the proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing meeting stating that the whole public opinion emerged is primarily hinging on the following points :-

1. Land compensations as per the existing guidelines under R & R policy.
2. Pending compensations would be taken up subjected to disposal of cases filed before the Hon'ble High Court by the District Administration.
3. Top priority to be given to the locals in Employment opportunities.

Finally, **the Joint Collector, SPS Nellore District** & Nominee of the District Collector and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing panel has informed that the public participated in the meeting have expressed their opinion without any reservations on the project proposal of **M/s. Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL)** to set up a Green Field Airport in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode at Sy No. 232 to 261, 218 to 230 etc. of Damavaram & Sy Nos.238, 334, 335, 240, 237, 239, 241 to 244 etc. of K.K. Gunta Grampanchayats, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, which is recorded in Audio & visual recordings and in the form of written minutes document and same would be forwarded to the Competent Authority for consideration.


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