

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing of M/s.Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the proposed extension of Runway project at Rajahmundry Airport, Madhurapudi Village, Rajahmundry Rural, East Godavari District held on 06.10.2016 at 11.00AM at Project site of the existing Airport besides Rajamahendravaram to Burugupudi Road, East Godavari District.

In accordance with the Notification No.S.O.1533, Dt.14.09.2006 of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, the Environmental Engineer, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kakinada published Notification in two leading Telugu & English newspapers for conducting Public Hearing inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections from the Public on the Proposal of M/s.Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the proposed extension of Runway project at Rajahmundry Airport, Madhurapudi Village, Rajahmundry Rural, East Godavari District. The Public Hearing was held on 06.10.2016 at 11.00 am at Project site of the existing Air Port besides Rajamahendravaram to Burugupudi Road, East Godavari District. The proceedings of the above Public Hearing are as follows:

The following Panel of Public Hearing was present and recorded the proceedings:

- 1) Sri J.Radha Krishna Murthy Joint Collector-II,
East Godavari District.
Chairman of the Panel.

- 2) Sri. D. Ravindra Babu Environmental Engineer,
APPCB, Regional Office, Kakinada.
Member Convener,

The attendance of the Public Hearing is kept as Annexure 'A'

At the outset, the Environmental Engineer, A.P.Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kakinada, welcomed the Joint Collector & Addl. District Magistrate, East Godavari District and the attendance of the Public Hearing to participate in the programme. He explained that M/s.Airports Authority of India (AAI) approached A.P. Pollution Control Board on 26.08.2016 regarding extension of Runway project at Rajahmundry Airport, Madhurapudi Village, Rajahmundry Rural, East Godavari District with Terms of Reference (TORs) copy issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change along with required number copies of draft EIA, Executive summaries and requested for conducting Public Hearing as per procedures laid down in

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006. The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari District suggested date, time and venue for conducting of Environmental Public Hearing. After approval and fixation of the same by the Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, the Regional Office, Kakinada issued a Paper notification published on 05.09.2016 in The New Indian Express and Eenadu daily news papers. The required information about the project viz. draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Executive Summary in Telugu & English both hard and soft copies were kept in the respective places at the offices of Collector & District Magistrate; Sub-Collector, Rajamahendravaram; Zilla Prasishad Office, Kakinada; District Industries Centre, Kakinada; Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram; Tahsildar, Rajamahendravaram Rural & Urban; Madhurapudi & Burugupudi Gram Panchayats; MPDO, Rajamahendravaram; Regional, Zonal, Board Offices of A.P. Pollution Control Board and MoEF&CC office. As per the procedure laid in the EIA Notification, 2006 inviting views, objections, suggestions from the public. In response to paper notification, Environmental Engineer APPCB, said that two written representations were received from Sri H.Madhubabu Environment Volunteer (REEHAS, Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society) R/O of Hyderabad, Telangana State; Sri Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, M.A, LLB, Environmentalist, Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Samstha, Nalgonda and same were communicated to the project proponent for offering their remarks. The representations were kept as Annexures 'B & C'. On the dais, a representation from Sri Y. Chinna kesava Reddy, Chairman, Danda Kondamma Charitable Trust, Yerraguntla(M), YSR District, Kadapa was received submitting their views & suggestions on the proposed project. Those are kept as Annexures 'D'.

The Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board requested the public to hear the project details and informed that opportunity for views/ remarks will be given to all the public and the project management will answer to the objections raised by the public. He also said that the entire proceedings will be recorded in minutes and would be submitted to MoEF&CC, GOI along with video recording for further action. He requested the Joint Collector & Addl. Joint Collector & Addl. District Magistrate to take up the proceedings.

The Joint Collector, East Godavari District informed that the Public Hearing is being conducted for obtaining objections, views, opinions of the public on Environmental impacts and affected people due to the proposed extension of Runway at Rajahmundry by Airport Authority of India. He requested the public, affected farmers,

Environmentalists to express their views, objections before the dais. He stated that opportunity/freedom will be given to each and every person willing to express their views, objections, suggestions on the proposed project without any fear. The objections, views raised on the proposed project will be recorded in two forms i.e. video recordings and minutes for forwarding to MoEF, GoI for taking further action. He requested the Project Management to explain briefly about the details of the proposed project.

Sri Dhanunjaya Rao, Project Manager, Airport Authority of India informed that land acquisition was carried out for the proposed Runway Extension of Rajahmundry Airport located at Madhurapudi Village, East Godavari District. The existing Airport is having Runway length of 1749 mtrs., only and operating medium aircrafts with 70 passengers per day. To facilitate and operate big aircrafts covering larger air distances and non-stop flights such as Airbus A-321, the Airport Authority of India proposed to extend the Runway at Rajahmundry Airport. The Runway will be extended from 1749 mtrs., to 3165 mtrs., for this Revenue Department has handed-over 798.32 acres of land to Airport Authority of India. The management has entrusted M/s.Vimta Labs Limited, Hyderabad to Study the impacts of Environmental issues due to the proposed Runway Extension project. The proposed project would not only develop the Airport but also the surrounding villages, business opportunities will be improved. The proposed project would also enhance the opportunities of direct and in-direct employment. After, Re-organization bill in 2014 there are developmental activities taking place in Andhra Pradesh which include extension of this Runway project. He requested the consultant M/s.Vimta Labs Limited, Hyderabad who has carried out detailed Environment Impact Assessment study in the area to explain briefly about the project.

Dr.Chandra Sekhar, Environment Consultant, M/s.Vimta Labs Limited, Hyderabad while briefing the project in Telugu explained that the EIA Study was carried-out for the proposed Runway Extension project of Rajahmundry Airport and Environment Impact Assessment report was prepared. The Airport Authority of India proposed to extend the Runway at Rajahmundry Airport located at Madhurapudi Village, East Godavari District. The existing Airport is handling ATR-72 type Aircrafts with 12 operations per day (6 landing and 6 take-offs). To meet the growing demand of the traffic and to facilitate bigger aircrafts (A-321 type) landing easier, it is proposed to extend the runway from 1749 mtrs., to 3165 mtrs., The proposed runway extension is estimated with project cost of Rs.181.45 Crores. He informed that as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The proposed project fall under Category-A and EIA study was carried-out as per

Terms of Reference (TOR) issued by Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Gol vide letter dated 04.05.2016. The present Airport is situated on 366.46 Acres of land and additional land of 857.06 acres is required for the proposed expansion project. The water required for the present airport operations is 80 KLD is being met through bore wells located within the Airport premises. After completion of runway extension works the total water requirement will be 130 KLD and will be met through same existing bore wells. The estimated power requirement is 689 KVA which is being met from sanctioned 700 KVA of A.P. State Electricity Board. The Baseline Environmental Study was carried out during the period from 01.03.2016 to 31.05.2016. During the study period, the temperature recorded in the area ranges between 22.6°C to 44.8°C and relative humidity is between 49% to 73%. The predominant winds are from South and South-East directions. The Ambient Air Quality Study/Monitoring was carried out at eight locations. The Particulate Matter, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ are observed to vary from 25.3 µg/m³ to 39.9 µg/m³ and 32.8 µg/m³ to 59.8 µg/m³ respectively. The remaining air quality parameters are also studied in the area and are within the permitted limits as per NAAQS 2009. The water quality samples were collected from eight locations in the region, the surface and ground water quality was studied in the region. The pH, TDS, Chlorides and Sulphates are found to be well within the limit as prescribed by CPCB IS:10500 drinking water limits. The study area does not indicate any external industrial contamination on ground water quality. The noise level survey was carried out in the area. The day time and night time noise levels were found to be varying from 44.5 dB(A) to 63.5 dB(A) and 34.4 dB(A) to 56.7 dB(A) respectively. The noise levels in general found within the acceptable levels as per standards prescribed by CPCB. The soil samples tested indicate that there is no industrial contamination in area. He also informed that as per Forest Department records there are no Forests, Sanctuaries, National parks in the study area. There are no migratory corridors of any ecological important species. The Botanical Survey of India and Forest Department indicate that there are no critically threatened species, endangered or rare and vulnerable plant species in the area. The total population of the study area is about 5,25,722. The potential environmental impacts due to the proposed project have been assessed detail which includes the impact on Air Quality, Noise, Water Quality, Solid Waste, Ecology etc., The modeling and analysis of the data indicates that the predicted impacts are minimal are within the prescribed standards. He stated that the proposed project will lead to direct and indirect benefits to overall social economic status of the region. During construction stage local skilled and unskilled employees will get employment like painting, construction, material handling etc., The extension project will

also enhance employment opportunities to skill workers. He emphasized that it is proposed to invest Rs.15.0 Crores for providing ETP & Air Pollution Control measures. The present proposal is only for extension of runway of Airport which does not have much impact on Environment. During construction phase the impacts of pollution on surroundings can be minimized by imparting environment management plan.

After completion of presentation by project consultant, the Environmental Engineer informed that opportunity is being given to the public to express their opinion / views / suggestions/objections if any about the proposed project and the same will be video-graphed and recorded in minutes. The project proponent will clarify on the objections raised by the public. He requested the public to express their opinion / views / suggestions/objections one by one on the proposed runway extension project.

Sri B.Satyanarayana, Madhurapudi Village, Grama Parirakshana, President informed that there is no prior information about the public hearing of the proposed project. This can be seen by viewing the people present in the public hearing meeting. I have attended this public hearing by viewing today's news papers only. The MRO of the region was not attended the public hearing. He requested the officials to identify the cause for not giving prior intimation. He informed if prior intimation would have given one week before this meeting then people could know the importance of meeting and would have participated to express their views in large number. In the year 1935, nearly 350 acres of land was acquired from Madhurapudi farmers for the existing airport. Now, about 750 acres was acquired for the present expansion project, totally 90% land was acquired in Madhurapudi Village. The farmers have largely lost their livelihood. The compensation provided to the farmers was satisfied to some extent only but, the labours working in the agricultural lands lost their livelihood. Nearly 800 labours who lost lively hood represented to the Air port, Government authorities and the issue was also brought to the notice of Chief Minister also. The Madhurapudi Village is having about 3000 Nos. populations out of which more than 2000 people are migrated labour. The present project is not providing livelihood to the local labour but, providing livelihood to people from other areas. The management is putting bind-over cases against the labour who want to express their views with them. From the year 2007 to 2016, the farmers have come forward to offer their lands to the project with the management's assurance of helping the farmers. There are 20 families living on auto rickshaw, the management is not allowing these autos into the airport premises and they are forced to park outside the airport. The car and auto stands were not allotted even if they are willing to pay by tender forms. He questioned the management what

was done to landlords/farmers of Madhurapudi who provided 90% of required land losing their livelihood. Presently, the approach road provided to agriculture lands is only 20feet instead of 40feet, he questioned how will this 20ft road is sufficient for travelling purpose. There are about 225 students studying in Madhurapudi village. The Government school in the village is having 11 class rooms with 10 teachers. The villagers are requesting to provide high school in the village since 2003 but not sanctioned even till today. They have been demanding since 2009 to provide employment to unemployed youth. He informed that the Air port Authority has to adopt Madhurapudi Village and develop the village. The villagers who are having small pockets of lands surrounding the airport are not useful for cultivation and the farmers are also willing to sell these lands. they requested the authorities to provide compensation for these lands. He informed that 90% of the farmers have got their compensation and requested to solve the issue and provide compensation for the remaining 10% farmers. He requested the air port management to provide required amenities/facilities to the Madhurapudi villages and provide employment to the unemployed as per requirement. The Village is mainly having drinking water problem, out of 18 villages in the Mandal only Madhurapudi village is facing drinking water problem and requested to take necessary action in providing the same.

Sri Sake Raja Rao, Madhurapudi informed that they have not faced any problem with the earlier Airport authorities. He requested to provide employment to the labour who lost livelihood due to lands allotment to the air port and they are severely facing many problems lacking employment & foods. He requested to provide hospital and drinking water facilities to the village.

Sri Aakula Ramakrishna, Madhurapudi stated that many people affected due to expansion proposal of this air port and he is also one of the affected people. He informed that there are down gradient agricultural lands in the area. Earlier, water is being supplied through Puskarā kaluva, but, it is being dismantled due to this airport expansion. These lands will get affected of not receiving water for cultivation and become dry lands. He emphasized that the public hearing meeting is to be conducted before taking lands from the farmers and their opinion. He informed that the farmers who are having lands surrounding the airport are facing police loitering problems during VIP visits and requested to provide 40 feet road around the airport as similar in sanctioning residential layout approvals. He requested to provide way to the agriculture lands existing in the interior areas surrounding air port lands. He requested to provide Rs.1.0Lakh compensation to all the families in the village as committed earlier. He

stated that about 600nos agriculture bore wells are not working. Earlier, the Government promised that transformers will be provided in the new agriculture lands of the farmers acquired by them somewhere in compensation. He requested the Government to look into the matter and do needful by providing electrical transformers and connections in alternative lands of farmers choice as promised.

Sri D.V. Prasada Rao, Madhurapudi informed that in the reports submitted by the authorities, the sound pollution by small flight was only mentioned. During big flights landing, the sound impact will be more due to high decibels. He requested to clarify on this issue.

Sri Kante Satyababu, Bhurugapudi informed due to flight landing, the village is affected and interrupted. During big flights landing, and due to increase of number of flights the interruptions will be more and sound pollution will also be high. He requested the authorities to answer on these issues.

Sri K. Kesavarao, Bhurugapudi stated that since British rule in year 1935, we have better understanding with authorities and gave lands happily as the area of land acquired is small. Now 850 acres of land is being taken for this expansion. In early years, the people lived here surrounded by greenery and with sound health, there is not even RMP doctor for Madhurapudi and Bhurugapudi Villages as no need of them at that time. The existing airport and its expansion will demolish greenery and affect environment in the area. The labour have lost their livelihood and living in the villages without employment. He requested the airport authorities to adopt surrounding Madhurapudi, Bhurugapudi & Gummeleru Villages and maintain sanitation and also provide hospitals. He stated that due to big flights landings its sound would cause adverse impact in the area. He also requested to provide employment to local educated youth and accommodate in airport development programmes.

Sri Dungalla Anjaiah, Hyderabad while welcoming the project he suggested that the activity shall be carried out without affecting the environment of this area. He also suggested that ~~thick greenbelt shall be developed, as it acts as barrier for control of~~ noise pollution due to the proposed activity. He also suggested that the AAI shall adopt these nearby three villages for their Socio and Economic development. He also suggested that the project authorities shall provide employment to the local unemployed youth and shall conduct skill development training programme to the local youth under CSR activities. He also requested the public hearing panel to recommended the proposed expansion project to MoEF&CC for further approval.

Sri S.Venkata Reddy informed that he is working as an Environment Activist for the last 10 years. He opined that it is a fact that under development process, degradation of Environment would be taken place. But, for development of country, these type of infrastructure facilities are required, because time is more valuable. He also expressed his concerns that there is no clarity from the project authorities with regard to employment to the local people and allocation of CSR funds for development of the nearby villages and requested for commitment from the project authorities. He also opined that there would be lot of noise pollution due to the proposed activity, and restrictions would like not to allow more than G+2 level buildings in the nearby area. While welcoming the project, he suggested to the project authorities that greenbelt shall be developed with public & private participation and the authorities shall carry the activity without causing damage to the public & nature. He also requested the public hearing panel to recommend the proposed expansion project to MoEF&CC for further approval

Sri S.Nagasena Reddy, Hyderabad he expressed that about 850 acres of agricultural land is dis-appearing, on which farmers directly depend and agriculture labour, animals, birds species etc., depends indirectly earlier. He also requested that people of this area connected with AAI since 1935, either on good or bad things. He suggested and opined that the project authorities shall allocate atleast 2% of the funds on proposed investment of about Rs.181.0 Crores for CSR activities in this area, for establishment of schools, Hospitals etc., and on which there is no clarity from the project authorities. He also suggested that the project authorities shall explain / the action plan with regard to training programme / awareness among the people while emergency landing of Air Crafts and the project authorities shall create awareness among the surrounding people on the emergency landing of Air Crafts. He also suggested that minimum 10% of funds shall be allocated for pollution control, as day to day technologies are changing, and requested for assurance for adaptation of new technology. He also suggested that Greenbelt shall be developed and opined that development of greenbelt can control noise pollution to the maximum extent using modern scientific technology and as per guidelines of MoEF&CC, GoI. He also suggested that the project authorities shall implement measures for skill development of the surrounding people. The proposed periphery road should be 40ft., width compulsory. While welcoming the project, he requested the project authorities to consider the opinions of local people while taking up the expansion project.

Sri G.Janardhana Reddy, NGO, Hyderabad he informed that he came as social worker for the public hearing while reiterating the concerns of the land losers, Agriculture labours & local people, requested the Chairman, Public Hearing Panel, the Joint Collector to intervene in the issue of compensation to the land losers. He also suggested that tenders for cycle stand, Car parking etc., shall be allocated to the local people. He also requested the public hearing panel to recommend the proposed expansion project to MoEF&CC for further approval.

Sri H.Madhu Babu, NGO, Hyderabad he is working as Environment Activist for the past 4 years and attending Public Hearing in 7 to 8 states and giving suggestions with experience. He also informed that he has already submitted a representation to the concerned authority and he has no objection for the proposed project if the rules are followed scrupulously. He also requested the public hearing panel to recommend the proposed expansion project to MoEF&CC for further approval.

Sri Y.Chenna Kesava Reddy, NGO he suggested that CSR funds shall be allocated only to the affected villages within 10 KM radius. He also suggested that employment should be given to skilled local people or shall give apprenticeship atleast. He requested the public hearing panel to recommend the proposed activity to MoEF&CC for approvals, as it would develop A.P. further as affiliated industries would come in this area.

Sri Ch. Mallikharjuna Rao, Bugugupudi Village he requested the project authorities to provide employment to locals, and it may compensate pain atleast 10% to the land losers. He alleged that the AAI has not taken any measures in this regard. Through he is a post graduate as on today he has neither job nor land for cultivation, literally they are on the road. He also requested to assign work to local people and preference shall be given to the local people who have given this lands. He also requested to give opportunity to the locals first then, through which they will develop required skills.

Sri N.Ravikumar, Journalist while welcome the project opined that development is required but, it should not affect the livelihood of locals. He requested the chairman, Public Hearing Panel that concrete assurance shall be obtained for employment for unskilled land losers, and agricultural labour in this area. He also requested the Chairman, Public Hearing Panel that assurance shall be given to the unskilled land losers and agricultural labour also under NREG programme. While welcoming the project, requested the panel to recommend the proposal to the MoEF&CC for approvals.

Sri M.Sivaramakrishna, Madhurapudi he informed that he is one of land losers due to this project and he opined that public hearing shall be conducted before acquisition of land from the farmers. He also alleged that there would be no response from the officers concerned, after land acquisition, were in land compensation. He also informed that the then Sub-Collector, Rajamahendravaram informed then that payment to the land losers will be completed by November, 2015. But, payment process is still going on. He also informed that through this is on meeting with regard to Environment, as the Joint Collector in the Chairman, Public Hearing Panel the above issue is brought to the notice of the Chairman. He also informed that there is no response to the left out land pockets of small land. He also expressed his concerns that there is no answer, whether the AAI would take left out land pockets or earmark some other land. The authorities have already started demolishing the trees existing. He also expressed his concerns that if they earmark land, after demolition of trees, how could protect the environment. He also informed that though land was acquired for same project in same area, different compensation rates were fixed thereby many of the farmers lost huge compensation, inspite of their requisitions for equal compensation per acre. He also informed that with the rate of compensation, fixed, the farmers could not get the land for same rate anywhere within 50 Kms., radius in the area. He requested that the project authorities shall give at least employment opportunities to the children of land losers and adopt the villages and shall allocate maximum CSR funds to these villages for development such as establishment of schools, Hospitals etc., He also informed that they have planted different type of plants for the last 20-25 years such as Red Sandal, Medicinal plants etc., investing large amounts but, no compensation was given, if the particular plant was not mentioned in the GO. He also informed that as per present Government market rate for Red Sandal is Rs.1800/Kg and it has been fixed as Rs.200/Kg only. The authorities have not responded even on written representation and they have given representation again to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Collector, Sub-Collector, District Forest Officer, as the problem is to all farmers. The authorities also not responded properly during the time of our land survey and it pains us. He questioned the project authorities that whether, is there any mitigation measures proposed for noise pollution and is there any rehabilitation of affected people. Finally, he requested the authorities that do the justice to the local people and land losers generously.

Sri B.Satyanarayana, Madhurapudi he suggested that if the project authorities could not able to give the employment opportunity to the agriculture labour, and local people,

at least required opportunity may be created through State Government through STs, SCs, BC, Kapu Corporation to the locals for their livelihood. He also informed that due to acquisition of huge land and removal of vegetation in the area, animals like monkeys, dogs are being entered into villages and creating nuisance and requested to take necessary action for sending the animals to forest areas. He also informed that it is brought to our notice that the project authorities are proposing 20ft. approach roads only which is not adequate and requested that 40 ft., wide roads may be laid.

Sri Satyanarayana, Madhurapudi he informed that he is a graduate in MBA and the AAI have not been giving any information pertaining to job opportunity. He also informed that though, the graduates, students in this area are un-employed, they have been carrying out the agriculture till now, and after land acquisition, there is no employment and cultivation opportunity to the locals. He requested the project authorities to give employment opportunities to locals then they will develop required skills definitely. He alleged that lot of air pollution would be created due to cut down of trees like mango, palm garden. He also alleged that they have been facing severe noise pollution during the Air Craft landing & take off and creating irritation for minimum 5 minutes time.

Sri T.Suri Babu, Madhurapudi on hearing the clarifications on left over sites doubted that whether the AAI will permit the constructions in the left over patches of land in case of demand arises for ancillary units for cargo storages as explained by authorities. He requested not to put any severe restrictions for taking up of required construction keeping in mind of their sacrifices.

Sri Raj Krishor, Director, Rajahmundry Airport he informed that some of the concerns expressed by the public may be in AAI jurisdiction and some of the concerns shall be brought to the notice of the Government for redressal. He informed that expansion of Airport is planned for good economical growth. He also informed that after state bifurcation, survey reports stated that Rajahmundry Airport has capacity for good economical growth. He also informed that growth rate of Airport services of Rajahmundry, Airport is about 90% for the last one year and expansion of Airport is invariable. He also informed that they have acquired minimum land required for expansion as per Airport Economical Development Master plan only. He also informed that the proposed expansion would also cater for cargo services, besides Big Aircrafts services as favourable condition of the area such as nurseries at Kadiyam, Smart City Kakinada, development activities between 60 Kms. length Kakinada to Rajahmundry Road, and four other deep seaports. With regard to left over pockets of land issue

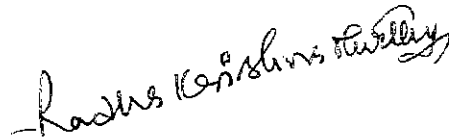
raised by the public, it is informed that after expansion, there is huge potential for cargo services such as export of highly perishable goods such as flowers from Kadiyam, fish & shrimp from Godavari Delta area and hence, lot of ancillary units such as cold storage, transit points have to be established all around the Airport and there would be lot of employment generation to the local people directly or indirectly. There would be huge demand for land and then the left over pockets may be more beneficial to the farmers. He also informed that the contractors are enforced to give employment to the locals to the maximum extent and the farmers of left over pockets lands have to re-think, as favourable condition such as development of cargo service, Eco tourism service in the area. He also informed that there is huge potential for employment generation from ancillary units such as cold storages, cargo transit points etc., that would be established all around the periphery of the airport besides direct employment generation by the airport. He also informed that land was acquired as per international civil aviation organization standards and guidelines and as per master plan there would be 12ft., wide road only, and the same was discussed with Sub-Collector, Rajahmundry and decided to establish 20ft., wide road instead of 12ft., when there was no existing road, and proposed to lay 40ft., road, if there is already 40ft., road existing in the land acquired. He also informed that they could not earmark land for 40ft., wide roads as requested by the general public because, they have acquired minimum land as per standards and guidelines of International Civil Aviation Organization. He requested the Government to take decision while laying the 30ft., to 40ft., wide roads. He also informed that they have been giving employment to the locals to the maximum extent as and when opportunities arise. There is no restrictions or discrimination on entering of auto rickshaws. We use their services as required. He also informed that they have constructed and maintaining 55 Nos. levorotary facilities at Rajahmundry under CSR activities under Swatch Bharat Programme. He also informed that they have proposed zero solid waste management in the airport and it would generate employment to the locals for converting the solid waste into manure. He also informed that they have proposed rain water harvesting system for recharge of ground water using data obtained for the last 12 years and using concepts of injection of rain water through wells and roof top water collection system. He also informed that in the present proposal, they have proposed 1 MW solar power plant and the power generated would be used for airport operations and balance would be exported to Grid. He also informed that possibilities for maintenance of irrigation tanks i.e. de-silting operations in this area are also in their consideration.

While concluding the public hearing the Environmental Engineer, has read over the abstract of the above mentioned proceedings chronologically in vernacular language and clarified that the process of Public Hearing was strictly followed as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification, 2006. As per the notification, EIA report, Executive summary material was displayed at required officers for information of public. Public Hearing notice was issued in two news papers well before the 30 days and Tom Tom (Announcement by beating of drums) was conducted in the villages for two days prior to date of Environment Public Hearing and followed the public hearing process strictly. The public can obtain copy of the minutes and CDs from Pollution Control Board office or from Offices mentioned in the paper notification. These details and the project proposals will be reviewed by the Experts committee of the Government. The EE, AP Pollution Control Board clarified that the public hearing proceedings are followed as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification, 2006.

The Chairman of the Public hearing panel and Joint Collector, East Godavari District while concluding the Environment Public Hearing with positive note informing that all the views expressed by the public are recorded and will be sent to the Government for taking necessary action. He also informed that certain issues, such as linking of Pushakara canal and chain of irrigation tanks, shifting of bore well electrical transformer with service connections, Acquisition of additional land for converting to proposed 20ft., wide road to 40ft wide roads, employment to the agricultural labour under NREG scheme, direct loaning to SC,ST & BC people and skill development programme and employment generation through DRDA, guidelines for utilization of CSR funds major component in local affected villages etc., which have to be redressed by the District administration and Government and same would be brought to the Notice of the District Collector for taking necessary action. The Environmental Public Hearing was completed with vote of thanks by Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kakinada.



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Joint Collector and Addl. District Magistrate
East Godavari District.

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