



MITHI RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION AUTHORITY (MRDPA)



**Compendium
of
Empowered
Committee
Meeting**

**MITHI RIVER DEVELOPMENT
& PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

SEPARATOR

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of EC

M R D P A
November 7, 2006

Sub: 3rd Meeting of Empowerment Committee
of Multi River Development and Protection
Authority. - Draft Minutes of Meeting.

The 3rd Meeting of Empowerment Committee
of MRDPA was held at 1.00 p.m on
November 6, 2006 under the Chairmanship of
Chief Secretary to Govt. of Maharashtra. The
draft minutes of the meeting kept at
page No. 1/c are submitted for
approval, please.

Enclosed (as above)

(Chief Secretary)

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7/11/06
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Project Director & MS

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MMRDA

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**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Empowerment Committee of the
Mithi River Development and Protection Authority**

Date: November 6, 2006

Time: 1.00 p.m.

Venue: Chief Secretary's Committee Room (5th floor, Mantralaya)

Members Present:

- 1) Dr. K. Shankaran
Chief Secretary,
Government of Maharashtra
- 2) Shri Johny Joseph
Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Commissioner of Greater Mumbai
- 3) Dr. T. Chandrashekar
Metropolitan Commissioner
MMRDA.
- 4) Shri Sanjay Ubale
Secretary, Special Projects.
Government of Maharashtra
- 5) Dr Vikas Tondwalkar
Project Director and Member Secretary
MRDPA

Special Invitees

- 1) Shri S.S. Zende
Collector,
Mumbai Suburban District
- 2) Shri A. B. Vardhane
Joint Secretary (I)
Urban Development Department
Government of Maharashtra
- 3) Shri K. N. Khaware
Joint Secretary (2)
Urban Development Department
Government of Maharashtra
- 4) Dr. D. B. Boralkar
Member of Secretary
Maharashtra Pollution control Board
- 5) Dr. Rakesh Kumar
Scientist Incharge and Head
Mumbai Zonal Laboratory
National Environmental Engineering Research Institute
- 6) Dr. S. Vishwanath
Director (ESP)
Municipal Commissioner of Greater Mumbai

- 7) Mr A. S. Nabar
Director,
BRIMSTOWAD,
Municipal Commissioner of Greater Mumbai
- 8) Mr D. D. Bhide,
Chief Engineer
Mithi River development and Protection Authority
Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority

The Project Director and Member Secretary of the Authority welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman and all the members in the third meeting of the Empowerment Committee of Mithi River Development and Protection Authority (MRDPA). The Agenda for this meeting was kept on dias for item wise discussion. Items in the Agenda were discussed and resolved.

Item No 1. To confirm the Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Empowerment Committee of MRDPA held on January 2, 2006.

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Empowerment Committee of MRDPA held on January 2, 2006 were confirmed after discussions in the meeting.

Item No 2. To finalise the feasible alignment of Mithi River Development Zone of Mithi River and Vakola Nalla within the Bandra Kurla Stretch from Mahim Causeway to CST Bridge at Bandra Kurla Complex.

Next item discussed on the Agenda was about finalising the feasible alignment of Mithi River Development Zone of Mithi River and Vakola Nalla within the Bandra Kurla Complex Stretch from Mahim Causeway to CST Bridge. Project Director, MRDPA presented the Mithi River Development Zone alignment prepared by CWPRS and IIT Bombay to the Empowerment Committee. After discussions it was decided that from Mahim Causeway to Dharavi Bridge, the widening of the river should be done upto 100 mtrs and buffer zone of 20 mtrs. on either side should be kept as recommended by CWPRS and IIT, Bombay. Then it was further decided that from Dharavi Bridge to CST Bridge, the widening of river should be upto 200 mtrs and buffer zone of 20 mtrs. on either side should be kept as recommended by CWPRS. It was also pointed out that on the opposite Bank of BKC there are permanent buildings/ structures of Taximen society and also on the opposite bank of BKC between BKLR bridge and CST Bridge there are permanent buildings/structures of Kapadia Nagar. The Project Director of MRDPA pointed out that these buildings are of permanent nature for which development permissions have been given by BMC and therefore any widening including the development of buffer zone in these area is not possible. After discussions it was decided that the Mithi River alignment should be fixed by considering that these permanent structures are not affected and therefore the widening as per the recommendations of CWPRS should be carried out on the

opposite bank of these permanent buildings wherever feasible. It was also decided that the Vakola Nalla falling within the BKC area should be widened upto 60 mtrs. and buffer zone of 20 mtrs. on either side of Vakola Nalla should be kept as recommended by CWPRS.

The Project Director also pointed out that alongside of Mithi river in the areas around Babasaheb Ambedkar Chawl, Naik Nagar and RG plot at BKC, etc have been recommended by IIT, Bombay to maintain as additional buffer zones to act as holding ponds as earmarked in Green line in the proposed Development Plan prepared based on CWPRS, Pune and IIT, Bombay. He also informed that National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur while appraising the DPR have suggested that additional holding ponds subject to availability of space near the mouth are essential. After discussions it was decided that additional holding ponds should be provided wherever feasible as recommended by IIT, Bombay.

Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA informed that the estimates and the tender Notice for commencement of Phase II works are already prepared by MMRDA through TCE Consultants Pvt Ltd. However, the tender notice has not been issued by MMRDA because the Mithi River Development Project is under consideration of Government of India for providing funding under JNNURM. Chief Secretary stated that Government of Maharashtra has decided to seek 100 % funding (similar to BRIMSTOWAD project) from Government of India as the Mithi river development project is a disaster management project. Chief Secretary directed Urban Development Department 2 to write a letter in this regard to Gol and also seeking the permission to invite the tenders for commencement of phase II works. Chief Secretary to Government of Maharashtra directed MMRDA to immediately publish the tender notice for appointment of Contractors for phase II works. Project Director, MRDPA informed that NEERI has appraised the DPR prepared by MRDPA and in the first week of October 2006 they have recommended to Gol to provide funding to Mithi River Development Project.

Item No 3. To finalise the feasible alignment of Mithi River Development Zone of Mithi River and Vakola Nalla within the BMC Stretch from CST Bridge to Vihar lake

Next item discussed on the Agenda was about finalising the alignment of Mithi River Development Zone of Mithi River and Vakola Nalla within the BMC Stretch from CST Bridge to Vihar lake. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM informed that MCGM had presented the feasible alignment of river widening within their stretch considering the presence of authorized residential, commercial and industrial structures. Municipal Commissioner further stated that within MCGM stretch it is possible to widen the river up to 100 m. as recommended by

CWPRS. However, he indicated that in this stretch 100 m width could be achieved if the following issues are resolved by the Collector, Mumbai Suburban District:

- One Masjid which could not be demolished in phase I works where existing width is 48 m. The river width of 100 m could be achieved after removal of Masjid.
- Acquisition of Bakshasingh Compound on the upstream of CST bridge where the existing width is 60 m. After land acquisition the width of 100 m. could be achieved.
- Removal of total of 1215 residential and commercial structures on either side of the bank.
- At Kranti Nagar one authorized industrial estate building exists where only 84 m. width could be achieved.

Collector, Mumbai Suburban District informed that one Masjid on the upstream of CST road and one Masjid on the downstream of CST road could be shifted and the land of Bakshasingh Compound is leasehold and could be widened. He further informed that the 1215 residential and commercial structures could be removed subject to the availability of tenements. Chief Secretary directed Collector Mumbai Suburban District to initiate immediate actions in this regard so as to commence the phase-II works of Mithi river development. Chief Secretary stated that the river should be widened up to the boundary of industrial estate at Kranti Nagar to achieve minimum 84 m. width at this location.

Municipal Commissioner further informed that at the upstream side of Safed Pool Nalla upto Jogeshwari Vikhroli Link Road (JVLR) widening as per CWPRS recommendations is not possible due to existence of authorized residential and industrial buildings and in this stretch maximum feasible width has already been achieved during the phase -I works. However, he further indicated that during phase I works, one tolerated structure of M/s Ajmal Rubber factory could not be demolished where existing width is of only 24 m. which could be made up to 30 m. and additional area for construction of service road could be made available in this stretch. Collector, Mumbai Suburban District informed that this could be removed in phase II works. Chief Secretary directed the Collector, Mumbai Suburban District to initiate immediate actions in this regard so as to commence the phase-II works of Mithi river development. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM pointed out that it is necessary to construct retaining wall in this stretch from Safed pool to JVLR as scouring of embankment would endanger the existing structures at the bank.

Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA pointed out that as there are no permanent structures on the upstream of JVLR up to Vihar lake the widening of river could be possible as per the recommendations of CWPRS. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM responded that although the widening is possible in this stretch, the open land is available at some locations which is privately owned and also part of the land is owned by Arey colony. Dr Rakesh Kumar of NEERI suggested that MRDPA may provide the feasible alignment to CWPRS and request them to undertake remodeling to establish the flood mitigation that could be achieved after implementation of this feasible alignment.

Municipal Commissioner, MCGM further informed about CWPRS and IIT, Bombay's recommendation about widening of Vakola Nalla within MCGM's stretch upto 60 mtrs. and keeping buffer zone of 20 mtrs. on either side. He stated that on either side of Vakola Nalla in certain stretches widening is not possible because of presence of permanent structures. After discussions it was decided that Vakola Nalla alignment should be fixed by considering that the permanent structures are not affected.

Project Director, MRDPA informed that MCGM has already invited tender for commencement of phase II works and expenditure would be initially borne by MCGM in anticipation that the Government of India would provide 100 % grant in aid to Mithi river development project. Dr Rakesh Kumar, Head, Mumbai Zonal Laboratory, NEERI pointed out that the topographical as well as plane table survey needs to be done on priority basis to establish Mithi river zone which includes buffer zone for implementation of phase-II works as the Map prepared by IIT, Bombay is based on the satellite imageries. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM responded that within the MCGM's stretch the feasible alignment has been worked out based on total station survey conducted by them. Project Director, MRDPA pointed out that within MMRDA stretch such survey has not been done. Chief secretary directed MRDPA to immediately appoint surveyors for marking the feasible Mithi river zone for commencement of phase -II works.

Item No 4. Any Other Item with the permission of Chair

Project Director, MRDPA requested the Chief Secretary to decide about the strategy for making available residential and commercial tenements for resettlement of Persons affected by the Mithi River Development. Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA informed that there are no tenements available with MMRDA for resettlement of PAPs of Mithi river as all the tenements would be required for resettlement of PAJ's of MUTP and MUIP. Chief Secretary directed the Joint Secretary -1 of Urban Development Department to immediately hand

over ULC lands to MMRDA for construction of tenements. Chief Secretary also stated to explore the possibility of Slum Rehabilitation Schemes so that the financial burden on the Government could be minimized.

Regarding issue of making available tenements for resettlement of PAPs, Chief Secretary directed Joint Secretary -2 of Urban Development Department to write a letter to Government of India for making 50 % of the Salt Pan land available for resettlement of persons affected by the Mithi river development project. He further directed Project Director, MRDPA to mention this issue in the Affidavit to be filed in Honourable High Court Mumbai on November 15, 2006.

Project Director, MRDPA informed that MRDPA has been receiving letters from the plot developers of BKC such as M/s Reliance and Maker Developers requesting to give them permissions for construction of retaining walls and development of buffer zone on their own costs. Special Secretary, Projects requested Chief Secretary that MRDPA should encourage such public private partnerships subject to condition that the Plans and designs for such developments should be approved by MRDPA.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.