

Sub: Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL)

- Minutes of the 4th meeting of coordination Committee constituted for formulation of guidelines for the compensation to be paid to the project affected fishermen held on 10/12/2015 in MMRDA office

Following were present for the meeting.

Meeting chaired by	Mr. Sanjay Khandare, Addl. Metropolitan Commissioner – II MMRDA
Members of JICA Study Team	MR. Vivek Kulkarni, BEIPL, JICA study Team
Committee Members	Mr. Chougule, Asst. Commissioner, Fisheries, Representative of Commissioner, Fisheries, MS
	Mr. Karanjkar (Addl. Collector), Representative of Collector Mumbai City
	Ms. Revati Gadkar, Representative of Collector Raigad
	Mr. P D Mamdapure, Engineer in Chief, ED
MMRDA Officials	Mr. S. S. Varaskar, Superintending Engineer, MMRDA
	Mr. M. H. Paranjape, Executive Engineer, MMRDA
	Mr. G G Deshpande Dy. Engineer, MMRDA

The following is the gist of discussions:

At the outset the Chairman, Coordination Committee (for Fishermen Compensation policy) welcomed all present and explained that the purpose of the meeting is to finalize the compensation policy for the project affected fishermen.

Mr. Vivek Kulkarni with the help of Power Point presentation presented the draft compensation policy along with the Schedule for disbursement of the payment. The draft of policy was also circulated amongst the Committee for perusal.

The following points were discussed by the members and finalized to be incorporated in the policy.

A) Disbursement modalities and schedule for payment of compensation towards the losses incurred due to project:

- 1) Permanent Losses (C1 to C3):** The compensation for permanent losses as worked out was proposed to be be disbursed in **5 years** time span at **40%, 20%, 20%, 10% & 10%** per annum in 2 installments in a year. He explained that the disbursement is distributed for entire period of construction to ensure that fisher folks would get compensation for entire period of and will not create any issues during construction. The representative of Fisheries Dept. suggested that if compensation is given in a staggered way it will not be of any good use to them to invest in a new business set up. Accordingly, it was

suggested to disburse compensation in maximum **3 year** with single installment per year @ **60%, 20%, 20%** per annum for three consecutive years. The same was agreed by all the Committee members.

2) Temporary Losses (C4 & C5): The compensation for temporary losses shall be with respect to the actual schedule of construction activity in the area. The disbursement shall be made on quarterly basis.

3) Incidental losses (C6): This will be on as and when it occurs basis.

B) Methodology of disbursement:

During discussions it was decided by the Committee that the compensation to the beneficiary fishermen shall be disbursed through the concerned Fishermen societies under the domain of Fisheries Dept and Collector of the region.

C) Grievance Redressal Committee:

It was decided by the Committee that a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) shall be formed to address the grievances of the Fisher folks. The GRC shall constitute following members

- i. **Chairman:** Chief SDC, MMRDA
- ii. **Member:** ACF, Fisheries Dept.
- iii. **Member:** Dy. Collector Mumbai suburbs, Thane & Raigad Districts
- iv. **Member Secretary:** Superintending Engineer, MMRDA

D) Compensation to JNPT affected fisher folks:

The issue of compensation payable to the beneficiaries of JNPT affected fisher folks were discussed in detail (As some of the fisher folks getting affected on this project may have been compensated once by JNPT). Hence, it was deliberated whether full compensation should be considered for the second time. After discussion on various aspects, it was decided by the Committee that although the compensation is given by JNPT for their displacement from the original place, it is necessary to consider them as project affected fishermen if they will be displaced again by the MTHL project. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee members and it was decided to consider the JNPT affected fisher folks afresh and at par with other affected fisher folks without associating with any compensation paid elsewhere as per the merits and as per the categories.

E) Utilization of resources of the fisher folks: ACF fisheries requested Committee to consider the demand of fisher folks to give jobs to the project affected skilled/unskilled personnel and use their boats from project affected villages and make necessary

provision in the EPC contract. After discussing the pros and cons, it was decided by the Committee that committal provision in this regard cannot be incorporated in the EPC contract as we are unaware of contractor's work methodology. However, it was decided that, BEIPL shall collect the data from affected villages and the same shall be forwarded to EPC contractor for considering the same preferentially to give jobs/hire their boats / servicing etc., if possible.


F) Capacity Building Program for skill up-gradation & financial provision:

The Committee expressed that MMRDA shall consider the livelihood restoration ^{affected fisherman} will be needs to be facilitated. For a sustainable restoration of the project affected fisher-folks ^{was decided} it ~~has~~ to implement a capacity building program. This Capacity building program will be monitored by the Social Development Cell of the MMRDA. An amount up to **Rs. One Crore** ^{needs to be} ~~should~~ set aside for this program. This funding ^{can} ~~shall~~ be made available for execution of such programs that will help increasing and developing capacity of Fisher folks not only in fishing but in allied activities and development of skills ^{sets} that will enable them for better standards of living.

F) Fishermen Compensation Policy:

Having incorporated the decisions as above as well as those taken in earlier meetings and the suggestion / recommendation given by Commissioner Fisheries in his letter dated. 20.11.2015, the Fishermen Compensation Policy (FCP) is finalized by the Committee and enclosed as Annexure-1

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Engineer-in-Chief
& Member Secretary