

Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project
Minutes of 6th meeting of the Coordination Committee

The 6th meeting of the Coordination Committee constituted for formulation of guidelines for the compensation to be paid to the project affected Fisher folk was held on 18.05.2018 in MMRDA office under the chairmanship of Additional Metropolitan Commissioner (K).

Following officers were present for the meeting.

Members of the Committee

- Mr. Sanjay Khandare, Addl. Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA
- Capt. C. J. Lepande, Port Officer, Representative of Chief Executive Officer, MMB
- Mrs. Sushama Satpute, Deputy collector, Representative of Collector Mumbai City
- Mr. D B Kindre, Sr PI, Representative of Deputy Commissioner of Police, Panvel
- Dr. S N Gajbhiye, Sr. Scientist (Retd) - CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography

MMRDA Officials

- Mr. S. S. Varaskar, Superintending Engineer, MMRDA
- Mr. V. A. Jambhale, Executive Engineer, MMRDA
- Mr. G G Deshpande Dy. Engineer, MMRDA

General Consultants MTHL project

- Mr. Satish Sing, Representative of GC

At the outset the Chairman, Coordination Committee welcomed all present and briefed about the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman expressed displeasure about absence of officials of Fisheries Department, Collector Raigad & DCP Port Zone Mumbai.

MMRDA officials apprised the committee members about the compensation process carried out by MMRDA and summarized agenda as follows:

- i) Pursuant to approval of Committee's previous meeting (5th), MMRDA escalated the rates of compensation up to **Dec 2017** (Original rates were formulated in year Dec 2015) for all categories and accordingly deposited first installment of amount Rs. 22.18 Cr to the Commissioner of Fisheries for further disbursement to the 1165 nos. of beneficiaries from Mahul and Trombay villages. Fisheries department would start disbursement in next week as informed on telecon by Jt. Commissioner of Fisheries.

- ii) Recently, Fisheries department has approved list of 1405 eligible fisher-folks families on Navi Mumbai side and disbursement of compensation to these fisher-folks is now on priority.
- iii) Decision of the Committee on whether to escalate the rate of compensation for Navi Mumbai side fisher-folk families i.e. whether it shall be paid at same rates as paid to Mahul & Trombay fisher-folks or otherwise was sought.
- iv) Decision was also sought whether amount should be deposited to the concerned Collector or Fisheries Department for further disbursement to beneficiaries or otherwise.

The above issues were discussed by the Committee members and gist of discussion / decisions are as follows.

1. Updating rate of compensation considering rise in price index:

The Committee agreed to pay the compensation at same escalated rates to fisher-folks on Navi Mumbai side as already paid to fisher-folk families of Mahul & Trombay villages. It is decided that, the escalated rates of Dec 2017 shall be kept fix during the period from Jan to Dec 2018. For all subsequent payments, the escalation shall be amended in the month of December of every subsequent year since original rates were formulated in Dec 2015.

2. Approval of Committee for disbursement of compensation cost:

It was apprised that, pursuant to the decision of 5th meeting of the Coordination Committee, the 1st installment of compensation for Mahul & Trombay villages is deposited to the Commissioner of Fisheries. Fisheries department is in process of procuring bank account numbers of the eligible fisher-folks through Fishermen Cooperative Societies.

The process of disbursement of compensation to the fisher-folks was also discussed during the meeting and **Committee decided that MMRDA shall deposit the funds to the Commissioner Fisheries. Accordingly, their office will make further disbursement to the beneficiaries after following the procedure.** The Committee directed that the payment of compensation shall be strictly through the Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) and the account details of the beneficiaries shall be thoroughly verified by Fisheries Department before disbursement of the compensation amounts. Committee further directed to expedite the process of disbursement.

3. Sharing information with Fishermen Societies:

It was decided that letters need to be sent to the Fisheries Societies along with the list of Fisher folks for notifying the Fisher folks who are eligible for compensation (i.e. to identify active and non-active members).

4. Survey of Fisher folks under C1 category:

The Committee noted that, MMRDA has started the survey of C1 category fisher-folks. Survey on Mumbai side is physically completed and data analysis is in process by the General Consultant (GC). But, survey for C1 category on Navi Mumbai side is still held up due to non-cooperation of locals from Navi Mumbai side.

Committee expressed that MMRDA and the General Consultant shall make all efforts to complete the joint survey along with Fisheries Department for identifying the Fisher folks under C1 category and complete the process at the earliest.

5. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


**Chief Engineer &
Member Secretary**
