

No. MMRD/MTHL-PIU/FCC/MoM9/ 1404/2020

Dt.: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

To,

**The Commissioner Fisheries,**  
 Maharashtra State,  
 Taraporwala Aquarium,  
 NetajiSubhash Road,  
 Mumbai - 400002

**Chief Executive Officer,**  
 Maharashtra Maritime Board,  
 14, R Kamani Rd., Ballard  
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**Collector, Mumbai  
 District**  
 Mumbai City Collectorate,  
 Old Custom House,  
 Fort, Mumbai - 400001

**Collector, Raigad District**  
 District Collector and D. M.  
 District Collector's Office  
 Alibaug, Raigad - 402 201

**Deputy Commissioner of  
 Police, Port Zone,**  
 BPT Railway Bldg., 1st Floor, R  
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 Mumbai - 400038

**Dy. Commissioner Of  
 Police (Zone II)**  
 Panvel Division,  
 Navi Mumbai. 410206

**Dr. S.N.Gajbhiye,**  
**Senior Scientist (Retd.),**  
**CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography**  
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 Andheri (W), Mumbai 400061

**Invitee -**  
**Chairman, Fisher-Folk Eligibility**  
**Validation Committee-MMRDA**  
 (Shri Devendra Katke, Dy Collector, Social  
 Development Cell MMRDA)

**Sub.: Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project**

- Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Fisherfolks Coordination Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Sirs,

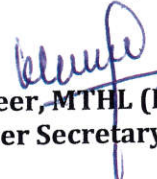
The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fisherfolk Coordination Committee was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 under chairmanship of Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA on 9<sup>th</sup> floor, MMRDA's New Office Building, BKC, Bandra (East) to discuss and decide on issues related to Fisher-folk likely to be affected due to construction of MTHL project.

The approved minutes of meeting are attached herewith for information.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**Encl:** Minutes of 8th meeting of Coordination  
 Committee

  
**Chief Engineer, MTHL (PIU) &**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy submitted for information to Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA for information

Copy for information to:

- i) The General Consultant, MTHL
- ii) M/s BEIPL, Consultant to MMRDA for balance survey assignment.

**Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority**

## Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project (MTHL)

### Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Fisheries Coordination Committee for the compensation to the project affected fisher folks held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

1. The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fisheries Coordination Committee was held under the chairmanship of Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2:00 PM in MMRDA office.

Following were present for the meeting.

Meeting chaired by	Dr. K.H. Govinda Raj, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA
Committee Members	Mr. Devare, Regional Director, Mumbai Representative of Commissioner Fisheries.
	Ms. Nidhi Choudhari, Collector, Raigad- Via VC
	Mr. Kanase SLR Mumbai City Representative of Collector Mumbai City
	Captain Sharma CPO Representative of MMB
	ACP Yellow Gate Police Division Representative of DCP Port Zone Mumbai
	Mr. Sawant, ACP Port Zone Navi Mumbai Representative of DCP Panvel
	Mr. S.N. Gajbhiye, Chief Scientist (Retd.), CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography & Expert in Fisheries. - Via VC
	Dr. D.T.Thube, Chief Engineer MMRDA & Member Secretary
	Mr. Devendra Katke, Chairman, FEVC MMRDA
	Mr. Vivek Kulkarni , Consultant to MMRDA
General Consultant MTHL	Mr. Satish Singh, Representative of GC-MTHL
	Mr. Dayanand Nangre - GC MTHL
MMRDA Officials	Mr. G.G. Deshpande Executive Engineer, MMRDA
	Mr. Bhanudas Gaikwad, Dy. Engineer, MMRDA
Other Officials	Mr. Daftardar, Asst. Commissioner, Fisheries Dept.

2. At the outset the Chief Engineer, MMRDA & Member Secretary of the Coordination Committee welcomed all present for the meeting and connected via VC.

3. The discussions held during the meeting and decisions taken by Committee are as follows;

**i) Approval to upgradation of rate of compensation to fisher-folks on basis of change of Consumer Price Index (CPI) from Dec. 2015 to Dec 2019.**

The information on Consumer Price Indices from 2015 to are as below:

Year >>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Consumer Price Index(CPI)	126.1	129.20	144.91	138.96	144.56
Avg CPI From 2016- 2019=	557.6/4			139.40	

The upgraded rate (based on the change in the CPI) as on December 2019 payable to C-1, C-2 & C-3 category fishermen are worked out as below:

Compensation Category	Rate of Compensation	Escalation Factor	Updated Rate of Compensation as on Dec 2019
C1	One-time payment of Rs 5,84,000/-	139.40/126.1	Rs 6, 45, 596/-
C2	50% of the amount per unit code C1 (Rs 2,92,000/-)	139.40/126.1	Rs 3, 22,798/-
C3	50% of the amount per unit code C1 (Rs 2,92,000/-)	139.40/126.1	Rs 3, 22,798/-

The upgraded rates as above are applicable to newly eligible fisher-folks during the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

**The Committee members approved these upgraded Rates of Compensation based on the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).**

**ii) Approval to release of funds of Rs. 12,96,61,717/- as 1<sup>st</sup> installment (60%) of compensation to recently approved list No. 5 consisting of 663 fisher-folk of C-3 category from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai side. The Fisher-folk Eligibility Validation Committee (FEVC) has done the scrutiny of the applications received based on the conditions stipulated in the Compensation Policy and prepared the list No. 5 of eligible Fisherfolks.**

The Committee unanimously agreed to pay compensation to 663 fisher-folk approved by FEVC in List No. 5 based on the upgraded rate as shown in Para no. 1 above.

The Committee observed that when the approved list is forwarded to Fisheries Department, they collect the details of bank accounts and documents confirmation which takes about 2-3 months. It was, therefore, directed that hereafter MMRDA shall forward the list of approved fisher-folk to Fisheries Department and the Fisheries department shall collect all the required documents from the eligible fisherfolks (such as Bank account details, etc.), verify the same and inform MMRDA. Upon receipt of confirmation of completeness of documents required for disbursement of funds, MMRDA shall deposit the necessary funds to the Fisheries Department. The Committee agreed to the same.

**The Committee also approved the disbursement of Rs.12,96,61,717/- towards the compensation to the 663 fisher-folk approved by FEVC in List No. 5. It was directed to follow the procedure above before the disbursement is done.**

- iii) Approval to release of funds of Rs. 15,41,07,588/-towards 2<sup>nd</sup>installment (20%) of compensation to list No. 1 consisting of 1106 fisher-folk from Mumbai side approved earlier and list No.2consisting of 1368 fisher-folk from Navi Mumbai side who have received 1<sup>st</sup> installment in accordance with conditionsstipulated in the Compensation Policy.**

The Chairman enquired whether earlier disbursement was complete. It was informed by the Fisheries Department that most of the disbursement is complete and utilization certificate of the funds disbursed is already submitted to MMRDA on 05 February 2020. There are few individual cases in which the bank details/ documentsare not submitted by the individuals& disbursement is not done to them.

It was informed that as per utilization certificate received from Fisheries Department dated 05 February 2020, the 2<sup>nd</sup>installment is proposed for only those fisher-folk who have received 1<sup>st</sup>installment disbursement. As such, 1101 out of total 1165 from the list No. 1 (Mumbai side), and 1327 out of total 1399from list no. 2 (Navi Mumbai side)have been paid the installments.The unpaid amount **Rs. 2,70,40,190/-**balance with Commissioner Fisherieshas been taken into account while depositing funds on 18 March 2020.

The Committee agreed to transfer the funds amounting **Rs. 15,41,07,588/-**towards the disbursementof the second installment (20%) to 2474 (i.e. 1101 + 1327) fisherfolk from list No. 1 & 2.

- iv) Directives of the Committee on the request received from the Commissioner of Fisheriesvide letters dated 26.06.2020 & 08.07.2020 defining a process of penal action on fisher-folk who have been already declared eligiblebut who**

**have illegitimately applied for compensation posing as affected fishermen in spite of being in Government Service.**

Regional Director Fisheries Department informed that there are few cases wherein the applicants for compensation are in Government Service and have been declared eligible by mistake for compensation. The ACFs take undertakings from all eligible fishermen. Moreover, if any payment is done by mistake, recovery from them is very troublesome.

The issue was discussed in length. The Chairman asked for the opinion of the Collector Raigad. The Collector Raigad opined that cases need to be filed against such mala fide applicants is needed. The ACP Navi Mumbai Port Division opined that the documents submitted by such applicants need be verified for facts and cases under category of intentional forgeries shall be filed.

After deliberation, the Chairman instructed Fisheries department to first withhold payment to such fishermen and inform MMRDA about the same. MMRDA will verify the documents submitted by such applicants. If from the documents the intention of the applicant is found to be mala fide, MMRDA will convey the same to the Fisheries department. The Fisheries Department shall lodge case on such mala fide fishermen for furnishing wrong information.

The Committee agreed for adopting this procedure.

- v) **Directives of the Committee on the request received from the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries Thane - Palghar vide letter dated 26.06.2020 for extending the limit of distance to 15-20 km for Thane District.**

MMRDA informed that 1226 fishermen from 10 different villages of Thane District are members of Mari Aai Machhimar Sahkari Sanstha. This fishermen cooperative society has made correspondence with the Collector Thane since 2017 for conducting survey of fishermen likely affected by the MTHL project. In due course of time, Tahsildar Thane Taluka submitted a list of 1226 fishermen to ACF Thane-Palghar in June 2019 for compensation. Further, this list was recommended to MMRDA through Regional Director of Fisheries Mumbai suggesting due verification by the FEVC and payment to eligible fishermen.

It was further informed that 2 of these 10 villages (Belapur Gaon & Sarsole) are already in influence zone of MTHL project and fishermen in these villages who have submitted valid document have been declared eligible by the FEVC. The fishermen from 8 villages using mechanized boats for fishing may be eligible for compensation subject to submission of documents of fishing permission/ license. These 8 villages are located at a distance more than 5 km from the project and hence


fishermen fishing on shores & manual boats (as classified under C-3 category) are not affected by construction of MTHL.

Dr. Shankar Gajbhiye, Expert Fisheries opined that MMRDA has taken every step to provide compensation to every affected Fisher in the region. The far-off Fisherfolks are not really affected by the bridge construction activity.

The matter was discussed by the Committee in detail and it was opined that most of villages are beyond the Thane Creek Bridge which is constructed more than 25 years ago. Fishing activities near these villages is not at all likely to be affected by the construction of MTHL. Only the Karave village in the said list is located within the influence zone. The Committee decided to include Karave village in the list of villages falling in the influence zone. The remaining 7 villages, viz. ,Vashi Gaon, Koparkhairane, Sanpada, Juhugaon, Gothiwali / Talwali, Ghansoli, Diwa Koliwada are out of influence zone as decided by the Committee in the earlier meetings.

4. The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

The minutes are approved by the Chairman, FCC

  
(Dr. D.T. Thube) 20.11.2020  
Chief Engineer MTHL-PIU &  
Member Secretary, FCC