

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS AND THE REPLIES GIVEN BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED ON 22TH JANUARY 2014 AT SAIKUTI HALL, LUNGLEI FOR THE PROJECT, ‘WIDENING TO 2-LANE, RE-ALIGNMENT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT OF LUNGLEI-TLABUNG-KAWRPUICHHUAH WITHIN MIZORAM STATE ROADS PROJECT II’

S/N	Name of the person	Detail of query/ statement/ information/clarification sought by the person present at the venue of hearing	Reply of the query/ statement/ information/ clarification given by the project proponent
1	Mr. Santosh Ranjan Tuichawng Village	Camp sites for the labourers: The camp site for the labourers is already identified at Tuichawng village. But why is this not reflected in the technical report? Is it yet possible to identify additional sites for the labourers’ camps?	It must have been omitted in the report by mistake. Additional sites shall be earmarked once the contractors are selected after obtaining Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Govt. of India, and the construction work is initiated.
2	Mr. J.Lalchhuana Lungsen Village	Depletion of water source at Lungsen village: Water scarcity is the main problem of Lungsen village. They are much worried with the project as the main source of water for the community, that is, ‘Thianga vau tui’ is likely to be depleted with the construction of new road. The local NGOs such as, Y.M.A (Young Mizo Association), T.K.P (Thalai Kristian Pawl) and V.C (Village Council) and the villagers have been giving much effort in protecting their valuable water source. Now with the proposed road construction works, the community is at the risk of losing their one and only water source. what measures are to be taken by the project proponent to protect this water source?	The project proponent i.e PWD is also much concerned over this. They too have given lots of thoughts over this so that the village do not suffer water problems further because of the project. They will adopt all the possible measures to protect this water source by re-constructing pipelines and by taking preventive measures so as not to disturb the water source as far as possible during construction period.
3	Mr. Lalramliana Sazaikawn Village	Destruction of RCC building due to road construction: One RCC building which is under construction is located at Sazaikawn village and Rs.14	As to whether the building will collapse with the road construction, PWD and the contractor will carefully make a proper assessment. Meanwhile,

		lakhs is already spent for this construction. Is this building at the risk of destruction by the road construction?	it is assured that proper care will be taken so as to minimize the risks or to prevent damages due to road construction. Moreover, blasting of rocks will be undertaken under the supervision of the experts adopting controlled blasting technique.
4	Mr. J.Pahnuna Chanmari Veng, Lunglei	Disposal of the excavated spoil: A land suitable for disposal of excavated spoil from the road construction is possessed by the speaker below Lunglei Civil Hospital at Tlabung road and he offered it to the project proponent if they do require it.	There will be huge amount of excavated spoil and therefore will require a number of disposal sites. Hence, PWD appreciated and welcomed the offer and are also ready to fill-up other places like community playgrounds or even private lands, if desired by public/land owner.
5	Mr.Chawngdingliana, Hauruang Village	Waste management/ Public complaints: It is the desire of the village people that Environmental Clearance be granted by the Ministry to the project proponent. However, they are concerned over the various forms of pollution that might be created from the haphazard disposal of wastes by the labourers. Does the PWD has any proper plans to prevent pollution that might be arising from the construction works? During and after construction works, there could arise certain complaints from the public. If any such complaints arise from the public, where would the public go with the complaints?	It will be the responsibility of the contractors to provide shelters with disposal facilities like proper toilets to the labourers, as will be included in the terms and conditions of the contract documentations. Grievances Redressal Committee (GRC) under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner is to be formed before construction is started. Complaints, if any, can be lodged to the GRC. GRC will comprise of members representing local NGOs such as, V.C (Village council) and Y.M.A (Young Mizo Association)
6	Mr. B. Rinthanga Tlabung Village	Compensation: The road construction will destroy many houses. Is it appropriate to inform how compensatory allowances be calculated?	Compensatory matter is under the purview of Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO). The office will follow up all the necessary actions as per the existing Act.
7	Mr. Lalhmunmawia Phairuankai Village	Compensation: The proposed road is going to pass through Phairuankai	Compensation related matters are dealt by Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO)

		<p>village and the houses (the 6th house from the bridge onwards till the end of the village) are likely to be affected by the road construction which make the villagers worried although new road is much wished for. Hence, they want to know how compensation amount would be calculated and assessment be made as houses are having various forms of structures (the speaker claimed that his house is having a total of nine main doors).</p>	<p>office at Aizawl. The office is working very hard giving their best efforts to complete the procedures at the earliest. Compensation will be given as per the rates notified by Revenue Department, Government of Mizoram. For LSC holders there will be additional allowances as per World Bank guidelines.</p>
8.	<p>Mr. C. Kapkima Lunglawn, Lunglei</p>	<p>Prevention of Fire and landslides: Lunglawn village is situated on steep rocky terrain above the proposed road and the area is very prone to fire outbreaks and often disturb the people especially during dry season. It will be required to carefully undertake the construction works. Will it possible to have a preventive measure to prevent fire outbreaks and landslides that may occur due to the road constructions?</p>	<p>Utmost care will be taken to avoid landslides. Blasting of rocks will be done under controlled technique. It is also important to create awareness among the people for the need of prevention of fire outbreaks that could arise due to the carelessness of the community.</p>
9	<p>Mr. Lalbiakmawia Phairuangkai Village</p>	<p>Economical impacts on Phairuung Village: The Occupation of this village is based in and around Phairuung River. With the road construction, the settlements will be shifted more towards the river bank. Is there any possibility of identifying new land for crop plantation? What measures will be taken to control floods?</p>	<p>Plantations may not be much disturbed. If trees and crops are destroyed because of construction works, compensatory allowances will be given to the land owners.</p>
10	<p>Mr. Santosh Ranjan Tuichawng Village</p>	<p>Camp sites for the labourers: You don't answer my first question to the point. My question is that Er. Matlani reported during the survey that labour camp will be located in our village but it was not highlighted in the technical report. Why?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, Er. Matlani is not here today with us. However, whatever Er. Matlani has reported to you is the final words of the department.</p>

11	<p>Mr. Lalhmingliana Sailo</p> <p>Vice President, V.C. Court, Tlabung Village</p>	<p>Request for change in the proposed alignment: It is requested that the proposed alignment near Tlabung hospital be reviewed and modified as it is considered feasible to make a wider and spacious road at this point if one private building and PWD living quarter are taken down without destructing SLO quarter.</p>	<p>Design has already been prepared; it might be very difficult to make changes at this point, however, efforts will be given to find ways at the time of construction works as and where possible.</p>
12	<p>Mr. H. Lalthanpuia</p> <p>Phairuangkai Village</p>	<p>Omission of houses likely to be destroyed: Some houses appear to be omitted for receiving compensation. Is it possible to register these houses again for receiving compensation?</p>	<p>Groupwise survey was carried out in presence of local NGOs and V.C. in identifying houses to receive compensation. If there is any omissions by mistake, the matter will be referred to the SLAO office for further inclusion of the omitted houses. As reported by VC, there are about 4 to 5 houses omitted as such.</p>
13	<p>Mr. J. Lalchhuana</p> <p>Lungsen Village</p>	<p>Scarcity of water at Lungsen village: Water scarcity is the cry of the village. Water scarcity will be further increased with the road construction. Is the proposed alignment by-passing the village is highly recommended and will you provide us with proper, reliable water sources?</p>	<p>Measures will be taken to preserve water sources by reconstructing water pipelines and through plantations. Further, advises and suggestions from the villagers are much welcome anytime for suitable steps for the prevention of depletion of water sources.</p>
14	<p>Mrs. Sangliani</p> <p>Hauruang Village</p>	<p>Compensation: My house is situated between two roads. It will be damaged at three sides by construction of the road. Will you please consider and take the whole building under compensation?</p>	<p>For a valid LSC, compensation will be given at Government's approved rate. As already mentioned, those having valid LSC will be given special compensation as per the World Bank's guidelines.</p>
15	<p>Mr. R. Lalenga</p> <p>Hauruang Village</p>	<p>Water and Power supply: Because of the road construction, water pipelines and electric poles will be damaged and will be required to be replaced. The repairing period could take a long time and in the meantime how do we survive?</p>	<p>Preventive measures have been framed out to minimize the adverse impacts of the project such as these. If an electric pole needs to be relocated, a new one will be posted prior to destruction of the existing one so as to limit the time of interruption. Same goes for the water connection pipes. In the meantime, the department and contractors always welcome suggestions and advices from</p>

			the community for better means of mitigating the adverse impacts of the project.
16	Mr. Lalbiakmawia Phairuangkai Village	Prevention of floods With the road construction, the settlements will be shifted more towards the river bank and the village is prone to floods due to heavy rain. Are there any measures taken for the prevention of floods?	The widening of road and construction of new bridge will broaden the river bank. It is difficult to change the direction of natural river course. However, measures will be taken to restore damage caused by the project.
17	Mr. Lalremtluanga Phairuangkai Village	Public Complaints: As a number of villagers are illiterate, where will we lodge complaints if things do not go as we expected when the project is finally operational?	Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) will be constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner comprising of representatives from various NGOs and Village Councils. complaints of any kinds will be entertained by the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC).
18	Mr. Dala Lungsen Village	Request to keep the alignment within Lungsen village: Why is the proposed alignment by-passing Lungsen village whereas it is the desire of the village people, and hence have been praying that the alignment is passing through their village? With the existing proposed alignment and the construction of the proposed road, our village is sure to suffer a great deal and therefore, it is our heartfelt request to you to revise your proposed alignment so as not to by-pass our village.	Considering all the parameters in designing the alignments and taking into accounts all the related issues associated with the proposed project, such as social, economic and environmental impacts and the strict guidelines and norms of the World Bank, the engineers have done their bests and came up with the alignments proposed today. So, it is with sadness that the desire of the people of Lungsen village could not be fulfilled today. However, the problems of the village will be listened to, heard and solved as far as possible and will try to put least pressure on the people due to road construction.
19	Mr. J. Lalnghaka Tlabung Village	Compensation: The compensatory allowances given as per govt's rate is not sufficient to re-construct houses due to rapid rise in the cost of construction materials. It is possible to make assessment for compensatory amount based on market rates?	Only Government's approved rate can be adopted. Recently, a new Government's rate on compensation has been issued for which the a huge amount of money will be necessarily spent by Government on compensation