

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS AND THE REPLIES GIVEN BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED ON 17TH JANUARY 2014 AT MANGKHAIA HALL, ZOTLANG, CHAMPHAI FOR THE PROJECT, 'WIDENING TO 2-LANE, REALIGNMENT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT OF CHAMPHAI-ZOKHAWTHAR ROAD 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	<p align="center">Mr. TBC Rohmingthanga Melbuk Village</p>	<p>Proposed alignment of the road: A representative from World Bank has come to discuss about compensation and road alignment. We wanted the road to pass through our village, even though our Village Council members have gone to Aizawl, spending more than Rs. 10000/-, to meet and convince the authority, but their effort is in vain. We have heard that the road alignment is not yet finalized. Are you authorized to make the final decision? If the present survey road alignment is to be followed, when will it be started? When will we be able to receive our compensation?</p>	<p>From our experience in Southern part of Mizoram, our expert group found it inconvenient for the road to pass through town and villages. After deliberate discussion, considering environment and social conditions, a final decision has been made, the road design has been finalized and no changes is possible now. It is not yet known when the construction work will be started. If we can complete all the requisite formalities within the stipulated time, our project will be under discussion in loan negotiation meeting to be held in the month of February between Govt. of India and World Bank authorities. Despite the limited time and huge preparatory works at pre-construction stage, PWD is trying their bests by putting huge effort and labor for the timely implementation of the said project. By the good will of forest department authorities, forest clearance has already been obtained for Champhai-Zokhawthar project. We have achieved almost all of the requisite formalities</p>

			<p>regarding environmental impact and socio-economic impact. And if we are successful in perusing environmental clearance, which is the reason of our public hearing at present, things will go easy. As Champhai is located at an altitude of more than 1000 meter, project work cannot be initiated without obtaining environmental clearance.</p>
2	<p>Mr. C Lalhnunpuia</p> <p>Champhai Vengthlang,</p> <p>Fin. Secretary Sub-Hqs YMA Champhai District and member District Wildlife Warden</p>	<p>Conservation of wildlife:</p> <p>The proposed project site at Pi Khuangi Lung and Zokhawthar are rich in flora and founa. Changel Kham is inhabited by monkey, goral, serow and will goat. If an effective conservation measure is not taken, the future of this wildlife may be in danger. The villagers have put many efforts for the preservation of these species by afforestation and preventing forest fires. What kind of measures would be taken by the government for the conservation of wildlife of affected area after the construction of road? Melbuk Village Council President Pu Vela and myself have a WRC at Tuikhurchhuah and Authangkhawk respectively, till date we preserve large numbers of trees in our land. Though it would be of good value, but we preserve them for the sake of wildlife habitats. We even employ caretaker, from our own pocket, to check forest fire. Now that the new road is going to pass through our protected land, we request you to put good effort regarding afforestation once the road is constructed.</p> <p>I wanted to ask you whether or not you count the numbers of trees to be destroyed under our land covered area? We don't even know the area of private land which you proposed to acquire? Though I have already enquired by phone to Pu Zawma (PWD Engineer), but the exact area cannot be clear due to bad weather and slippery slope. Now that the</p>	<p>The wildlife species like Serow, monkey, etc. that were said to inhabit the proposed affected area are, of course, invaluable. Therefore, effective conservation measures need to be taken in those sensitive areas, like Pi Khuangi Lung, Zokhawthar and Authangkhawk. The flora and fauna of the affected land should be protected by fencing with barbed wire as far as possible. And in an area where fencing is not convenient, we will try our best not to disturb the natural habitat by minimizing and preventing lost soil. But in some cases, all the conservation measures cannot be pursued by PWD alone, in such cases, the concerned department, Forest & Wildlife Department may have some part to play. We hope that our coordinated endeavor would bring about a good and effective conservation work.</p>

		<p>weather is clear, have you completed your survey by now?</p> <p>Anyway, even if some of us are going to lose our land, but the benefits and development which we expect once the road is constructed is so high that we cannot hold our land and cultivation. As a leader of YMA, I was persuaded by Mr Chuauva (PWD Engineer), to convince and encourage the public, which I gladly did! The loss to be incurred to us by this project did not minimize our hope of better future that we imagine to achieve through this road construction. At the same time, we expect the project implementing unit to fulfill all your social responsibilities and promises you made to the public. Do not neglect us and do not make us lose our hope and dreams.</p>	
3	<p>Mr. P Rothangpuia</p> <p>Zotlang Village</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed road under the project and inclusion of footpath in the proposed road:</p> <p>From the technical report we came to know about the width of the road. But the thickness is also very important. What is the proposed thickness of the road? Vehicle may ply with high speed on the new smooth road. Is there any plan for the safety of pedestrians, like construction of footpaths at both sides or making flyover?</p>	<p>The thickness of the road would be, BC- 30mm, BT- 50mm, WBM- 250mm, CST- 250mm; The total thickness will be 580mm, equivalent to half of a meter.</p> <p>There is no proposal in the road project for footpath or flyover. Once we have a good road, then the safety of pedestrian will be automatically come into consideration.</p>
4	<p>Mr. Zothangmura</p> <p>Zotlang Village</p>	<p>Water sources depletion:</p> <p>In Zotlang village, on the way to Ruantlang near Verhpui junction, we have a useful community water handpump. It will be destroyed by the road project, how will you compensate for this community water handpump?</p>	<p>A new water source of the same kind or the other will be constructed nearby for the community.</p>
5	<p>Mr. Lalrintluanga</p> <p>Hruaikawn Middle School Headmaster:</p>	<p>Disposal of wastes:</p> <p>In the technical report, solid waste disposal is not included. Is there any proposal for solid waste management under the road project? Champhai town has dumped their garbage on road side cliff, the smell is very irritating and discomfort for road traffic. Unless there is a proposal, we may also face the same problem.</p>	<p>Solid waste disposal is the purview of other departments, perhaps, Mizoram State Pollution Control Board together with the local people will work on this, once the road is constructed.</p>

6	<p>Mr. F Lalhnawla Zotlang Village</p>	<p>Utilization of fund by Project proponent: It has been ten long years since this road project has come to the knowledge of general public. Now that you are going to initiate the work, we are very thankful for this. But in other states of India like Jammu, Rajasthan, etc. even small villages have good road connectivity. But here in Mizoram, once the clouds appear then it is naturally followed by landslide and the public are starving for shortage of food supply. Would you be able to construct road to the same grade as in Central India? I want to know whether or not central India has spent more money for the construction of good road as compared to Mizoram PWD? Does the budget passed for road construction in Mizoram Assembly House is fully utilized for the purposed for which it was sanctioned?</p>	<p>It is assured that the fund would be rightly utilized for the purpose it is sanctioned. Further, any person of interest can get information pertaining to this through RTI Act.</p>
7	<p>Mr. C Lalrammawia Mualkawi Village</p>	<p>Loss of structures due to road construction: As per technical report given by Pi Tlani, the land at Mualkawi village is unstable. Due to this, 1 house already collapsed last year, and 5 to 6 houses are also in a very bad condition. These houses are expected to collapse, because they are located in a site to be affected by land spill once road construction is started. Since these houses are not included for compensation, what can be done for them?</p>	<p>As of now, only those structures located on the proposed road area could be considered for compensation. Later on, the authorities may look into it.</p>
8	<p>Mr. C Lalhnunpuia Champhai Vengthlang, Fin. Secretary Sub-Hqs YMA Champhai District and member District Wildlife Warden</p>	<p>Disturbances of project under minor irrigation: 1. Lungloh minor irrigation project undertaken by Minor Irrigation Department costing Rs. 1.2 Crore would be disturbed by the project as the proposed road would be passing through some of the irrigation channels. Whether the PWD department has been aware of this and communicated with the concerned department regarding this matter? 2. I would like to know whether you can finalize the decision of today's hearing?</p>	<p>1. The matter has not yet been discussed. It will be discussed with Minor Irrigation Department at the earliest. 2. Addl. Deputy Commissioner: All the issues and comments</p>

			are recorded entirely by Mizoram pollution Control Board in writing and in videos which will be sent to MoEF. Then, the Central Govt will make final decision based on these documents.
9	Mr. Thangvela Melbuk Village	In support of the project: We wanted the road to pass through our village and we conveyed the matter to authorities, but without any success. Even though our objectives are not met, but we are still very happy and satisfied with your road project. All the land owners are willing to go ahead with your arrangement, we are satisfied, we are happy, that is all I want to say.	Even though we are unable to meet your requests, to know that you are satisfied with our plan make us very happy. We are very thankful to you and the people of your village.
10	Mr. Lalrorela Melbuk Village	Request to re-survey of land: I was present with the surveyor when they first took measurement of my land, but as I am not informed for the second time, they took the measurement of my land in my absence. As I don't know their record about my property, I want to enquire the possibility of doing the same again in my own present?	I thought that you have already given your signature! My people are still working on those documents. We will talk about the matter let this public hearing be over.
11	Mr. David Thangluaia Chairman, Champhai District NGO Coordination Committee	In support of the project: The people of Champhai district are very happy with the project considering all the benefits it will bring to the people of this district. Although we are aware of the adverse effects the project will cause to the habitat, wildlife and environment, the beneficial aspects are considered outweighing the adverse effects; hence it is our dearest wish that the project is successfully implemented. It is also our desire that the people get benefits wherever possible from the project and that the project is carried out effectively with proper utilization of fund. In general, the people are in agreement with the project.	