

SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM NH-54 TO INDO –MYANMAR BORDER UNDER KALADAN MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT PROJECT IN MIZORAM

**VENUE: DOKULHA HALL, LAWNGTLAI, MIZORAM
TIME : 18th NOVEMBER 2009; 11:00 A.M**

Introduction:

The Central Government of India, in order to establish strong ties with the neighbouring Asian countries especially with the eastern neighbours both economically and politically, planned to set up a new policy known as “Look East Policy” wherein sectoral trade link will be established with the far east countries. An agreement has been reached between Govt. of India and Govt. of Myanmar to develop a Multimodal Trade Route between the two countries. The first part of the trade route is through the inland waterway of river Kaladan in Myanmar from its confluence point at Bay of Bengal at Sittwe up to the suitable navigable point at Kaletwa (Setpyitpyin), Myanmar. The second part covers from Kaletwa up to R.Zocha at Indo-Myanmar Border by road. The portion of the Road now being surveyed and investigated covers from Lawngtlai town at NH-54, in Mizoram, India upto R.Zocha at Indo-Myanmar Border to form the Indian part of the said Multi Modal Trade Route which is entirely wranspoithin the Lawngtlai District of Mizoram, India. The length of the road along the surveyed alignment is 99.830 Km.

The list of presentees are listed at annexure.

The Hearing was presided over by Shri Thlamuana, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Lawngtlai District, Mizoram at the scheduled date and time. The public represents all sections of life. At the outset, the chairman invited the Er. Zosangliana Zote, E.E, Multi Modal Project Division I to explain about the proposed Project, who, with the aid of the state map explained all the relevant things about the project. Then the chairman invited Er. P.C Lalmuanpuii, Asst. Environmental Engineer, Mizoram State Pollution Control Board, the objects and need of holding the public hearing.

After this the chairman invited Mr. Ukmang Zathang, EM, LADC who is an in charge of the Forest Department to have a speech. Mr. Ukmang said that the project is a corridor to communicate with the rest of the world and that Forest Clearance had been accorded and hope that the project could continue without any problems.

The Chairman then invited the participants to come forward freely with their views, suggestions and queries etc. The main issues raised and clarification from the project proponent were as summarized below:

Statements:

1. Compensation:

- ❖ Compensation should be given to the affected people. In the meantime, the public should claim only the actual amount.

- ❖ As the proposed road will pass through cemeteries and public properties, compensation should be given to the affected locality.
1. L.Chinzah Ex-CEM: This project is blessings for us as we are living in remote areas. Through this project, Lawngtlai district will be change into commercial center of Mizoram. My conclusion is that construction of Road is only for the interest of public. It appears that some of the alignment for road construction is inappropriate. We requested the alignment to covers villages as much as possible. Moreover, the government did not obtained advice and suggestions from the local people. He also requested to
 2. C.Lalduhbika, Patron, L-4 (Mizoram Working Journal Association, Southern Part of Mizoram): He requested local people who are having land within the project area not to claim large sum of money for compensation as the project is very important for development of a country.

Ans: 1) The alignment is prepared for 2 years. A vital important for road construction is a 'Grade' (levelling), and construction of road is carried out only under a strict conditions laid down by the Central government. The main aim of road construction is 'reach safely within a short period of time'.

He also informed public that compensation is claimable.

2) Zirthanmawia Tlau, SDO, PWD: He informed audience that Ground survey was started since February 2008. and the work had been witnessed by CEM, EM, Revenue and Deputy Commissioner, Lawntlai District. He added that project area will not affect sanctuary and are far off from the effected area.

If the project road links with the old road, that road will also be renovated

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Public Hearing