

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 13.10.2009 AT DDC HALL, DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI PRODUCT SEZ, NANGUNERI TALUK OF TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT BY M/S. TAMIL NADU INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED & M/S. AMRL ITC LIMITED CHENNAI

In the presence of
Thiruvallargal

1. Tmt. P.Ramana Saraswathy, B.Tech : District Revenue Officer
Tirunelveli District
2. Thiru. G.Gopalakrishnan, M.E : District Environmental Engineer,
TNPC Board, Tirunelveli.

Participants

Thiru. U. Shivprakash, C.E.O., AMRL International Tech City Ltd, Thiru. N. Viswanathan, General Manager, AMRL ITC Limited, Thiru. S. Senthil Kumar, General Manager, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation, Chennai and more than 50 people in and around the SEZ area villages like Rajakkamangalam, South Nanguneri, Veppankulam, Puliyoorurichi of Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District.

At the outset, the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Tirunelveli welcomed the District Revenue Officer and other participants who attended the meeting.

The District Environmental Engineer in his address informed the public that AMRL ITC Limited and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited proposed to set up Multi Product SEZ at Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District and requested the authorities to explain about the proposed project.

Thiru. . N. Viswanathan, General Manager., AMRL ITC LIMITED

Thiru. N. Viswanathan. welcomed the District Revenue Officer, The District Environmental Engineer, TNPC Board and the public who have attended the meeting.

He explained about AMRL ITC Limited and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited had formed a joint venture company for setting up a Multi product Special Economic Zone in an area of 2519 acres covering the villages of Therku Nanguneri, Rajakkamangalam, Puliyurkurichi, Alankulam and Veppankulam in Tirunelveli District and the proposed SEZ will involve multi product sectors. In addition to that as a developer of SEZ, the activities of the project proponent will be of plotting of land, site grading and development, horticulture & greenbelt development, compound wall, entrance plaza, internal roads with street lights and area illumination, raw water storage, filtration and supply system, underground drainage cum collection system. This project will help in infrastructure development, better connectivity, industrial development, economic development of the surrounding area and will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities in a large scale. The domestic effluent from the industrial & residential zone will be treated in STP and the treated effluent will be used for green belt development inside the premises allotted for that purpose. Out of 2519 acres of land 10% of the area shall be used for green belt. Solid waste will be collected separately and will be disposed as per Government norms. Rain Water Harvesting facilities will be provided in the SEZ area to recharge the ground water sources and also the existing tanks inside the project area will be desilted and bund strengthening works will be carried out.

This Special Economic Zone will be a boon to this particular region. Overall, implementation of this project will be an asset to the surrounding environment.

Then The District Environmental Engineer requested the public to offer their opinion.

Thiru. Tamil selvan, President Rajakkamangalam Panchayat.

He asked the project proponent whether they have obtained any Notification from the Central Government.

The project proponent informed that they have obtained Notification from Central Government during November 2008 & copy will be issued to the panchayat immediately.

Again, he asked whether they will acquire further agricultural lands in future from the nearby village people.

The project proponent informed that they have got enough land, hence there is no idea of acquiring the agricultural lands from the nearby people in future.

Again he asked the proponent whether the catchments area for vagaikulam pond are removed or not.

The Project proponent has informed that the catchments area for vagaikulam pond are not removed and the proponent company will strengthen the bunds of the water body, so that more rain water can be stored which will ultimately rise the ground water table of the in an around villages. They also informed that a rain water harvesting system will be done inside the SEZ, through which all the rain water received inside the SEZ area, will be directly discharged into the pond.

He also asked what would you have do for those who have given their land for this project.

The proponent informed that preference will be given to them during employment according to their qualification, and for persons without education qualification will be used for unskilled labour requirement.

Thiru. Arulrajan, Veerankulam

He asked the proponent whether the Nanguneri-Eruvadi Road will be disconnected during the implementation of this project

The proponent informed that the road will not be disconnected at any cost, and the road is maintained by the State Highways.

Thiru. Palavesam, Manjankulam.

He asked, whether the nearby village people get employment opportunities

The proponent informed that the people will surely get employment according to their qualification.

Thiru. Thatchinamoorthy, Veerankulam

He asked, the proponent whether any bus stop will be constructed in Veerankulam.

The proponent informed that they will discuss the matter with the concerned department to construct the new bus stop.

Thiru. Theivanayagam, Retired Tahsildhar, Sirumalanchi

He asked the proponent, the most of the surrounding area are cultivating banana plantation. He requested to take action to start any industry related to banana plantation.

The proponent informed that during setting up of industries the matter will be considered.

Thiru. Gopalsankar, Thiruvenkatanathapuram

He asked, whether the agricultural land will be affected due to the discharge of waste water.

The proponent informed that the waste water will be treated through Sewage treatment plant and the treated/recycled water will be used for gardening purposes which is about 10% of the SEZ area, since all the water used are to be recycled, there is no possibility of affecting the agricultural land.

Thiru. Ganesan, Advocate, Thiruvengathanapuram

He asked about the proposed disposal of solid waste generation and sewage & trade effluent.

The project proponent informed that the solid waste will be collected and disposed as per government norms and sewage will be treated through STP and used for gardening. The individual industries also will put up their Effluent Treatment Plant for their effluent generation.

Some of the local body president have given letter regarding welcoming the project in that area and the same are enclosed for kind reference

Most of the public who attended the meeting welcomed the proposal of setting up of this project in this district. This industry would help improve the infrastructure like roads, canals, etc., and hoped that when the SEZ is functional the local bodies would get more revenue, and the life style of the people in and around the SEZ area will improve further in the future.

Conclusion

The public welcomed the project of Multi product of SEZ in Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District. No one objected the proposal.

District Environmental Engineer
TNPC Board, Tirunelveli

Sd/- 16/10/09
District Revenue Officer
Tirunelveli District