

MINUTES OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

5TH APRIL 2008

MEETING ROOM, MANTRALAYA

The meeting started with a welcome note by the Secretary (Special Projects), Shri. Sanjay Ubale to all the participants. He introduced the members of the World Bank team as well as the new Police Commissioner and Pr. Secretary, Industries to the Committee.

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting -

1. **Review of actions taken on the issues raised in the last EC Meeting -**

- i. **Adoption of P. D'Mello Road and Senapati Bapat Marg by Tata group and Godrej group respectively:** MC, MCGM informed that they are in the process of carrying out the survey of P. D'Mello road. It was noted that since the modernization of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus is in the process, this road has high commercial potential. The complete master plan of this area needs to be prepared taking into consideration the beautification of the road, parking facilities etc.

The Chairman advised that since Senapati Bapat road has been cleared of all encroachments, it could be taken up for development immediately.

In response to the issue raised by MC, MCGM about the shifting of the slum dwellers on P. D'Mello Road, it was decided that since it was an MUIP road, the provision of 1.1.2000 as a cut off date for the rehabilitation of the PAP's shall be applied to this road.

2. **World Bank**

Mr. Songsu Choi of the World Bank gave a brief summary of the phase I and phase II of the Mumbai Transformation Project. He stated that the projects identified in the phase I including the Housing Policy and Transport Plan by Lea Associates now need to be detailed out. In his views, the main focus of the phase II would essentially be on housing issues like FSI/ DCR, infrastructure and investment planning etc.

Based on this, the World Bank will conduct a study by December 2008 which would include the following:

- Specific changes required in DCRs and FSI Rules.
- Prioritize the Transport Plan as suggested by Lea Associates and prepare an Investment plan for MMR.

It was agreed by the WB that an interim report on FSI modifications would be submitted by June 2008, since the amendment of FSI is a time taking process.

3. **Review of Major Projects**

- i. **Mumbai Trans Harbour Link - MD, MSRDC** informed the Committee that the financial bids for the project have been opened and the evaluation is in process. It was decided that the proposal of MSRDC will be submitted to the High Powered Committee by 25th April 2008 so that it could be further discussed during the next EC.

- ii. **Bandra Worli Sea Link** - It was informed by MSRDC that now the work is in full swing and the 4 lanes of the BWSL will be opened up by December 2008. The reviewing of the project is being done on daily basis by MSRDC.
- iii. **Worli Nariman Point Link** - The feasibility report of the 4 options from Worli to Nariman Point is being prepared and the final alignment proposal shall be ready and presented in the July 2008 EC meeting. While the pre-feasibility of the Priyadarshini park tunnel has been done earlier, the detailed report would be ready by June 2008. Considering the views expressed by some members about the dispersal of traffic at Haji Ali, it was decided to hold a meeting of the Core Group by 20th April '08 to have a look at that.
- iv. **MUTP I & II** - MD, MRVC explained that under MUTP I, a total number of 106 rakes are going to be procured, out of which 80 rakes are replacements for the old rakes and only 20-30 shall be new additions. By now, 9 rakes have been received and 15 rakes will be ready by December 2008. The remaining rakes will come by April 2010. It was requested to MRVC to look into the original timeline and see if the process could be speeded up.

It was also decided that the letter of approval from the State Government for MUTP II is to be issued by 14th April 2008.
- v. **VAG Metro** - MC, MMRDA informed that the work is in progress; the piling work has been started and shall be completed by 15th April 2008.??
- vi. **Wadala Truck Terminus** - It was informed that the DPR of the ISBT is being finalized. The points discussed during the presentation in the last EC are being looked into.
- vii. **Dharavi Redevelopment** - Pr. Secretary, Housing brought to the notice of the Committee that the cut off date for the eligibility of the slum dwellers of Dharavi area has been extended from 1.1.1995 to 1.1.2000 in an interim decision by the Supreme Court. This has cleared a major obstacle in the redevelopment process which would stop the resistance from the PAP's.
- viii. **BRIMSTOWAD** - MC, MCGM stated that the work is in progress. He pointed out that the eligibility criteria of 1.1.2000 for PAP's of vital projects should be applicable to BRIMSTOWAD also. However the Housing department has in a clarification, refused to accept this. Pr. Secretary Housing was advised to reconsider the proposal of the MCGM of treating the project as a vital project, keeping in view the orders of the Supreme Court and the Bombay High Court.
- ix. **Mithi river** - Phase I has been completed, Phase II has started.
- x. **Water Supply** - MC, MCGM stated that he work is on schedule with a delay of only 10-15 days.
- xi. **Sion Panvel Highway** - It was clarified that the highway is actually from Trombay to Panvel and the connection between Sion to Trombay is not included since the metro line from Charkop - BKC - Mankhurd would be coming on this route. Secretary PWD explained the need for widening the Vashi creek bridge from 2+2 to 4+4 lanes in order to match with the road width on both sides. He suggested including this work in the proposal of the BOT project of the Expressway. MD, MSRDC expressed his difficulty in doing so since the tender for the BOT proposal has already been issued.

It was agreed that the widening of the bridge is essential. It should be seen if it can be included in the BOT proposal without causing much delay. Otherwise it has to be taken up separately. It was also decided that the portion from Sion to Trombay (BARC) should be taken up by MMRDA as it is extremely important to widen this part.

4. Other subjects discussed -

- i. Mr. Anand Jain requested the Committee to consider the Eastern and Western waterways to be included in the list of Quick Win projects on a priority basis. He also offered to construct a Jetty near Gateway of India free of cost for the government if the approval is given by the State Government.
- ii. M/s. Arch Oceanic gave a presentation about a proposal of converting a stationary ship into a 'Floating Hotel' at the Gateway of India. The permissions from the Indian Navy and the MbPT for the proposal have been obtained; the licenses from the GoM have to be procured. Since the concept is new, the policies need to be devised. The committee appreciated the concept and asked the agency to prepare a detailed report of their concept and their requirements to take the project further.
- iii. The French Consulate desires to put up an exhibition 'Earth from Above' at Marine Drive for a period of 2 months. The idea of such an exhibition was welcomed by all. However the location had to be selected in such a manner so as not to disturb the walkway on the seaside and would allow the exhibition to run for a period of 2 months without any objection.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair

The meeting was attended by -

Official Members

- Shri. Johny Joseph, Chief Secretary and Chairman, EC
1. Shri. Subodh Kumar, Pr. Secretary Finance
 2. Shri. Ramanath Jha, Pr. Secretary Transport
 3. Shri. R.Y. Gaikwad, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA
 4. Shri. J. M. Phatak, M.C, MCGM
 5. Shri. A. M. Khan, Pr. Secretary Industries
 6. Shri. S. S. Kshatriya, Pr. Secretary, Housing
 7. Shri. Sanjay Ubale, Secretary (Special Projects)
 8. Shri. U.P.S. Madan, Project Manager, MTSU
 9. Shri. Satish Gavai, VC & MD, MSRDC
 10. Shri. Sameer Biswas, Jt. MD, MSRDC
 11. Shri. Hasan Gafoor, Police Commissioner
 12. Shri. P. C. Sehgal, M.D, MRVC
 13. Dhri D. B. Deshpande, Secretary PWD
 14. Shri. Harish Baijal, DCP Traffic
 15. Shri. Vyas, Dy. Commissioner, MMRDA
 16. Shri. S. C. Deshpande, Jt. PD, MMRDA
 17. Shri. P. D. Vadhavkar, Ch. Traffic Manager, BEST
 18. Shri. S. Karande, Dy. Secretary, Planning Department
 19. Shri. Prabhat Sahai, CME, MRVC
 20. Shri. S. M. Sabnis, C.E, MSRDC
 21. Shri. Subhash Nage, CE MSRDC

22. Shri. Ajay Saxena, PPP expert, ADB-GoM

CAG members

23. Shri, V. S. Palekar

24. Shri. Anand Jain

25. Shri. Ranjit Pandit

26. Shri. Vijay Mahajan, Bombay First

Word Bank Officials

27. Shri. Songsu Choi

28. Shri. George Peterson

29. Shri. R. L. Clifford

30. Shri. Raghu Keshavan