

4MINUTES OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

2ND SEPTEMBER 2006

COMMITTEE ROOM, MANTRALAYA

1. The Chief Secretary, Shri. D.K. Sankaran chaired the Empowered Committee, which commenced with the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. This was followed by the review of the action taken on the issues discussed in the previous meetings held on 5th August and 3rd July 2006. The review is as follows:

i. **Film on Mumbai** by Ms. Kavita Ghatge, Vice President, Siemens, has received feed back from the members of the empowered committee and is now being modified for the final print.

ii. **Modernization of Airport** -

Keeping in mind, the current passenger capacity of our airport and that the new airport in Navi Mumbai would not be ready before 2013, the need to



operationalise the second runway as a part of the Airport modernization project was recommended by all. The Chief Secretary informed that the feasibility of simultaneous operation of two runways is under scrutiny. As regards to the land issue, a detailed survey of the airport land will be completed by the end of Oct. 2006. He also said that the cost implications of removal and relocation of the encroachments on the airport land are issues of concern and are being discussed separately in the concerned committee.

It was also agreed to include Mr. Sanjay Reddy, MD, GVK as a permanent invitee to the EC meetings.

- iii. **New Airport** – The MD, CIDCO, informed the ICAO had given technical clearance to the new airport in Navi Mumbai. The GoM has written to the Civil Aviation Ministry, GoI for its formal approval. The Expression of Interest for this project is expected to be issued in the next two months. The issue of connectivity of the new airport to the island city was raised. It was explained that the MTHL would be able to serve this purpose.
- iv. **Strategy for communication with the media** – Mr. Narinder Nayar, Vice Chairman, CAG informed that they had received the proposal from Genesis and are reviewing it. They will be able to give details on the subject in the next meeting.
- v. **Beautification of Bus Shelters** – Project Manager MTSU informed that the Notification under Section 144E of the MMC Act has been submitted to the MCGM and is to be approved by the Prin. Sec. UDD – II of the GoM. Prin. Sec. UDD – II agreed to take the necessary action.
- vi. **Guidelines for Pavement Beautification and Maintenance**, adopted by the MCGM in 2003, were circulated during the meeting for the comments and suggestions from the committee.

vii. Rehabilitation of the Pavement Dwellers – Project Manager, MTSU, informed the committee that a draft GR in Marathi has been submitted to the UDD for approval and issue.

viii. MUTP II – As regards cost sharing of **MUTP II**, Prin. Sec UDD-I explained the stand of the GoM and he said that the GoM has already agreed to 50% cost sharing of the grant portion however, the objection of the Ministry of Railways, to levying the cess by GoM, was not acceptable.

MD, MRVC informed the EC that the Ministry of Railways had agreed to fund 51 rakes independent of MUTP (the objective of the MUTP II was to introduce 60 more rakes so as to bring down the no. of passengers per train). He also informed that the scheme to develop the land near Bandra station has been approved by the GoI, and requested FSI higher than 2 for this project. Prin. Sec. UDD-I agreed to look into the request once it is formally received by the GoM.

ix. Milestones for the key projects, quick wins and policy reforms – The updated milestones were circulated to all the committee members. Shri. Sirish Sankhe, McKinsey, mentioned that with the exception of the MSRDC, MMRDS and the MCGM, most of the departments have not given the detail milestones for their projects. He therefore requested them to set up meetings with the MTSU team to finalise the milestones.

Project Manager, MTSU informed that an online reporting system is being introduced based on the milestones confirmed by all the departments.

x. MTHL – As regards to the State Support Agreement for the MTHL, Secretary PWD informed that it has been cleared by all the concerned departments and will soon be formally approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. MD, MSRDC informed that the **Dispersal System** will now be developed by the MMRDA as per the decision of the Government.

xi. Dharavi Redevelopment project – the Housing Secretary, informed that the proposal of DCR was with UDD-I and requested that the same should be cleared soon.

xii. Construction of One Lac Houses – The Housing Secretary informed that a proposal for one lac houses has been submitted to the UDD for clearance of the availability of FSI based on the following FSI and Land requirement:

- Existing FSI = 1.5 › Requires 570 Ha.
- For FSI = 2.5 › Requires 270 Ha.
- For FSI = 4 › Requires 170 Ha.

xiii. Maintenance of Underbellies of Flyovers – The Secretary PWD informed that underbellies of five flyovers have been handed over to the MMRDA for the beautification and maintenance, and they are preparing plans for executing the same. In the meanwhile MSRDC has already started beautification under eight other flyovers with the active participation of some private entrepreneurs like the Orchid Hotel.

The need for a mechanism to keep a check on littering and squatting under these beautified flyovers was stressed on by Shri Jamshyd Godrej.

- xiv. Waterfronts Development** – With reference to handing over of the waterfronts to the MCGM for maintenance, Shri. Jain informed that the MMB needed the details of the land that is being demanded to be handed over.

Shri. Nayar also informed the committee of the CAG's interactions with the Chairperson of the MbPT, who expressed keenness to beautify and maintain the waterfronts in the south city with CAG's support. She identified parts of Ferry Wharf (Bhau Cha Dhakka) for development of a commercial marina. The Chief Secretary suggested that the Chairperson, MbPT may be invited to one of the meetings of the EC and requested to give information regarding the plans of the MbPT to beautify the Eastern Water Fronts.

- xv. Mumbai Development Fund (MDF)** – Project Manager, MTSU informed that the Secretary (Sp. Proj.) has initiated the proposal of Mumbai Development Fund (MDF) on the lines of the EGS fund. The alternative suggested by the Prin. Sec. (Fin.) is to levy a development fee by the MMRDA and authorize the ULB's to recover and appropriate the same. A part of this levy could be transferred to the MMRDA for the regional projects. It was suggested to have interactive meetings with the Prin. Sec. (Fin.) Shri. Subodh Kumar, to decide this issue.

- 3. Presentation on MTHL** – Shri. Ramanath Jha, MD, MSRDC gave a detailed presentation on the MTHL, Bandra Worli Sea Link, Western Freeway and the Sion – Panvel Expressway projects under the MSRDC. During his presentation he provided the committee with the tentative costs and time line for the execution of the project which are as follows –



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| i. Issue of RFP Documents | 28th July 06 |
| ii. 1st Pre – Bid Meeting | 15th Sep. 06 |
| iii. 2nd Pre – Bid Meeting | 29th Sep. 06 |
| iv. Submission | 19th Oct. 06 |
| v. Evaluation & Finalisation of successful Bidder | 15th Dec. 06 |

The members of the EC were of the opinion that the rail link should be a component of the MTHL and should be simultaneously developed. Mr. Jha informed that this issue has not been resolved for long and it is desirable now to go ahead with the road link in order to avoid further delay.

The Chief Secretary suggested a site visit to the Bandra Worli Sea Link once the monsoons get over.

With respect to Sion – Panvel Expressway, Shri. Jha informed that the MSRDC is in contact with M/s. Thomas & Associates, UK, as suggested by Shri. Narinder Nayar.

- 4. Presentation on the Strategic Plan for MMR** – Shri. V.K. Phatak, Former. Chief Planner MMRDA, made a presentation on the proposed Strategic Plan for MMR on behalf of M/s LEA Associates. The members desired that the assumptions behind the population and employment projections must be clarified by the consultants.

Project Manager requested responses from the concerned departments with a view to include the issues in the study. It was agreed to discuss this issue in detail in the next meeting.



- 5. Presentation on the Fleet Taxi Scheme** – A presentation was made by the Transport Commissioner's office on the Fleet Taxi Scheme. It was informed that two cars have been registered so far under this scheme and more are under process. First fleet of taxis is expected to be on the roads by 1st Oct. 2006, whereas 500 taxis are expected to be on the roads by December 2006. Issues regarding age of vehicles, period of license, and fuel were discussed in great detail. It was agreed that there should be a universal (attractive) colour scheme for public to recognise the new taxis easily. The Transport Commissioner informed that all vehicles would be brand new and run on CNG catering to the island city and six cities in the MMR.

Shri. Palekar also suggested that the taxi drivers should be mandated to maintain as per prescribed standards and should be inspected atleast annually. This can be done by incorporating these standards into the Taxi Permit conditions.

- 6. Presentation on Bus Shelters** – Three alternatives for the existing bus stops were presented by the BEST to the EC. Alternative 1 was approved by the committee. The model presented by the MMRDA for the new bus stops along the Eastern Express Highway and Western Express Highway was also like by the committee. Mr. Anand Mahindra suggested



that the designs of bus shelters and street furniture by M/s. JCDecaux, in New Delhi could also be examined. The bidders could also suggest better designs as part of the bidding process.

- 7. Rent Control Act** – No formal discussion could take place with respect to the Amendment to the Rent Control Act and the issue has rolled onto the next meeting.
- 8.** The following **miscellaneous issues** were also discussed –
- i.** Shri. Palekar raised the issue of the potential risks and inconveniences which may be caused as a result of the proposed new helipad at Napeansea Road. The CS opined that a new helipad is expected to be developed on the INS Vikrant by 2008.
 - ii.** Shri. Mahindra briefly outlined the support that could be provided by Mahindra and Dell Foundation consortium, to the MCGM, with regards to reducing the drop out rates of young students.
- 9.** It was decided that the next meeting of the EC will be held on **7th October 2006 at 11.00 a.m.** at the Committee Room, 5th floor, Mantralaya. The agenda for the meeting will include –

- Detailed discussion on the Business Plan by MMRDA
- Presentation on Amendment to the Rent Control Act
- Presentation on INS Vikrant
- Developments in the Strategy for Communication with Media by the CAG

List of Participants –

1. Dr. D.K. Sankaran, Chief Secretary, GoM
2. Shri. Ashish Kumar Singh, Sec. to Minister of Legal Affairs, GoI
3. Shri. R. Tiwari, Prin. Sec. UDD-I
4. Shri. J.M. Phatak, Prin. Sec. UDD-II
5. Shri. Subodh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Finance)
6. Shri Ramanath Jha MD, MSRDC
7. Shri. V.K. Jairath, Secretary Industries
8. Shri. S.S. Kshatriya, Secretary Housing
9. Shri. Johny Joseph, Municipal Commissioner, MCGM
10. Shri. G.S. Gill, Prin. Sec. Home (Transport)
11. Shri. Milind Mahiskar, Jt. Commissioner MMRDA
12. Shri. D.B. Deshpande, Secretary, PWD
13. Shri. N. Ramarao, MD & VC, CIDCO
14. Shri. P.C. Sehgal, MD MRVC.
15. Shri. Manu Kumar Srivastav, AMC (P), MCGM
16. Shri. A.K. Jain, Project Manager, MTSU
17. Ms. Kavita Ghatge, Siemens
18. Shri Narindar Nayar, CAG Member
19. Shri Anand Mahindra, M&M Ltd., CAG Member
20. Shri Jamshyd Godrej, CAG Member
21. Shri V.S. Palekar, CAG member
22. Shri. Shirish Sankhe, Mckinsey
23. Shri. Ashish Tuteja, Mckinsey
24. Shri. Kaustubh Joshi, Mckinsey
25. Shri. Vijay Mahajan, Bombay First
26. Shri. V.S. Kamath, Consultant MTSU, AILSG
27. Shri. Gautam Kirtane, MTSU
28. Shri Subhash Digambar, DS, GAD
29. Shri L.R. Gujar, SO, GAD