

Mithi River PIH - 2116/2005 of Kirit Somaiya

Progress Report of Mithi River Development Works
Up to April 30, 2006 submitted to Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai
(as per the Directives issued on 26th April 2006)

Mithi River Development and Protection Authority (MRDPA) had proposed to implement the Mithi River Development works in two phases. In the first phase MRDPA had proposed to undertake implementation of immediate action plan to be executed on or before 31st May 2006, so that during the next monsoon, the flooding in low-lying areas surrounding of the Mithi River could be controlled in case of heavy rainfall. The phase - 1 works mainly involves desilting, deepening (certain stretches such as Mahim Causeway where about 12,000 cu. m of rocky outcrop would be removed), widening in the entire stretch of Mithi river from Vihar lake to Mahim Causeway as well as Vakola Nalla. The first phase also involves the removal of encroachments within 30 m. on either side (from Mahim Causeway up to CST bridge) and those in the river basin from CST bridge upto Vihar lake). The implementation of phase 1 works from the entire stretch of Mithi river from Vihar lake to Mahim Causeway as well as Vakola Nalla had started in the first week of March 2006 and would be completed by May 31 2006.

(i) Deepening, widening and de-silting of Mithi River

MRDPA has proposed to dredge/excavate 12,98,000 cu. m of silt/debris/rocks from the entire stretch of Mithi river from Vihar lake to Mahim Causeway through MMRDA and MCGM. MMRDA had appointed three Contractors for dredging/excavation of about 7,40,964 cu. m. of silt/debris/rocks from the stretch from Mahim Causeway to CST bridge. MCGM had appointed eight Contractors for dredging/excavation of about 5,57,000 cu. m. of silt/debris/rocks from the stretch from CST bridge to Vihar lake.

Till April 30, 2006, the total of 5,17,511 cu. m. (40 %) of silt/debris/rocks has been dredged/ excavated by both MMRDA and MCGM. Till April 27, 2006, MMRDA had dredged/ excavated about 2,17,000 cu.m. (out of 7,40,964 cu.m) of silt/debris/rocks from Mithi River and Vakola Nalla whereas MCGM had dredged/ excavated about 3,00,900 cu.m. (out of 5,57,000 cu.m) of silt/debris/rocks from Mithi River. At present about 13 Pantoon mounted Poiclains, 33 Bank poiclains and 301 dumpers are employed by both MMRDA and MCGM for the dredging/ excavation of silt/debris/rocks from the Mithi river.

MRDPA has directed both MMRDA and MCGM to speed up the dredging/excavation works by employing adequate machinery and manpower.

Both Agencies have assured that they would employ additional adequate machineries and work would be completed by May 31, 2006. The works of dredging/ excavation of silt/debris/rocks on the entire stretch of the river are progressing speedily and by employing additional machineries and resources the remaining works are expected to be completed by May 3, 2006.

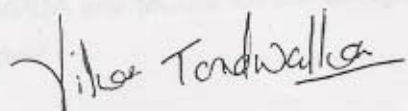
(ii) Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project affected Persons

The Collector, Mumbai Suburban District had identified that total of about 3522 structures of which 2867 are residential and 655 are commercial/other structures that would be affected within 30 m. width on either side and within the river basin. Out of 2867 residential structures, 1758 structures are found eligible and remaining 1109 are non-eligible whereas out of 655 commercial/other structures, 331 are found eligible and 305 commercial structures are non eligible and 19 are others.

MRDPA through MMRDA has till date completed the resettlement of about 1621 residential families and 33 commercial units (Total 1654) out of 2089 eligible structures. The resettlement of remaining 137 residential families and 298 commercial units (Total 435) is in progress and would be completed by May 31 2006.

MRDPA till date with the help of Mumbai suburban Collector, MMRDA, MCGM and Mumbai Police has demolished about 2560 residential structures and 132 commercial structures (Total 2692). The demolition of remaining 307 residential structures and 523 commercial structures (830 structures) is in progress and would be completed by May 3, 2006.

The rehabilitation of commercial PAPs whose area is less than 225 sq. ft. is being done at Tatanagar, Marikhurd by providing them shops. The decision regarding rehabilitation of commercial PAPs whose area is more than 225 sq. ft. is under active consideration of Government of Maharashtra and it is proposed to provide them a piece of land / plot in village Turbhe Mandale. The policy decision in this regard will be taken soon.



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