

SECTION 7

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

7.0 GENERAL

This section describes the outcomes of the public consultation sessions held with different stakeholders that may be affected by the project. The objectives of this process were to:

- Share information with stakeholders on the construction of the proposed plant and expected impacts on the physical, biological and socio-economic environment of the project corridor;
- Understand stakeholders' concerns regarding various aspects of the project, including the construction of the proposed plant and the likely impacts of construction related activities and operation of the project;
- Understand the perceptions, assessment of social impacts and concerns of people/ communities.
- Provide an opportunity to the public to provide valuable suggestions in the project design in a positive manner; and
- Reduce the chances of conflict through the early identification of controversial issues, and consult them to find acceptable solutions.

7.1 IDENTIFICATION OF MAIN STAKEHOLDERS

During the field survey, significant efforts were made to identify the possible categories of stakeholders and their stakes. During the field survey, different stakeholders were identified villagers, local residents, government officials, shop owners, public representative, NGO's and general public. All the stakeholders had different types of stakes according to their professions.

7.2 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND SCOPING SESSIONS

A series of scoping sessions and informal focus group discussions were carried out with local communities and local government representatives. The meetings were held at various locations. Generally, people were found to be aware of the need of the proposed action. Local communities demanded that they must be part of a continuous consultation process with other stakeholders at different stages of the

project including the design, construction, and operational periods. The consultation sessions were held according to the schedule indicated in **Table 7.1**.

7.3 VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village meetings have many uses in participatory development, including information sharing and group consultation, consensus building, prioritizing and sequencing of interventions and collaborative monitoring and evaluations. Meetings were held in February 2015, to share the information of about the proposed action and to note down their concerns. Schedule & Concerns raised during village meetings are discussed in **Table 7.2**.

Table 7.1: Schedule of Scoping Sessions

Sr. No.	Date	District/Tehsil	Village	No. of Participants
1	26-02-2015	Haripur	Dingi	45
			Nadarabad	08
			Gulshanabad	05
			Ali Nagr	07
2	27-02-2015	Haripur	Kot Najeebullah	09
			Jhar	04
			Motian	07
3	28-02-2015	Haripur	Tareenabad	12
			Dedon	01
			Gherian	02

Table 7.2: Public Consultation year 2015

Sr. No.	Village Name/Venue	Total House hold	Date	No of Participant	Main Concerns	Expectations
1	Dingi	250	26-02-2015	45	People claim that they are facing health problems due to waste water which is disposed off without treatment from the industries	It is essential for the Betterment of country economy.
2	Nadarabad	100	26-02-2015	08	Industries produce large amount of waste and disposed off without treatment due to which they are facing health problems.	Business facilities will be Generated. National economy will be boosted up.
3	Gulshanabad		26-02-2015	05	Health concern due to industrial pollution caused by existing industries.	Unemployment will be Decreased.
4	Ali Nagr		26-02-2015	07	Noise pollution from the machinery. Noise should be Controlled	Employment opportunities for the people of area. Jobs should be provided to local people during construction stage of the project.
5	Kot Najeebullah	250	27-02-2015	09	Health concern due to industrial pollution caused by different industries.	Job creation, eradication of poverty National Economy will be Improved.

6	Jhar	250	27-02-2015	4	Industries produce large amount of waste and disposed off without treatment.	The project will create better employment opportunities for local community.
7	Motian	250	27-02-2015	07	People said that they would not have any issue provided Coca-Cola take care of environment,	Chance of labor work during construction. Less time consumption during transportation.
8	Tareenabad	60	28-02-2015	12	Major concern of people was the environment, as they are facing problems caused by existing industrial activities.	Employment opportunities for the local people
9	Dedon	350	28-02-2015	1	Project should be implemented although it may increase pollution level but at the same time will create jobs for local.	Native people will get a chance of better employment near to their residence.
10	Gherian	50	28-02-2015	2	Major concern was environment for the respondents.	It is essential for the betterment country economy.

7.4 SUMMARY FINDINGS

Socio-economic baseline conditions Socio-economic status of the people of the project area are described hereunder.

- The people whose interviews were record as a part of the public consultations come mostly from the villages situated within about 5 km radius of the project site.
- Drinking water availability, educational and medical facilities in the villages under reference of this study were not adequate and satisfactory.
- Availability of public transport is a miss match with the requirement.
- In villages major source of income is agriculture.
- Fairly large number of the farmers rear buffalos and cows to sell milk as their second source of income. In some cases this is the only source of income for some people.
- Old social order of life prevails and by and large, social harmony prevails.
- Elders are very much respected and they have great say in decision making.
- Traditional type of conservative society and for those matter traditional socio-cultural values is dominant in every walk of life. Though print and electronic media have started bringing a change in the overall pattern of life style.
- Joint family system is the order of the day.
- Some of the women help in some agriculture activities while others are restricted to housekeeping.
- Though there is awakening about the importance of education, yet due to insufficient number of educational institutes the percentage of school going children is yet not up to the mark.
- Majority of the old generation is uneducated. But new generation is showing interest in getting education.

On the overall basis it is concluded that socio-economic conditions of the people yet need drastic improvement. On the overall basis, people do face hardship regarding basic amenities, education, health, employment and means of communication especially transport.



Fig.7.1: Public Consultations