

**Minutes of the meeting of the High level Monitoring Committee held on
19th June 2010 at 11.00 a.m. in Niyojan Bhavan Collector Office, Satara.**

Persons Present –

1. Shri Devavrat Mehta	Chairman
2. Shri.F.F.Wadia	Member
3. Shri.P.K.Mirashe, Representative of Secretary Environment Govt. of Maharashtra,	Member
4. Shri.Khan, Representative of Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur	Member
5. Shri.S.P.KaduPatil, Collector Satara	Member Secretary

Other Officers-

1. Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
2. Representative of Managing Director, M.T.D.C. Mumbai.
3. Asst. Director. Town Planning, Satara
4. Sub Divisional officer, Wai Div. Wai
5. Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A. Satara.
6. Dy. Regional officer, Pollution Control Board Satara
7. Representative of PWD (West) Satara.
8. Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar
9. Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council
10. Chief Officer, Panchgani Municipal Council
11. Taluka Inspector of Land Record Mahabaleshwar
12. Block Development Officer Mahabaleshwar
13. Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar
14. Taluka Agri Officer Mahabaleshwar
15. Police Inspector Mahabaleshwar

Member Secretary, Collector Satara, welcomed the Chairman and all the Committee Members.

1) The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

2) **Action taken report.**

2.1) **Interpretation Centres :**

The CO Panchgani informed that the Club Authorities were not willing to allow the use of club premises to set up interpretation centre and that he would set up such a centre in the municipal office. It was felt that general public would not be very keen

to visit municipal office and it should be at a prominent and easily accessible place in the city. The Collector stated that he would talk with the Club Authorities during his next visit and persuade them to allow the use of the club house. C.O. Mahabaleshwar was advised to set up the centre in the M.T.D.C. Office to begin with. The expenditure involved for setting up interpretation centre should be met from the collected pollution tax after taking permission of the Collector. The Members felt that the expertise of Dr. Vijay Paranjpe who had started the awareness programme and prepared CD's and given to schools as per the decision taken by the earlier committee, should be requested to continue the drive of the awareness programme and he should be further requested to help in setting up the interpretation centres. The Collector has already set apart Rs.10,00,000/- from DPDC budget for the awareness drive. The C.O. of Panghoni was directed to follow up with the New Era High School for preparation of interactive software.

Later on additional centres at more accessible places can be set up. The centres should have all the information of Eco-Sensitive Zone, agenda notes and all minute of H.L.M.C., awareness literature / CDs prepared by Dr. Vijay Paranjpe along with maps and charts and relevant literature on flora & fauna of this Region.

The Collector mooted the idea of starting HLMC website with similar links to Mahabaleshwar and Panghoni Councils. The committee welcomed the idea. The Collector would get the website set up with the help of an expert agency.

2.2) Complaints of Hotel Neeta and Stone house Hotel

It was pointed out that despite the notice the hotel operations have continued. The Collector stated that he would cancel the Lodging and Boarding License and take action under M.R.T.P. Act and Police Act. He also instructed the Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar to take action to cancel Eating Housing License.

2.3) Compound Walls :

The report of the A.D.T.P. dated 18/6/2010 was accepted and Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar was asked to take action to demolish the walls of additional height

mentioned in the report of A.D.T.P. C.O. was further directed to ask the concerned parties to put up barbed wire compound above the permissible wall height. It was decided that permission for all new compound walls would be granted as per the revised rules.

2.4) STPs

Panchgani

1. The present STP near Hindu crematorium is to be upgraded. Mr.P.K.Mirashe would evaluate consultant for the Project. The technology was already approved.
2. The second STP was complete and drainage lines are to be laid. The Project would be functional by November 2010.
3. The third STP needed to be started immediately and the C.O. would submit the papers to Collector for initiating action to mobilize funds. Simultaneously He should consult Shri.Mirashe regarding technology, appointment of consultant, contractors etc.

Mahabaleshwar

1. The STP near Karmachari-Nagar would be completed by November 2010.
2. The STP at Dhobi ghat with one M.L.D.capacity to be completed by the end of 31st March 2011.

On Private Properties

It was decided that Pollution Control Board would prepare an audit of the current state of STPs of hotels, schools and institutions giving details of their adequacy and efficacy by December 2010. This report should provide a full picture of the total discharge of effluents with percentage of treated effluents in the Region.

2.5) Solid Waste Management

Chief Officer Panchgani informed that the council has adopted the rules to provide for a fine of one thousand rupees for the use of plastic bags of less than 50 microns. The

Council authorities should ensure that this Regulation is followed scrupulously Further, CO would fix tin roof over the vermin-composing plant within a week. The Collector directed that the C.O. should find out which agency was dumping plastic bottles at Taighat and take action against the offenders. H.L.M.C was of the view that an awareness programme needs to be started to segregate dry and wet garbage at source.

While reviewing the position in Mahabaleshwar it was decided that cloth, jute and newspaper bags should be manufactured and used. This can be done through the schemes of Mahila Bachat Gat at Satara, Mahabaleshwar, Karad, etc. The co-operation of schools and hotels should be sought. The Collector promised to hold a meeting of their representatives during his visits.

2.6) Implementation of High Court Orders regarding Table Land Panchgani.

On the permissible use of Table Land at Panchgani, the Chief Officer stated that a Review Petition was filed but was not in a position to specify the date or the number of the Petition. The Committee felt that the Panchgani Municipal Council was not serious in implementing the High Court Orders. It was decided that the relevant paper should be submitted by the C.O. to the Collector within a week to verify whether a Review Petition was admitted and stay given or not by the High Court.

2.7) Draft Development Plans

It was informed that a Planning Committee was set up for Mahabaleshwar Development Plan. Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune, was appointed as officer under Sec.162 of M.R.T.P. Act .to perform the duties of Panchgani Municipal Council, for Panchgani Development Plan. The H.L.M.C. felt that instead of waiting for the whole process of finalization of the plan by the State Govt., H.L.M.C. should start studying both the plans and give its comments from time to time to the concerned , so that they take note of H.L.M.C. views while preparing their reports .

The H.L.M.C. further decided that a sub group should be formed to study these plans in depth and to prepare its recommendations. The sub group was formed as under: Dr.Farrukh Wadia , Dr.J.S.Samant, both members of H.L.M.C. and Dr.Vijay Paranjape as an expert. They can take assistance of other experts as was done while preparing the report of Zonal Master Plan. The Town Planning, Forests, Municipal Councils and Revenue Authorities would help as and when required by the sub group. It was felt that sub group should be in a position to present its report to H.L.M.C. in the meeting of September 2010. The Chief Officer Panchgani should make available copies of the Plan to all Committee members.

2.8) Training of Guides

The I.T.D.C. / Department of Tourism, GOI, were to conduct Classes for existing and new guides. Shri Uday Ghorpade who was co-ordinating this work should be asked to follow up and should be called for all future H.L.M.C meeting.

2.9) Rope Way Project

The M.o.E.F.by its letter dated June 15 2010, has stated;

"it is suggested that as per EIA Notification, 2006, Aerial Ropeway Project at point 7 (g) of the Schedule shall be read with the amendment of 1st December, 2009 and all such activities requiring prior permission or Environmental Clearance shall be treated as Category 'A' and will be appraised by the Central Government as per the EIA Notification 2006 and as amended in 2009."

It was decided that the Chairman would point out to M.o.E.F. that H.L.M.C. did not clear the Project in the 17th April meeting for want of sufficient details from the project proponents. However, in that meeting it was found that this was not a transport project and therefore not permissible under Ropeways Act. It would also further congest and damage Venna Lake area which is Grade I Heritage Lake.

3) **Zonal Master Plan for Mahabaleshwar Panchgani Eco-sensitive Zone :**

- a. The Chairman informed that vide MoEF letter dated June, 15 2010, the MoEF had accepted all the suggestions of the H.L.M.C. and the same would be incorporated in the final Zonal Master Plan.
- b. The letter of MoEF further states that H.L.M.C. may consider representations received regarding S.No.24 & 36 of village Bhoze Tal.Mahabaleshwar as the request was to convert agricultural land into Residential Zone.

It was decided in meeting that Deputy Director Town Planning Pune Division should visit the relevant lands in the Bhoze village send the recommendations to the Collector and Member Secretary, the same would be circulated to all members before the next HLMC meeting.

- c. The MoEF letter further asked to H.L.M.C. to consider the request of Kokanratna Holiday Resort for exemption from changing the colour scheme and putting up an interpretation centre.

It was decided that the Deputy Director of Town Planning Pune Division should visit the site and verify whether all the conditions imposed by H.L.M.C. in the meeting of 15th Jan.2010 were fulfilled by Kokanratna Holiday Resort . The report may be sent to the Collector and Member Secretary for circulation before the next meeting when a final decision can be taken regarding relaxation of two conditions as sought by project proponents.

HLMC decided that the Chairman should write to the M.o.E.F. regarding action being taken and also point out what specific decisions are required from M.o.E.F.regarding final Zonal Master Plan.

4) **Individual Cases received by Member Secretary**

4.1) N.A.permission in Buffer Zone to Vidyavardhini Sanstha of Wai.

Since the Proponent could not produce the exact location of his project it was decided that he should submit all the necessary papers with maps to the Member Secretary who would put up the subject in the next meeting with comments of all concerned departments.

4.2) Building permission for Hotel and Lodging in CTS No.203 at Mahabaleshwar.

It was decided that the papers should be put up after scrutiny in the next meeting with the comments of the Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar, Asstt. Director of Town Planning Satara, etc.

4.3) Change of Zone from Green Zone to Residential Zone village Bhoze S.No.29 and 30 :

The application of grampanchayat for the change of Zone was received by Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar. The High Court has ordered demolition of encroachments in S.No.29 and 30. The Committee felt that it had no powers to change the Zone as requested by the Grampanchayat.

4.4) Diversion of Funds for protection of heritage properties:

The Committee felt that the sum of Rs.10 lacs provided for awareness programme by the Collector was barely enough and it would not be possible to divert the funds for any other purpose.

5) **Other issues raised with the permission of Chairman:**

5.1) Encroachment in Christ Church property:

Dr.Wadia pointed out that a part of the property of Christ Church was encroached by nearby hotel / restaurant. The complaint was handed over to Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar for compliance and report to the Collector.

5.2) Deemed Permissions :

Dr.Wadia further raised the issue of deemed permissions. He stated that Chief Officers were sanctioning deemed permissions when in fact A.D.T.P. had sought specific clarifications . The HLMC directed that the Chief Officers should not give permissions if all clerences were not received. The 2-3 specific instances produced by Dr. Wadia were to be investigated by the Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar and report to the Collector.

5.3) Supply of forest survey maps :

The Taluka Inspector of Land Records, Mahabaleshwar was of the view that it would require considerable sum and almost all the District staff to prepare sets in duplicate. The HLMC felt that this issue needed to be sorted out by the Settlement Commissioner and by the Town Planning authorities & U.D.D. The Collector promised to use his good offices to co-ordindate the matter. H.L.M.C was of the view that this matter was of urgent nature since the ZMP can not be complete unless survey map are published and are accessible to public.

5.4) Tourism Master Plan :

The preparation of Tourism Master Plan is pending with M.T.D.C. for over 5 years despite reminders to M.T.D.C.& Secretary Tourism. The Term Of Reference (TOR) was prepared by H.L.M.C. and handed over to M.T.D.C.in Jan.2010. The H.L.M.C. was of the view that instead of waiting for M.T.D.C.to invite bids, it should be possible to hasten the progress by engaging a govt agency like Science & Technology Park of Pune, (headed by Dr.Jagadale) which has the expertise and experience. It was decided that Science & Technology Park should be requested to give cost estimates. The Collector promised to take up the matter with the Tourism Dept. once the estimate was available.

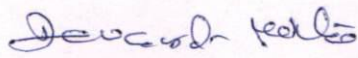
5.5) Advertisements on Wai-Panchgani-Mahabaleshwar Road :

Shri.Khan,D.F.O.Satara pointed out that action needed to be taken by P.W.D. for their removal. The P.W.D. representative was directed to take immediate action for removal of all unauthorized hoardings / signs.

The next meeting would be held in the last week of September 2010.

The meeting ended with thanks to all members.

Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Collector Satara


Chairman
High Level Monitoring Committee

By U.P.S.C.

Collector Office, Satara.
No.RB/Mwar/LND/WS/ /10
Satara- /6/2010

To,

2/- For information and necessary action.

For Collector Satara

Minutes of the meeting of the High level Monitoring Committee held on
22nd October 2010 at 3.00 p.m. in Darbar Hall Rajbhavan Mahabaleshwar

Persons Present --

1. Shri Devarat Mehta	Chairman
2. Dr J.S.Samant	Member
3. Shri.P.K.Mirashe, Representative of Secretary Environment Govt. of Maharashtra,	Member
4. Smt.S.P.Naik, Deputy Director, Town Planning, Pune Division.	Member
5. Shri. Sonawane, Representative of Director, Municipal Admn.Govt.of Maharashtra	Member
6. Shri.P.K.Pole, Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur	Member
7. Shri.Neeraj Khatri, Representative of Advisor Ministry of Environment and Forest	Member
8. Dr. V ijay Paranjype.	Special invitee.
9. Shri.S.P.Kadu-Patil, Collector Satara	Member Secretary

Other Officers-

1. Shri.Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
2. Shri.S.B.Shelke, Dy.Conservater of Forest Satara.
3. Shri.Sunil Marale, Asst.Director Town Planning Satara
- 4...Shri.J.S.Hajara, Dy.Regional officer, Pollution Control Board, Satara
5. Shri.B.M.Ugale, Representative of PWD (West) Satara.
6. Shri.Gosavi, Representative of Regional Manager, M.T.D.C.Pune
7. Smt.Meenal Kalaskar, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar
8. Shri.Waghmare, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council

9. Shri. Pawar, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council
10. Shri.G.V.Bairagi, Block Development Officer Mahabaleshwar
11. Shri.M.S.Bhosale, Asst.Conservoter of Forest Satara
11. Shri.Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar
12. Shri.Awate, Manager, M.T.D.C.Mahabaleshwar.
13. Shri.Uday Ghorpade, Executive .Assistant to Chairman of H.L.M.C.

Member Secretary Collector Satara welcomed the Chairman and all the Committee Members.

- 1) The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

2) Action Taken Report

2.1) The interpretation centre for Mahabaleshwar was set up on 22-10-2010 in the reception area of the MTDC, as a first step. The Panchagani centre would be set up in the structure near the toll booth. Locations for other centres would be found by both CO's & Tahasildar. The films prepared by the Mahabaleshwar council on the area would be kept in all centres. Dr. Paranjapye who is continuing awareness drive regarding E.S.Z, agreed to take up rural schools and Grampanchayats. He would be assisted by BDO. The Collector & BDO would make funds available. Similarly the Chief Officers Panchagani would take up the matter regarding inter-active software on the ESZ with New-Era High School and other schools in Panchagani. The teachers would be actively associated on disseminating information; The Collector informed that his web site www.satara.gov.in provides a link to HLMC matters. All awareness drive material would be made available on the site.

2.2) Complaints of Hotel Neeta & Stone House Hotel:-

The DM had cancelled Lodging & Boarding license of Hotel Neeta which went in appeal to court. The court allowed Hotel Neeta to function with a fine of Rs. 800. It was decided that the govt should go in appeal through a competent lawyer and RDC would personally monitor the case.

2.3) Compound Walls:- Noted

2.4) S.T. Plant;- Panchagani:- The S.T. Plant would be made operational by the end Jan 2011. The CO would follow up on the other plants and report in the next meeting.

Mahabaleshwar:- S.T. Plant near Karmachari Nagar was delayed due to rains & would be completed by Dec. 2010. The plant at Dhobighat was expected to be completed by 31st March 2011. The Pollution Control Board would give a full picture of all S.T. plants in December-2010. - 188 schools (hand survey)

2.5) Solid Waste Management:- It was necessary to impose strict penalties on the offenders who throw plastic materials. Mr. Mirashe agreed to provide all relevant legal provisions regarding punitive action and plastic free region to the collector & the COs. It was also necessary to start an awareness drive against the use of plastics and to clearly inform the public regarding fines & other punishments. The COs should provide dustbins at proper locations & collect garbage regularly.

2.6) Implementation of High Court Orders regarding

Table Land Panchagani:- The Council has gone to High Court for a review of court orders regarding the path for horse carts. The Committee decided that if no stay orders was received from High Court by December end, Chief Officer would implement existing orders.

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2.7) Development Plan:- The recommendations of the HLMC on the Zonal Plan were accepted by MoEF in June 2010, MoEF representative Shri Khatri was requested to send necessary communication to the State Govt.

2.8) Training of Guides:- YASHDA would conduct workshop to sensitize guides regarding ESZ after 15 November. Uday Ghorpade would coordinate with C.Os, Hotel and Guides associations & Dr. Paranjapye to finalise the details. The CO should provide badges to trained guards.

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2.9) Ropeway Project:- It was noted that amendment of EIA Notification of Dec. 2009 provided that such projects would have to go first to MoEF, after which the project could be considered by the HLMC. It was noted that HLMC has already conveyed to MoEF its disapproval of the ropeway as it was not a transportation project and was harmful to E.S.Z. area.

2.10) Zonal Master Plan for Mahabaleshwar Panchagani Eco-Sensitive Zone:- The HLMC considered & accepted the report of DDTP. Accordingly HLMC agreed for the conversion of Survey. No. 24 & 36 of village Bhose Tal. Mahabaleshwar into residential zone. Necessary changes would be made in the plan. The other representations without providing justification, forwarded by MoEF, were found to have no substance and were rejected. The developers of the Amusement Park at Panchagani had applied for certain relaxations to the D.D.T.P., who sought two more months to process the matter. It was also informed that the District Magistrate had issued orders to seal the premises of the Park against which the developer went to Satara District Court who gave a stay and fixed the hearing on 24/11/2010. It was decided that the RDC would personally monitor the case through a competent lawyer.

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2.11) Individual Cases received by Member Secretary:- Noted.

2.12) Other Issues raised with the permission of Chairman-

1) Complaint Of Christ Church about encroachment- Report of CO would be put up in the next meeting with reference to land record.

.2) Deemed Permissions:- Refer minutes at the No. 8.

3) Supply of Forest Survey Maps:- The conservator of forest stated that all Govt lands identified as 'Forest Alike' areas would have to be transferred to forest Department. As to 'Forest Alike' areas of private owners, they would have to prepare a management plan & get it approved by forest authorities if they needed to utilize such lands. For Govt. leased lands they would have to get Collectors permission, as usual, before approaching Forest Department. Shri Khatri representative of MoEF informed that MoEF would issue necessary instructions to the State Govt. He also promised to ensure that such permissions would be handled at the level of district authorities & the matter would not have to be

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118 sheets - single copies.

referred to MoEF offices in Bhopal / Delhi. Shri Khatri further informed that the ministry would convey to State Govt. in the U.D.D. the approval of HLMC recommendations on Regional Plan so that final Zonal Master Plan can be published. The collector informed that it would take at least 60 working days to make a copy of 2500 survey maps of 'Forest Alike' areas. If the maps could be scanned, 4-5 copies could be straightway made & authenticated by Taluka Inspector of Land Records. Such authenticated copies should be in the custody of Collector, A.D.T.P., Forest dept & concerned COs. These maps would be put on the website so that public has direct access to them. Such a note should be clearly made in the development plans.

2.13) Tourism Master Plan:- The MTDC has taken no steps to appoint consultants to prepare Master Plan despite several reminders Shri Khatri of MoEF stated that MOEF would take up the matter with the State Govt.

Forest will remove

58 - Handing removed by PWD.

An approval from to N.P.S.

2.14) Advertisement on Wai-Panchagani-Mwr.Road:- A report should be obtained from PWD in the next meeting.

Unauthorized & thus also permission report to be removed

3) Presentation of the report of sub committee on Mahabaleshwar & Panchagani Development Plans:-

The report (enclosed) of the subgroup was discussed. Deputy Director Town Planning stated that appropriate steps would be taken on the suggestions. It was noted that Panchagani needed to keep its character of a school town and necessary facilities like a library should be provided. It was also suggested that the govt and municipal lands should be reserved for public purposes like parking, schools, playgrounds, clinics, housing for the weaker sections etc. Such lands should not be given away for commercial purpose. Some members suggested that instead of having a blanket distance of 2.5 km. for the buffer zone we should have a buffer zone which is more meaningful for the protection of E.S.Z. All sensitive areas in the buffer zone would require special regulations. Dr. Samant & Dr. Paranjpye would provide a list with rough boundaries of such sensitive areas in the next three weeks to the A..D.T.P. The Collector stated that buffer zone would be suitably rationalized.

4) Specific Action Taken On High Court Order Table Land Panchagani & H.L.M.C. Decision On Amusement Park:- Refer to item No. 2.6 above.

5) Deemed Permissions a Report from CO of Mahabaleshwar & Panchagani Municipal Councils:-

Both the COs informed that they had given three deemed permissions each. D.D.T.P. stated that some of them were not according to law & needed to be reviewed & cancelled. The COs would take necessary steps in consultations with ADTP. The Collector directed COs & Tahasildar to ensure that in future no deemed permissions were granted.

Panchagani Send the files

Moor Security case - court order awaited.

6) Action Taken by MTDC & DM's Office on unauthorized Bed & Breakfast facilities:-

The MTDC informed that they had given 72 bed & breakfast permissions in the region. Now 14 stood cancelled after a review and the remaining 58 would be reviewed again. The MTDC was asked to ensure that the registrations no. was displayed prominently on all display boards and advertisements of approved bed & breakfast premises. Tahasildar would take action on the cancelled permissions & report in the next meeting.

It was necessary to take strict action under MRTP and revenue laws against all unauthorized constructions by local authorities. In addition, the HLMC was of the view that no facilities like electricity, water supply, etc. should be made available by concerned authorities without NOC of the Collector to ensure that unauthorized constructions do not get such benefits. It was also suggested that a similar communication should be sent by the Collector to banks.

Strong disapproval of violation by HLMC

7) The progress of scientific handling of Solid Waste Management of Panchagani:- CO Mahabaleshwar informed that the plant would be operational by December 2010. Both the COs would report on progress of the plants & use of substitute materials in place of plastic bags in the next meeting.

8) The no. of Go-Karting operating in the ESZ with specific reference to velocity & whether they were authorized:-

The Tehsildar reported that all 3 go-karting centres including Velocity were without permission. The committee wondered how operators who indulged in such gross violations were allowed to function by local authorities. Collector directed to take action under the MRTP act & revenue laws & premises sealed, if necessary. The reports should be placed in the next meeting of HLMC.

9) Individual Cases: - Hotel and Boarding and lodging proposal for survey no.203 of Mahabaleshwar

The representative of the owner explained that the Heritage Committee had cleared the matter in 2004 & 2007 with certain conditions. The Asst..Director of Town Planning Satara would verify the plans with reference to the directions given by Heritage Conservation Committee, Collector & other authorities. It should be ensured that Heritage premises are not altered & permissible new constructions are in keeping with the character of heritage structures. The committee approved the proposal for heritage hotel with above conditions and subject to various permissions as required by law.

10) Issues raised in the meeting:-

10.1) Unauthorized constructions-

Three hotels were coming up at 1- Florence Hall, 2- Keys Resort and 3-near Pangari village. COs and Tahasildar to verify legality and report in the next meeting with action taken.

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10.2) **Parking space opposite Cummins school, Panchgani, converted to shopping** :-CO to take necessary action and report in the next meeting.

10.3) **Transport and Traffic Management Plan:-** A long term and short term plan has prepared by SDO Wai. It was decided that a committee under SDO Wai with both COs, Tahasildar, Police authorities and Shri Mayur Vora who is an expert in the field, should finalize the report based on latest traffic pattern and the requirements of ESZ. The plans of road building authorities like PWD, ZP, and Forest etc. should be taken into account. The SDO Wai is requested to present the report in the next meeting of HLMC.

10.4) **Building permissions being issued by Gramsevak:-** It was brought to the notice that Gramsevaks were issuing building permissions in villages. Block Development Officer was informed that all permissions were to be given by the Collector or his Designated Officers/Committee. He should direct all gramsevaks immediately not to give permissions and provide the list of such permissions given in the past to the Tahasildar for necessary action.

The next meeting of HLMC was fixed at Darbar Hall Mahabaleshwar on- 21st December 2010 at- 3.00 p.m.

The meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

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Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Collector Satara

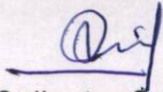
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Collector Office, Satara.
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Satara- 4 /11/ 2010

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For Collector Satara

Persons Present –

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| 2. Dr.J.S.Samant | Member |
| 3. Shri.P.K.Mirashe, Representative of
Secretary Environment Govt. of Maharashtra, | Member |
| 4. Shri.P.K.Pole, Conservator of Forests,
Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur | Member |
| 5. Dr.Vijay Paranjape. | Special invitee. |
| 6. Shri.B.S.Parad, Collector Satara | Member Secretary |

Other Officers-

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6. Shri.B.M.Ugale, Representative of PWD (West) Satara.
7. Shri.A.S.Patil, Sub.Eng. Representative of M.S.E.B.Wai.
8. Shri.Vikas Kharat, Tahasilder (Revenue) Collector Office Satara.
9. Smt.Meenal Kalaskar,Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar
10. Shri.Waghmare, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council
11. Shri. Pradip P, (Prob. I.A.S.) Panchagani Municipal Council
12. Shri.G.V.Bairagi, Block Development Officer Mahabaleshwar
13. Shri.More, Dy.Suprident of Land Record Mahabaleshwar.
14. Shri.D.D.Kale, Taluka Agri.Officer Mahabaleshwar.
15. Shri.Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar
16. Shri.Awate, Manager, M.T.D.C.Mahabaleshwar.

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- 1) The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.
- 2) **Action Taken Report**
 - 2.1) **The interpretation centre:-** All India Institute of Local Self Govt. gave a presentation on the website prepared by them regarding detail information on Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani Municipal area. It was decided that the website www.digital-mahabaleshwar.com should be prominently displayed in all Govt. Offices, interpretation centers and also C.D.s, films, interpretation material be provided to Hotel Associations, guides, all schools, libraries etc. The Hotel Association has prepared a map showing trails and treks to divert tourist traffic from congested towns. Copies of maps would be supplied to the interpretation

centres, Chief Officers, guides and Hotels. Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar was authorized to utilize the grant of Rs.10 Lakhs from awareness drive budget provision for printing copies of 2-3 thousand maps[for tourist groups] information literature on the Eco-Sensitive-Zone and C.D.s which Dr. Paranjape will provide. A part of this grant should be given to Dr. Paranjape for meeting expenses, for visits and preparation of the material according to the estimates provided by him. The Collector will release Rs. 10 Lakhs to Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar for this procedure.

Chief Officer Panchagani informed that an interpretation centre was set up near the toll booth. Both Chief Officers will keep all available material including films on Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani in the interpretation centres.

2.2) **Complaints of Hotel Neeta & Stone House Hotel:-** R.D.C. informed that the court directed Neeta Hotels to appeal before competent authority like Divisional Commissioner. The Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar was directed to visit the site and prepare a report with photographs of how much was unauthorized use and how much of it was demolished by the Hotel Neeta and what is the permissible F.S.I. and punitive action also needs to be taken for unauthorized use so far. All these facts with reports of Chief Officer may be presented to Divisional Commissioner by R.D.C.

2.3) **S.T. Plant- Panchagani:-** The Chief Officer informed that the first plant at Siddhartha Nagar would be completed with underground drainage line by End of March 2011. The material worth Rs. 1.80 crores arrived one year ago for the plant at Shivaji Nagar. It was decided that the consultant of Mahabaleshwar S.T.P. should be engaged to certify the materials, technology and process of setting up for the plant. It was necessary because no consultant responded to tenders invited by Panchagani council for consultants. As to the third plant near Hindu Crematorium Land., the Chief Officer, in consultation with Mr. Mirashe should finalize the relevant technology and proceed to appoint a consultant before buying any materials or appointing contractors

S.T. Plant-Mahabaleshwar:- The plant near Karmachari Nagar will be completed by 10th Feb.2011. The H.L.M.C. will visit the plant on the 22 Feb. 2011. Dhobighat plant will be completed by March 2011

2.4) **Action taken by Pollution Control Board:-** Mr. Mirashe of Pollution Control Board, presented a detailed report on the status of S.T.P.s in hotels and schools (copy attached). The H.L.M.C. appreciated the comprehensive report. The efficacy of the plants would be informed to non official H.L.M.C. members, both Chief Officers and Collector by 30th January 2011. As to plants which were not in operation, or not functioning satisfactorily, action would be taken to close down their business operations after giving an opportunity to operate the plants as per norms. HLMC also suggested that Mr. Mirashe should short list the most efficient S.T.P.s as models to be followed along with the guide lines.

It was also decided that the action should be taken against owners for the open discharge of drainage outside their property. Sahyadri Adventure Group had pointed out similar cases against whom action should be taken by Pollution Board.

- 2.5) **Solid Waste Management** - Both Chief Officers of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani were directed to put up dustbins within the next two weeks in market area. Ghantagadi should go twice a day for collecting the Solid waste garbage in crowded areas.
The burning of waste in Panchagani should stop immediately. It should segregate the solid waste and start vermiculture composting. It should be considered whether old quarries can be used for landfill. It was suggested that the present fine for littering should be raised from Rs. 100 up to [at least] Rs. 500. For frequent offenders, it could be raised up to Rs. 5000 as per existing law. Necessary resolution should be passed by the both Councils. In addition, action under Environment Protection Act should be taken against local frequent offenders. It was further suggested that the schools children, hotel employees and NGO's who regularly collect the garbage from tourist spots should be rewarded with caps embossed with suitable logos by authority like collector or Conservator of Forests.
- 2.6) **Implementation of High Court Orders regarding Table Land Panchagani:-**
It was informed by Chief Officer that in January the court has fixed the hearing after which further action will be taken.
- 2.7) **Zonal Master Plan for Mahabaleshwar Panchagani Eco-Sensitive Zone:-** The MoEF has informed the State Government to incorporate suggestions of H.L.M.C. as approved by MoEF in the final plan. The hearing in the Amusement Park is fixed on 3rd January 2011. In the meanwhile D.D.T.P. would finalize the necessary action.
- 2.8) **Training of Guides:-** A three day work shop could be held after mid January. The trained guides would be provided the new maps, C.D.'s and literature along with accreditation badges by Chief Officers.
- 2.9) **Supply of Forest Maps:-** The Deputy Suptd Of Land Record informed that he has made 118 sheets of survey maps. He was told to take up his difficulties with the Collector to complete the job in time. He was also asked to make extra copies with the help of advanced copier so that large sheets can be copied.
- 2.10) **Tourism Master Plan:-** The chairman informed that the M.T.D.C. has finalized TOR based of H.L.M.C. requirements. The Chairman has informed that M.T.D.C. should supply the selected consultants with detail TOR prepared by H.L.M.C. the regional and to development plans along with the minutes of the HLMC meetings and relevant literature on the Eco-Sensitive-Zone, for reference. Before starting work the consultants should get a brief from H.L.M.C. They should also present an interim and draft report to the HLMC before finalization.
- 2.11) **Advertisements/hoardings on Wai-Panchagani-Mwr.Road:-**
P.W.D. representative presented a list of 58 hoarding which were removed since the last HLMC, meeting. H.L.M.C. appreciated the action and advised Tahasildar and both Chief Officers, and Range Forest Officer to remove unauthorized hoardings in their area, irrespective of their size. After the guidelines are received from the Heritage Committee further action against oversized [but previously

permitted] hoardings should also be taken. No new permissions should be given or renewals be made in the meanwhile. The Tahasildar, Block Development Officer, and Range Forest Officer should appeal to Grampanchayats not to issue-NOCs for hoardings till guidelines are finalized.

2.12) Action Taken by MTDC & DM's Office on unauthorized Bed & Breakfast establishments-

It was learnt that some applicants were being given licenses by the Regional Director, Government of India for Bed and Breakfast scheme in Eco-Sensitive-Zone. Tourism authorities would be informed by the Collector that pending final publication of Zonal Master Plan as approved by GOI, by the State govt., no new licenses are permissible under Bed and Breakfast Scheme of any authority. The collector's NOC is mandatory.

2.13) The no. of Go-Karting operations in the ESZ with specific reference to velocity & whether they are authorized:-

Even though Tahasildar reported three such centers, actually H.L.M.C. found two more which are Red-button and Fun town. The Tahasildar was advised to verify the following permissions available with them:

1) N.A. permission 2) Performance License 3) H.L.M.C. Permission for commercial operation 4) Eating House License 5) Building permission 6) any other clearances required including pollution control authorities

If such licenses were not given or have expired necessary action under Bombay Police Act, Environment Protection Act, Revenue Laws, MRTP Act etc should be taken. If such licenses were given wrongly they should be cancelled after following legal procedure.

2.14) Unauthorized Constructions:-

In the last meeting Tahasildar, and Chief Officers were told to submit report on three constructions i.e. 1) Florence Hall 2) Keys Resort and 3) Near Panchagani. Chief Officer informed that on verification of documents it was found that Keys Resort was legal. As information was not adequate it was decided that information with relevant documents with action taken on illegalities should be reported in respect of all 3 cases.

HLMC expressed its displeasure against the concerned authorities for not starting any action under the MRTP act, Revenue Laws, Municipal regulations and Bombay Police Act for big scale offenders. No steps have been taken to inform M.S.E.B. to disconnect electricity and other amenities to such offenders. The Additional Collector directed the local authorities to take strict action under relevant laws before next meeting. Chairman expressed the view that action under Environment Protection Act would have to be taken against defaulting authorities, if no progress was noticed to act against big offenders.

2.15) Building permissions in the Rural Areas:-

The Block Development Officer should supply to the Tahasildar a list of building permissions wrongly given by Gramsevak. This list along with all other applications for permission in Gaothan should be considered by the authorized committee of A.D.T.P. Tahasildar and Block Development Officer headed by the Sub Divisional Officer during next one week. Once this committee approves electric connections etc. can be given for regularized/permitted developments.

- 3) **Transport and Traffic Management Plan:-** In the absence of Sub Divisional Officer the plan was not discussed. However the PWD was asked to present plans regarding Petit road in the next meeting. CO Mahabaleshwar was asked to link Venna lake development plan with PWD proposals. The Sub Divisional Officer should present updated report in consultation with Shri. Mayur Vora, co-opted for transport plan, and Chief Officers concerned. The H.L.M.C. was of the view that the appointment of a consultant for transport and traffic plan with environment impact assessment, after getting feed back from local people regarding their difficulties and suggestions was essential. This should be taken up in the next meeting after the discussion on the plan prepared by Sub Divisional Officer.
- 4) **Venna Lake:-** Despite intimation from the Collector Office in advance Chief Officer was unable to provide any information personally or through his consultants. The Chief Officer may please ensure that this report is presented in the next meeting.
- 5) **Buffer Zone:-** Dr. Samant gave a preliminary idea of which sensitive areas could be added in the Buffer zone and which could be safely deleted without adverse effect on the Eco Sensitive Zone. The majority of the members were of the view that the thumb rule of 2.5 km. buffer zone around Eco Sensitive Zone may not protect the Eco Sensitive Zone effectively or sensitive areas left out. The Conservator of Forest was of the view that we may add new areas but without any deletions from the present proposal. It was decided that Dr. Samant, Conservator of Forest and A.D.T.P. may discuss the proposals jointly and the matter be taken up in the next meeting.
- 6) **Awareness Drive:-** Dr. Paranjapye was of the view that the Government Departments should be taken up first for sensitizations about Eco Sensitive Zone. Schools, guides tourist etc. can be taken up next followed by local merchants, Taxi owners, Ghodawalas etc. Dr. Paranjapye has already prepared some material and held a seminar of school teachers in Panchagani and in Mahabaleshwar. The notes of previous meeting should be put together so that we do not have to look for material prepared earlier along with feedback from participants. Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar informed that a standing committee of school principal for creating awareness has been set up.; similar standing committees should be set up by the Block Development Officer and Chief Officer Panchagani. That would make coordination with local agencies easy. Block Development Officer would contact to Dr. Paranjapye for sending his team to panchayats bunched together in small groups.

The RDC suggested that Rs. Ten Lakhs reserved for H.L.M.C. work should be utilized before March 2011. It was decided that the grant should be released by the Collector to Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar. CO would directly give funds required by Dr. Paranjapye and his team to travel in the Eco Sensitive Zone and also the cost of prepared materials, C.D.'s etc. Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar should be authorized to utilize the balance funds to print the maps and other information on Eco Sensitive Zone as provide by Dr. Paranjapye.

- 7) **Budgetary Provision in the year 2011-2012 District Plan for ESZ area:-** Last year Member Secretary had provided to H.L.M.C. a document containing all

budgetary provisions of developments in the Eco Sensitive Zone area. Similar information should be provided for the financial year 2011-2012 in the next meeting. It was suggested that at least Rs 25 Lakhs should be provided for the awareness drive and consultancy for transport plan. For reappropriation in the current year, the forest officer Satara would approach the collector for Rs. 20-25 Lakhs for improving rides in Mahabaleshwar.

8) **Issues placed on table:-**

8.1) **Gaothan Areas:-** In the following 12 villages gaothans are yet to be declared by issuing third notification:

1) Aadhal 2) Bhekavali 3) Gureghar 4) Moleshwar 5) Nakinda 6) Nawali
7) Pangari 8) Shindola 9) Tekawali 10) Vivar 11) Dhangarwadi 12) Bhuteghar.

It was decided that pending formalities, permissions in proposed undisputed areas can be considered by the collector to avoid hardship to villagers. ADTP would ensure that necessary changes are incorporated in the Zonal Plan by bringing proposals before HLMC.

8.2) **Illegal Constructions:-** The complaint regarding Bright land Hotel was handed over to the Tahasildar who would give report in the next meeting. Similarly big buildings that were coming up needed site visit and investigations by the Tahasildar and Chief Officers.

Regarding constructions in the CTS No. 211 and 212 of Mahabaleshwar, it was decided that the Sub Divisional Officer should visit the site and examine the record and direct concerned to take necessary action.

8.3) **Swimming Pools:-** Shri. Mirashe pointed out that chlorinisation of swimming pools was harmful in the Eco Sensitive Zone. Instead they should adopt ozonisation process for purification of swimming pools. While giving new permissions A.D.T.P. will take care to include this condition along with rain water harvesting with rechargeable water, STP, solar panels and vermiculture. The Pollution Control Board would take up the matter in the existing hotels and residential Schools.

8.4) **Observatory for Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology:-** Shri. G. Pandithuri and Shri. Kundan K. Dani presented the requirement of land for setting up a laboratory in the Eco Sensitive Zone to monitor climate change. (Copy enclosed) HLMC approved the proposal, to be located in the Murarji Gokuldas Hospital in Mahabaleshwar on the part of the land that is reserved for the department. They will make application for the land transfer to the Collector and simultaneously request Forest Department for their permission to complete the formalities. Setting up of such a monitoring laboratory for Climate change and Pollution Control was one of the major recommendations of the H.L.M.C. in the Zonal Plan.

8.5) **Deemed Permissions:-**

Panchagani:- Chief Officer only sent a letter to the A.D.T.P. It is necessary to send all relevant files. Review will be taken up in the next meeting.

Mahabaleshwar:-1) CTS NO.210/B/1 :- The matter was not taken up as the Chief Officer has filed a case against the owners FOR unauthorized tree felling. The representative of owners was informed that the matter was subjudice and as such, the H.L.M.C. would not consider their request for building permission at this stage.

Some members were of view that the H.L.M.C. should take an action under Environment Protection Act against repeated offenders.

- 2) **CTS.No. 197 Area approximately 5 Acres:-** The owner's representative informed that in July 2008 deemed permission was received from Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar. Accordingly plinth was constructed. As there was no H.L.M.C. at that time the matter should have gone to MoEF. The case was referred by Deputy Director Town Planning to the State Government. It was to wrong of the Chief Officer to issue permission which he was not authorized to give. The Collector may take suitable action. On examination of the plans it was found that the plan was according to the provisions of the Zonal Plan. The development of the hotel was not likely to affect the Eco Sensitive Zone adversely. Hence H.L.M.C. gave NOC subject to the condition that a fresh plan be submitted, clearly including provisions for STF, rain water harvesting and ground water recharge, solar panels and the structure should blend with the landscape. After necessary verification by ADTP, The Chief Officer should issue permission.
- 3) **CTS. No. 210 B/2/3- Acres 5:-** This case is similar and Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar gave deemed permission for the Hotel in July 2008. The Collector may note this and take action against the Chief Officer. On examination of plans they appear to be in conformity with regulations but a part of the land is shown as a forest alike area. The owners of disputed land, requested for joint measurement. The H.L.M.C. directed concerned to carry out joint measurement and submit report. On receipt of the report, H.L.M.C. can consider the request for giving N.O.C. for setting up a hotel.

The meeting ended with thanks to all members.

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Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Collector Satara

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Chairman
High Level Monitoring Committee

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For Collector Satara

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
23rd February 2011 at 2.00 p.m. in Durbar Hall Rajbhavan Mahabaleshwar**

Persons Present –

1. Shri Devavrat Mehta.	Chairman
2. Dr. Farrukh Wadia.	Member
3. Dr. Jay S. Samant.	Member
4. Shri.P.K.Mirashe, Representative of Secretary Environment Govt. of Maharashtra,	Member
5. Smt.S.P.Naik, Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune Division.	Member
6. Shri.S.G.Vichave, Representative of Director, Muncipal Admn.Govt.of.Maharashtra.	Member
7. Shri.P.K.Pole, Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur	Member
8. Shri.Neeraj Khatri, Representative of Advisor Ministry of Environment & Forest.	Member
9. District Collector Satara	Member Secretary

Other Officers-

1. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
2. Shri.S.B.Shelke, Dy.Conservoter of Forest Satara.
3. Shri.Shivraj Patil, Asst.Director Town Planning Satara
4. Shri.Thorat, Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A.Satara.
5. Shri.S.Y.Bhosale, Dist Superintendent of Land Records Satara.
- 6..Shri.J.S.Hajara, Dy.Regional officer, Pollution Control Board Satara
7. Shri. Khandagale, Representative of PWD (West) Satara.
8. Shri.A.S.Patil, Sub Divisional.Eng. Representative of M.S.E.B.Wai.
9. Shri.Vikas Kharat, Tahasilder (Revenue) Collector Office Satara.
10. Smt.Meenal Kalaskar, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar
11. Shri.Waghmare, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council
12. Smt.A.S.Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council
13. Shri.Shaikh, Representative of Block Development Officer
Mahabaleshwar
14. Shri.More, Dy.Suprident of Land Record Mahabaleshwar.
15. Shri.D.D.Kale, Taluka Agri.Officer Mahabaleshwar.
16. Shri.Bhosale, Asstt.Conservoter of Forest, Satara.
- 17...Shri.Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar
18. Shri.Awate, Manager, M.T.D.C.Mahabaleshwar.
19. Shri.Sawante, Police Inspector Mahabaleshwar.

Member Secretary & Collector, Satara welcomed the Chairman and all the
Committee Members.

1) The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

The representative of M.o.E.F. Shri. Khatri suggested amendment of the minutes of the meeting held on 22. 10. 2010 as under,

At Para 2.10 of the minutes instead of survey No. 24 & 36 of Village Bhoose, Tal. Mahabaleshwar it should be recorded as "Survey No. 24/2 & 36/6 *of Village Bhoose, Taluka- Mahabaleshwar.

2) Action Taken Report :-

The report was noted. It was pointed out that the entire order of the court, especially, it should be mentioned whether the court had given stay order or not. If there was no stay, action according to legal procedure should be continued to be taken.

Note on status of S.T.P. Page No. 63 to 83 given by Pollution control board was discussed at some length. Shri. Mirashe explained that instead of Chlorination technology, Ozone technology should be used in all new S.T.Ps Both the CO's were asked to comply with this requirement. Similarly solid Waste Disposal plants should adopt vermiculture technology in future.

The roof of Panchgani solid waste plant has to be immediately replaced. Burning of solid waste is not permissible but this was noticed repeatedly despite instructions. C.O.s should take necessary action.

Dr Wadia opined the progress was very slow, an independent expert should look at the entire matter. Chairman agreed to do the needful.

3) Budgetary Provisions for 2011-2012 for the ESZ.:- The Collector informed that the Rs. 1000000/-(Ten Lac only) were provided to H.L.M.C. in the D.P.D.C. budget of 2011-2012 for awareness drive, consultancy expenditure etc.

H.L.M.C. could accordingly sanction proposals. The members requested for adequate provision by Forest Department in E.S.Z. area.

Conservator of Forests informed that following was the provision for E.S.Z area: Forest guest house Rs. 37, 00,000/-(thirty seven lacs), improvement of rides Rs. 15, 00,000/- (Fifteen lacs). It was pointed out that repairs were required at Kate's Point urgently to avoid danger to human life. The Forest department should take up these repairs as emergency work.

4) Presentation of Transport and Traffic Management Plan.

&

5) Petit Road – Presentation by PWD:- The S.D.O. Wai presented the plan, prepared by the sub committee appointed by H.L.M.C. See Summary at page No. 35 of action taken report.

H.L.M.C. appreciated the work done and asked the S.D.O. to verify whether, proposed raising of the height of Venna Lake Dam would affect the connection to Petit road estimated to cost Rs 1.25 crores. It was also necessary to carry out E.I.A. study of the proposed work especially since Forest Land would be used partly.

The chairman expressed the view that the plan provided conventional solutions like widening of roads, new link roads, increased parking spaces etc,

which measures were demand driven. In E.S.Z. we should look at the concept of sustainable transport and traffic management. The expertise of IIT Mumbai. Transportation planning department or expert Agencies like L E. A. tracks. L.A.S.A. etc could be explored, if they could provide solutions, keeping in mind the conservation priorities. The work already done by the committee headed by S.D.O. should be shown to them along with ESZ documents. Chairmen promised to approach such agencies and get their inputs.

6) Venna lake Development Plan:-The Consultant Shri.Nagesh Deshpande, presented his report after making some changes suggested in the earlier meeting. It was decided that the pitching wall should remain as it is and no plantation should be made to beautify it. Similarly no gates, arches or cement construction work was desirable on the top ground. Since it was a Heritage site, the heritage committee would have to be fully involved. It was also necessary for C.O. Mahableshwar to send the plan to M.J.P. for their comments.

It was decided that the Collector would take steps to prevent parking of buses and other Vehicle on the Venna lake plateau as also horse rides. Such activities resulted in liquid and solid waste getting into the lake water which is used for drinking for both Towns. Further the issue of cleaning of the lake needed to be taken up in detail. Dr. Samant, agreed to study the reports prepared by Mahableshwar council and give further advice.

Since the Venna lake development plan and proposal to link Petit road, traffic plan etc. affected the environment substantially, it was necessary to go into detail by a Sub-committee of experts and concerned officers. The H.L.M.C. appointed the following committee to prepare a comprehensive report after study of all alternatives with minimum impact on the environment.

- 1) Dr. Wadia Member of H.L.M.C.-Chairman
- 2) Dr. Samant, HLMC member
- 3) Dr Paranjpye, invitee HLMC
- 4] Representatives of Heritage Committee
- 5) Asst. Director of Town Planning Satara.
- 5) Dy. Conservoter of forests,
- 6) SDO Wai
- 7) PWD,
- 8) Jeevan Pradhikaran,
- 9) Chief Officer Mahableshwar-Member secretary.

The sub-committee could co-opt any expert and give its report in two months.

7) Rationalization of Buffer Zone:- Dr. Samant explained that according to the Zonal Master Plan, 2.5 K.M. Periphery of E.S.Z. was declared buffer zone. However, if you considered ecologically sensitive areas, instead of just administrative boundary of 2.5 k.m., the buffer zone area would increase and also change substantially in some places and reduce in some. During the discussion it was felt that all these concerns could be taken into account by following the procedure under M.R.T.P. act as under:

- 1) The Collector has appointed a committee under his Chairmanship to prepare regulations for Buffer Zone with ADTP Satara and SDO Wai as members. Dr. Samant would be co-opted in this committee to integrate relevant provisions for more sensitive areas in the buffer zone
- 2) Since Satara buffer zone regulations would be confined to Satara District, it was necessary for the district authorities of Ratnagiri & Raigad districts to frame Buffer zone regulations for the area falling in their jurisdiction. It

was also desirable that Satara Buffer zone committee should send them guidelines for preparing the rules. The Collector Satara suggested that the Collectors and A.D.T.P's of the both the Districts should be invited for the next H.L.M.C. meeting to familiarize them with ESZ concepts and rules.

- 3) When the Regional Board is set up to prepare plan for the remaining district, Dr Samant should be included as invitee to suggest regulations for sensitive areas not included in the buffer zone but the developments in which areas could have an adverse effect on ESZ.
- 4) Town planning authorities would follow up with UDD for suitable action. A request would go from HLMC to Secretary UDD.

8) other issues:-

8.1) Expenditure for awareness drive. - The proposal of Dr Paranjpye and the estimate prepared by C.O.Mahabaleshwar was discussed. The committee asked C.O.Mahabaleshwar to check the cost of printing, binding, designing etc.of maps, proposed book, information brochures/leaflets,cds etc. and bring down the total cost to Rs 8.75 lacs.

From the total amount of Rs ten lacs, it was decided that Rs. 1.25 lacs should be kept at the disposal of Dy.Suprintent of Land Record, Mahabaleshwar to digitally scan the deemed forest survey maps and to supply copies to the Collector, A.D.T.P., Forest department, concerned CO and the Tahasildar. The T.I.L.R. already has maps for both the councils and they should be supplied to C.O's and above referred authorities immediately, as far as Council areas were concerned.

Thus C.O Mahabaleshwar would utilize Rs. 8.75 lacs for awareness drive. He should spend up to 1 lacs [from 8.75 lacs] for the preparation and distribution of maps. The final design was being prepared by Dr Samant in consultation with the Hoteliers Association.

8.2) Amusement park Panchgani:- Shri Khatri handed over a copy of the representation given by the developer. D.D.T.P. was asked to finalize the report after taking into account the submission of the developer and after assessing the action taken by him so far to remedy the violations.

The D.D.T.P should send report to the collector by 30th March which should be circulated to all H.L.M.C. members.

8.3) Representations for change of zoning:-Shri. Khatri mentioned that the ministry was getting some representations for change of zoning. It was decided in the H.L.M.C. that since zonal plan is already approved by M.O.E.F. such representations need not be entertained.

8.4) R.D.C. requested for clarification regarding Farm Buildings :-The Zonal plan provision 10.4 clearly stated that farm building is only for bonafide use of the owner who had cultivated land at least for last 5 years. Thus he had to satisfy both the conditions that:

1. He should have held and cultivated the land at least for last 5 years.
2. Only after such 5 years of cultivation he can build the farm house for his own personal use.

8.5) Gaothan Extension, Final Notification:- The Collector had already issued final notification for 10 Villages and the proposal for Dhangarwadi and Bhuteghar were under process.

The Zonal Plan provides that in existing gaothans further expansion was permissible in the periphery. Such requests could be processed similarly without waiting for the final notification of the Zonal Plan by the govt.

Further, provision 10.3 allows a farmer who holds land prior to 29.04.1983 to build a house of 50 sq. mtr. This provision too should be implemented without waiting for the final notification ZMP.

All the above steps were necessary to avoid hardship to people who need using facilities for their expanding families.

8.6) Final Notification- zonal master plan:-The Chairman read out his letter dtd. 1st Feb. 2011 addressed to adviser M.o.E.F, requesting for instructions to issue final Notification of the ZMP without waiting for Tourism Master Plan which is to be prepared and approved by the State Government, Ministry of Tourism Development, H.L.M.C. and then by M.o.E.F. This process of approval of tourism master plan would take at least 3 to 4 years because the State Government has not even started preparing the Tourism Master Plan. The provisions of the ZMP approved so far by M.o.E.F. can not be implemented, till that date. In order to avoid, hard ship to people, the practical way is to de- link Tourism Master Plan from the Z.M.P.

Mr. Khatri- representative of M.o.E.F. explained that E.S.Z. Notification would have to be amended to take such a step. The Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Law was in the process of taking action on the suggestion of the H.L.M.C. He would do his best to expedite the process; Deputy Director Town Planning Pune Division pointed out that under section 15 of M.R.T.P. Act, the State Government was empowered to issue final Notification of the Zonal Master Plan in part. If the ministry takes the decision to de-link Tourism Master Plan as proposed the state govt would be in a position to act without any legal hitch.

8.7) Unauthorized Go-Carting etc. amusement center:-It was pointed out that the case against Red Button Go-cart center was dismissed by the court for repeated non attendance by the council. Now it was reported that trees were being cut and additional construction was being made by the owner. Like at many other sites, all such unauthorized activities were carried out by putting up long tin sheets to avoid public scrutiny. It was instructed to C.O.s that a compound wall only up to 2 mtrs. height was allowed. All such sheets or covers which did not conform to rules were to be forcibly removed. For protection of people the developers were allowed only the transparent net or barbed wire above 2 mtrs. Further C.O.s Mahableshtar should take immediate action for tree cutting and unauthorized construction in this case. He should also report to

HLMC action taken against officers responsible for non-attendance in the court.

8.8) Work shop to explain Z.M.P. provisions:-During discussion with the rural representatives it was found that there was considerable misunderstanding about the provision of Z.M.P. It was agreed that Panchayat Samiti Chairman would invite village Panchayat Members and activists from villages in E.S.Z. for a workshop to explain all relevant provisions. It would be organized in Mahableshwar council hall. A.D.T.P. Satara, C.O.s, Tahasildar, Forest Officer & B.D.O. will remain present and explain the provisions. In the seminar key provisions can be given in writing in Marathi. Similarly some schools in Panchgani have been already approached to help in preparing material to be put on C.D.s and to help in giving information through them to the public. Both C.O.s and B.D.O.s should use their services to educate the public.

8.9) Development plan of Mahableshwar and Panchgani:-On suggestion of H.M.L.C members, it was decided that in order to help the process of the preparing the final development plan the H.L.M.C. should appoint a Sub-Committee to go into the draft provisions and to prepare comprehensive suggestions & they may be handed over to the concerned officers who are finalizing the plan. The Sub-Committee of Dr. Wadia and Dr. Samant both H.L.M.C. members, was appointed to prepare their report within two months.. They could take help of concerned authorities and experts. The Collector agreed to provide all necessary help.

8.10) Discussion with Panchgani, Mahableshwar and rural areas Groups
Minutes enclosed. The concerned officers should take necessary action and report compliance, for circulation to H.L.M.C. Members.

Finally HLMC noted the valuable contribution of DDTP Pune Ms Sadhana Naik who was leaving the government soon and wished her a successful future.

The meeting ended with thanks to all members.

Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Committee
Collector Satara

Chairman
High Level Monitoring

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Collector Office, Satara.

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
10th June 2011 at Durbar Hall Rajbhavan, Mahabaleshwar.**

Persons Present –

1. Shri Devavrat Mehta.	Chairman
2. Dr. Farrokh Wadia.	Member
3. Dr. Jay S. Samant.	Member
4. Shri. N. M. Ngillie, Representative of Secretary Environment Govt. of Maharashtra,	Member
5. Smt. A. B. Patil, Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune Division.	Member
6. Shri.S.G.Vichave, Representative of Director, Municipal Admn.Govt.of.Maharashtra.	Member
7. Shri. Neeraj Khatri, Representative of Advisor Ministry of Environment & Forest.	Member
8. Dr. Vijay Paranjpye	Special Invitee
9. District Collector Satara	Member Secretary

Other Officers-

1. Shri. Kiran Kurandkar, Managing Director, M.T.D.C. Mumbai
Representative of Secretary Tourism & Culture, Govt. Of Maharashtra
2. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
3. Shri. Kumar Khaire, Sub. Divisional Officer Wai Dn.Wai.
4. Shri. S.B.Shelke, Dy.Conservoter of Forest Satara,
5. Shri. Mugade, Asst.Director Town Planning Satara,
6. Shri. Thorat, Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A.Satara,
7. Shri. P. K. Mirashe, Regional Officer, Pollution Control Board,
8. Shri. V. R. Menge, Ex. Engineer, Mah. Jeevan Pradhikaran, Satara,
9. Smt. Nayana Bondarde-Gurav, Regional Manager, M.T.D.C. Pune,
10. Shri. J. S. Hajara, Dy.Regional officer, Pollution Control Board Satara,
11. Shri. Dr. R. M. Sharma, Dy. Director, Zoological Survey Of India, Pune,
12. Shri. V. N. Arya, Tahasildar Revenue, Representative Of Collector
Ratnagiri,
13. Shri. Prabhu, Town Planning Officer, Ratnagiri,
14. Shri. Abhiraj Girkar, Asst. Director Town Planning, Raighad (Alibagh),
15. Shri. B. M. Ugale, Representative of PWD (West) Satara,
16. Shri. Vikas Kharat, Tahasilder (Revenue) Collector Office Satara,
17. Shri. Nilprasad Chavan, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar,
18. Shri. Waghmare, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council,
19. Smt. A. S. Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council,
20. Shri. G. V. Bairagi, Block Development Officer, Mahabaleshwar,

21. Shri. More, Dy. Superintendent of Land Record Mahabaleshwar,
22. Shri. Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar,
23. Shri. Awate, Manager, M.T.D.C. Mahabaleshwar,
24. Shri. N. B. Kohinkar, Police Inspector Mahabaleshwar,
25. Shri. Kodak, Sub Divisional Eng. Mah. Jeevan Praqdikaran Sub. Div. No. 2,
26. Shri. Uday Ghorpade, Exe. Assistant of Chairman of H.L.M.C.

Member Secretary & Collector, Satara welcomed the Chairman and all the Committee Members.

1) The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

2) Action Taken Report:-

2.1 D.D.T.P. suggested that action points as listed in chapter 17 of Draft Regional Plan should be acted upon by the concerned departments. It was decided that the District Planning Officer should follow up with concerned departments and advise them to seek necessary budget provisions from D.P.D.C./ state schemes and report progress in the next meeting of HLMC.

2.2 Transport and Traffic Management Plan:- It was noted that LEA, (Associates south Asia Pvt. Ltd.) was carrying out a detail study, their interim report enclosed.

2.3 Rationalization of Buffer Zone: - The Town Planning authorities from Raigad & Ratnagiri districts were briefed about 2.5 k.m. Buffer-Zone around ESZ, a part of which was falling within their districts and for which regulations needed to be made. It was decided that they would be invited for the first meeting of the committee headed by the Collector for framing guidelines for developments in the Buffer-zone. Subsequently when the draft regulations get ready, D.D.T.P Pune would be associated to finalize the regulations for all the three districts and after the approval of HLMC action under section 20 of the MRTP Act would be taken.

2.5 Amusement Park Panchagani: - DDTP Pune would give the final report before the 15th July to the Collector & it would be circulated to the all HLMC Members. DDTP would take into account all objections/violations reported earlier and the course of action suggested in previous HLMC meetings.

2.6 Final Notification Zonal Master Plan:- Mr. Khatri placed on the table, the letter of MoEF [enclosed] approving the HLMC proposal to notify Zonal Master Plan as approved by MoEF as volume I. Volume II would contain Tourism Master Plan, forest survey maps etc. The State Government was requested by MoEF representative Mr. Khatri to forward the hard copy of the report [volume I]

with all approved changes to MoEF for affixing its stamp of approval. DDTP was requested to send a copy to HLMC for its record.

2.7 Unauthorized Go-Carting Centers: - The Tehsildar informed that action u/s 46 of MRTP Act was taken. The Police authorities present in the meeting were asked to act swiftly as per the provisions of the MRTP Act. Tehsildar was directed to take action simultaneously under the provisions of other laws

2.8 Workshop to explain Zonal Master Plan:- The committee noted the successful workshop carried out on 18/03/2011.

The remaining points on which action was taken & circulated with the agenda were noted.

3) Report Of Sub-Committee on Venna Lake Development:- Dr. Wadia Informed that the first meeting took place on the 9th June. Further information would be collected by the concerned departments & presented in the next meeting. The Collector agreed to initiate action to remove the nuisance of horses, vehicles, stall, etc. which are polluting the lake.

4) Report of Sub Committee on Development Plan of Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani:-

Dr. Paranjpye informed that the sub-committee was of the view that the town plans should be in conformity with the approved Zonal Master Plan. There were many features in the Draft Plans of both councils which needed to be amended. HLMC would convey its views to the Secretary UDD in the case of Panchagani & to the Chief Officer as regards Mahabaleshwar plan.

5) S.T.P.:- The report of Shri Rakesh Kumar, NEERI (enclosed) was discussed. It was found that the STP plant I of Mahabaleshwar could be made operational by taking measures as listed in the report. As to the STP plant II, the design should be reviewed in consultation with NEERI and Pollution Control Board experts. The committee noted that the work carried out and the equipment purchased for Panchgani plant was of little use. Considering the defects pointed out it was necessary to hold detail discussions with NEERI and Pollution Control Board before proceeding with work. If necessary NEERI should be engaged as consultants. All the reports should be placed before the Collector and work carried out as per his directions

6) Presentations of Fauna of Eco Sensitive Zone by Dr. Sharma,

Zoological Survey of India: - Dr. Sharma gave a presentation on the variety of fauna of Eco Sensitive Zone and stressed the need to preserve them. He promised to send action points which needed to be followed to achieve this purpose. It was decided that the copies of his presentation should be shown in all

interpretation centers and given to Dr. Paranjpye for preparing awareness literature.

Dr. Sharma was requested to take up census in the ESZ. If necessary, with the approval of MoEF, a monitoring centre can be set up within the Eco-Sensitive-Zone.

7) Other Issues:-

7.1 Tourism Master Plan:- Managing Director, Maharashtra Tourism

Development Corporation informed that offers were invited for preparing the Tourism Master Plan. The scope of work and team of experts prescribed by the HLMC have been considered. A sub committee consisting of Chairman, Managing Director, Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation, Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune & Residential Deputy Collector, would monitor the progress of preparations of the plan. The consultants would meet the HLMC for briefing in the meeting of August 2011.

7.2 Compound walls:- Both the Chief Officers and Tehsildar were again instructed to ensure that the compound walls higher than 2 meters were demolished, as it was, reported that activities like unauthorized constructions as also cutting of trees were carried out behind the illegal high walls.

As regards non attendance by council staff in response to Court summons in the case of Red Buttons, the Chief Officer should fix the responsibility & report action taken to the Collector.

7.3 The SDO should issue notice & take further action against the Archeological Survey of India, for cutting of trees in Kshetra Mahabaleshwar.

7.4 Florence Hall:- All papers containing complaints regarding cutting of trees & unauthorized constructions were handed over to the collector for appropriate action.

7.5 There was a complaint received that unauthorized development works were being carried out in Chisti Manzil, a Grade II, Heritage Property, listed at Sr. No. 12 in the Panchagani List. The papers were handed over to the Residential Deputy Collector for necessary action through concerned officer & report in the next meeting.

7.6 Change in Heritage Sites:- Panchagani Council has sent the proposal to the Government for changes in the Heritage list. No such changes can be proposed without the approval of the Heritage Committee. Besides, the draft published list was already included in the approved ZMP and can not be changed without following procedure under MRTP Act. Appropriate action should be taken by the Chief Officer & put up before Heritage Committee.

7.7 Representation from Goradia:- Shri Khatri handed over to DDTP the papers for further action. Action taken would be reported in the next meeting.

The Committee placed on record the constructive role played by Ex. Collector Satara and member- secretary HLMC Shri S. P. Kadu Patil.

The next meeting was fixed in the office of the Collector Satara at 11.30 am. on 06/08/2011.

Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Committee
Collector Satara

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High Level Monitoring

Collector Office, Satara.
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For Collector Satara

Agenda for the meeting of 06/08/2011 at 11.30 am.

- 1) Confirmation of last meeting minutes (10/06/2011) .
- 2) Action Taken Report.
- 3) Preliminary Discussions with consultants for Tourism Master Plan. (Action M.T.D.C.)
- 4) Progress of S.T.P. & Solid Waste Plant, after discussion with NEERI
- 5) Venna Lake Development Plan.
- 6) Traffic & Transport Plan.
- 7) Final Publication of Zonal Master Plan.
- 8) Any other issues.

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
6th Aug. 2011 at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office Satara.**

Members present –

1. Shri Devavrat Mehta.	Chairman
2. Dr. Farrokh Wadia.	Member
3. Dr. Jay S. Samant.	Member
4. Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune Division Pune	Member
5. Shri. Zanwar Ramnivas, Representative of Director, Municipal Admn. Govt. of Maharashtra.	Member
6. Representative of Conservator of Forest, Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur.	Member
7. Dr. Vijay Paranjpye	Invitee
9. R. D. C. Satara	Member Secretary

Other officers –

1. Representative of Secretary of Envi. Dept. Gov. Of Mah.
2. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
3. Representative of Collector Office Raighad (Alibagh)
4. Shri. S.B. Shelke, Dy. Conservator of Forest Satara,
5. Shri. Sunil Sadamate, Asst. Director Town Planning Satara,
6. Shri. Prabhu, Town Planning Officer, Ratnagiri,
7. Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A. Satara,
8. Shri. J. S. Hajara, Dy. Regional officer, Pollution Control Board Satara,
9. Shri. V. A. Pataskar, Dy. Engineer, P.W.D. Satara
10. Representative of Ex. Engineer M.S.E.D. Company Ltd. Wai.
11. Shri. Vikas Kharat, Tahasildar (Rev.) Collector office, Satara.
12. Shri. Nilprasad Chavan, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar.
13. Shri. G. V. Bairagi, Block Development Officer, Mahabaleshwar,
14. Taluka Agri Officer, Mahabaleshwar.
15. Smt. Mayura Kshirsagar, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council,
16. Smt. A. S. Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council,
17. Shri. More, Dy. Superintendent of Land Record Mahabaleshwar,
18. Smt. Smita Pawar, Naib Tahasildar (Rev.) Collector Office, Satara.
19. Shri. Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar,

The chairman welcomed all H.L.M.C. members and officers, their staff.

- 1). The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June were confirmed with following modification:

At 2) action taken report, 2.1, read 'DDTP' in place of 'ADTP'

2). Action taken report,

- 2.1:** RDC informed that a meeting of concerned departments was taken to direct them to prepare programmes as per points listed in the chapter 17 of draft zonal plan and proposals for fund requirements. Compliance would be reported in the next meeting by RDC.
- 2.2: Transport and Traffic Management Plan** - Tahasildar and both Chief Officer's have furnished required information to transport & traffic consultants. Their report will be presented in the next meeting
- 2.3 Rationalization of Buffer Zone:** - Action to prepare buffer zone regulations was being taken.
- 2.4 Amusement Park Panchgani:** - D.D.T.P. pune had submitted report to director town planning regarding violations at Panchgani amusement park. His decision would be put up before H.L.M.C.
- 2.5 Final Notification Zonal Master Plan:** - D.D.T.P. informed that Zonal Master Plan with all corrections would be submitted in following fortnight to MoEF for their stamp of approval.
- 2.6 Unauthorized Go-Carting Centers:** - Tahasildar informed that FIR was lodged against unauthorized go-carting centers. He was directed to seal such premises where there was no specific court stay. Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar should personally visit the premises of 'red buttons', verify complaints of tree cutting and unauthorized construction and report action taken. Chief Officer should also fix responsibility for not attending court summons in this case and report action taken.

3) Venna lake development - Dr. Wadia informed that considerable data was collected from concerned departments, some more was expected. The sub-group was concentrating on the protection and cleaning of the lake and would like to push for assistance from Central & State schemes. R.D.C. informed that S.D.O. was taking action under S. 133 of C.R.P.C. against all creating nuisance on the lakeside. It was opined that they could be proceeded with simultaneously under E.P.A. and relevant regulations regarding protection of drinking water reservoirs. It was decided that the flood line and future submergence line should be marked on the D.P. as well as on the site. This information was urgent as the process of finalization of D.P. had already started.

4) Development plans of Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar:- Chairman has sent H.L.M.C. views to secretary U.D.D. and D.D.T.P. Pune. Their action would be placed before H.L.M.C. in due course.

5) S.T.P. :- Members were of the view that solid waste management plants in both towns were non-functional. Mr. Mirashe advised that the existing heap of collected waste should be first capped. All ongoing waste collection should be then processed in the plants. Chief Officer Panchgani should expeditiously install the roof on the plant and carry out other necessary repairs. Both Chief Officers should report action in the next meeting.

It was informed that a joint meeting was taken of the representatives of NEERI and Pollution Control Board to discuss steps for execution of STP projects. Action as recommended should be taken after taking Collector's approval. The reports of both Chief Officers is enclosed.

6) Presentations of Fauna of Eco-Sensitive-Zone by Dr. Sharma, Zoological Survey of India:- A C.D. of the presentation on fauna by zoological survey was given to Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar for supplying copies to both councils, Tahasildar, other Govt. departments, interpretation centres etc.

7) Other Issues:-

7.1 Tourism Master Plan:- The Chairman informed that he had conveyed to Secretary Tourism and M.T.D.C, H.L.M.C. reservations on the qualifications prescribed for appointment of consultants for preparing Tourism Master Plan. They had assured that experts on eco-tourism, agro, rural, adventure and heritage tourism would be associated so that consultancy recommendations are in consonance with tourism strategy laid out in Zonal Master Plan. M.T.D.C. was asked to inform the selected consultancy team to present its approach in the next H.L.M.C. meeting.

Discussions with consultants for Tourism Master Plan would be held in the next meeting as they were not yet appointed by M.T.D.C.

7.2 Compound walls:- Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar was asked to give specific report on each complaint of unauthorized height of compound wall and report action taken. Such walls should be demolished if they were not as per regulations.

7.3: Sub Divisional Officer Wai should report action taken against A.S.I. for illegal tree cutting at Kshetra Mahabaleshwar and report action.

7.4. Florence Hall:- Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar reported that the building permission issued by Chief Officer in case of Florence Hall appeared to be different from the one recommended by A.D.T.P. Satara. It was decided that all relevant papers should be sent to A.D.T.P. for recommending action.

7.5: Chistia Manzil :- Report from RDC on unauthorized work in Chistia Manzil would be put up in the next meeting.

7.6: Change in Heritage Sites:- The Chairman informed that the matter regarding changes proposed by Panchgani Council in heritage sites needed to be studied further and would be considered in the next meeting.

7.7: Representation from Goradia:- Sonu Singh of MoEF had sent an e mail on 5th August to consider the request of Goradia and to drop conditions imposed by DDTP. The action taken under M.R.T.P. Act by Director Town Planning, who was in the process of giving a hearing to the aggrieved party, should be put up in the next meeting so that MoEF can be apprised. The views of MoEF should be communicated to the director, town planning.

8 :- Any Other Issue-

8.1 – Chief Officers and Tahasildar should prescribe that every new construction application should have designs and technology proposed for STP/appropriate alternative, water harvesting, solar energy, disposal of solid & liquid waste. The NOC of

the pollution control authorities was a must in case of resorts, hotels, industries etc commercial uses and for boarding schools, hostels, etc where large scale human habitat was expected. No application should be accepted unless NOC was attached.

8.2 - It was decided that by the 1st of October following reports would be circulated to members by the member-secretary

- 1 Reports of Chief Officers on STPs & solid waste management-progress
- 2 A.D.T.P. report on Buffer zone regulations
- 3 Draft Transport & Traffic plan
- 4 Venna sub-group –interim report

The Meeting ended with thanks to all members.

H.L.M.C. meeting on 4th and 5th Nov. 2011.

4th Nov. 2011 - There will be local group meetings as under

- 2.30 p.m. Panchgani
- 3.30 p.m. Mahabaleshwar
- 4.30 p.m. Rural group

The councilors, elected representatives, Z.P., Panchayat Samiti members and stakeholders should be invited as usual

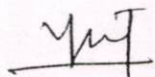
5th Nov. 2011 –

11.00 a.m. H.L.M.C. Meeting Assemble at Darbar Hall, Mahabaleshwar.

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Agenda for the meeting of 05/11/2011 at 11.00 am.

- 1) Confirmation of last meeting minutes (06/08/2011)
- 2) Action Taken Report.
- 3). Tourism Master Plan Discussions with consultants for Tourism Master Plan appointed by MTDC
- 4). STP s
- 5). Venna Lake Development Plan.
- 6). Traffic and Transport Plan.
- 7). Submission of CORRECTED Zonal Master Plan to MoEF.
- 8). Buffer Zone Regulations.
- 9). Any other issues.

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
17th Dec. 2011 at 10.00 a.m. Darbar Hall, Raj Bhawan, Mahableshwar.**

Members present –

1. Shri Devavrat Mehta.	Chairman
2. Dr. Farrokh Wadia.	Member
3. Dr. Jay S. Samant.	Member
4. Deputy Director Town Planning, Pune Division Pune	Member
5. Shri. P.K.Mirashe, Rep. Secretary (Enviroment) Govt. Of Maharashtra	Member
6. Shri. Zanwar Ramnivas, Representative of Director, Municipal Admn.Govt.of Maharashtra.	Member
7. Chief of Conservator of Forest, Kolhapur Circle Kolhapur.	Member
8. Dr. Vijay Paranjpye	Invitee
9. Dr N. Ramaswami, Collector Satara	Member Secretary

Other officers –

1. Jagdish Patil, M. D. M.T.D.C. Mumbai
2. Shri. Bhosale, Dy.Conservoter of Forest Satara,
3. Shri. Sunil Sadamate, Asst.Director Town Planning Satara,
4. Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A.Satara,
5. Shri. J. S. Hajare, Dy.Regional officer, Pollution Control Board Satara,
6. Regional Manager,M.T.D.C. Pune.
7. Shri. V. A. Pataskar, Dy. Engineer, P.W.D . Satara
8. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
9. Shri. Suraj Waghmare, Sub. Divisional Officer, Wai.
10. Shri. Nilprasad Chavan, Tahasildar Mahableshwar.
11. Smt. Smita Pawar, Naib Tahasildar (Rev.) Collector office, Satara
12. Representative, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council,
13. Smt. A. S. Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council,
14. Shri. More, Dy. Superintendent of Land Record Mahabaleshwar,
15. Shri. Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar,
16. Shri. Mundivale, Maharashtra State Transport, Satara.
17. Shri. G. J. Mhetras, Traffic Police, Satara.
18. Police Inspector, Mahableshwar,
19. Ex. Engineer.P.W.D. (w.) Satara
20. Manager, M.T.D.C. Mahableshwar
21. Police Inspector, Mahableshwar.
22. Sub. Div. Eng. M.G.P. Sub Div. No. 2 Satara.
23. Dy. Eng. P.W.D. Mahableshwar
24. Division Controlar, M.S.R.T.C. Satara

The chairman welcomed all H.L.M.C. members and officers, their staff.

2). Action taken report:-

2.1 RDC Satara asked the concerned implementing agencies to communicate the requirement of funds to implement recommendations contained in the chapter 17 of ZMP on or before 15th Jan. 2012.

3.1- Traffic Plan:- Shri Gokhale & Shri Gera presented Traffic Plan for Mahabaleshwar & Panchgani City. The Committee applauded the painstaking efforts of the consultants to collect data and to give a comprehensive report. All present were requested to give their suggestions on the recommendations. The HLMC will consider all suggestions and accept recommendations accordingly. In the meanwhile HLMC recorded its appreciation for the report prepared after several visits and many man-hours, without charging any fees. Both councils were requested to send appreciation letters to the consultants.

It was decided in the meeting:

- a) PWD, Police Department, Forest Department, C.O.'s of Mahabaleshwar & Panchgani Municipal Council & M.S.R.T.C. should make spot inspection about Traffic Signals & give detail report in next meeting. P.W.D. & Police should give proposals for funds from D.P.D.C. before 27/12/2011 to erect traffic signals in Mahabaleshwar at 2 spots & in Panchgani at 1 spot.
- b) A permanent sub-committee headed by S.D.O. Wai, with both Chief Officers, representatives of MTDC, Police, Forest & MSRTC, as members, be formed by S.D.O. Wai for Traffic & Transport Management.
- c) The HLMC members to form groups along with officials & consultants for pilot project at Makhria Chowk, Venna Lake, Shivaji chowk and for the implementation of suggestions of the consultants. An amount of Rs.10 lakhs, to begin with, would be set aside from DPDC/other provisions for the project.
- d) All stakeholders and govt. agencies were to submit their suggestions & observations on the Traffic Plan to the respective councils before 31 January 2012. The cds of the report are available with cos, tehsildar.

3.2- Private Buses Parking:- H.L.M.C. requested M.S.R.T.C. to make available their S.T. stand on rent basis for private Bus parking. The response of MSRTC will be reported in the next meeting.

4.1- Tourism Master Plan:- A presentation of the Tourism Master Plan was made by Shri Amol Khair of Aakar Abhinav Consultants Pvt. Ltd & Shri Sule Vastu Yojana, Navi Mumbai. The Chairman emphasized that the framework should be as per the TOR approved by the HLMC. MD, MTDC stated that the Consultants could get their draft plan ready by March 2012 as most of the data for the Region was already available with different agencies. Considerable information was available with Mr David Cardoz, Dr Samant, Dr Paranjpye and Ms Hema Ramani. It could be made available to them if they approach. The chairman suggested that a small sub-group of HLMC should inter-act with consultants while report was being prepared. It was also suggested that the representative of MTDC must be present for the sub-group meetings on the subject.. MD, MTDC and the consultants assured to do the needful.

4.2- Panchgani ST stand toilets:- The Divisional Controller of MSRTC was informed that the toilets around Panchgani ST stand must be cleaned as early as possible.

5- S.T.P. :- It was noted that the STPs were still not commissioned despite a contempt petition and many reminders from the HLMC. It was decided that based on the technical expertise of NEERI the STPs for both the councils along with the SWMF for the both the councils should be set up at the earliest.

6- Venna Lake:- Chairman requested Dr. Paranjape, Dr. Samant & Mr. wadia to make spot inspection of Venna Lake & send report as early as possible.

7 -Buffer Zone:- Chairman requested Dr. Samant to organize meetings on Buffer Zone with town planning officers & prepare draft Building By Laws & Development control rules for the buffer zone.

8 About Grant:- A Grant of Rs. 10 Lac has been provided for the year 2011-12 for HLMC work. Rs. 7 lac may be allocated for Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council & remaining Rs. 3 lac for Panchgani Municipal Council, mainly to implement traffic plan..

9 – Other Issues:-

9.1 Reservation on Heritage Properties in DPs of Mahabaleshwar & Panchgani:- Chairman advised the Collector to write to State Government, recommending cancellation of reservation on Heritage Properties as the term of the Heritage Conservation Committee had come to an end & new committee was yet to be formed,

9.2 – Dumping of Material and Construction activity on Forest land R.S. No. 223 Mahabaleshwar:- Shri Bhosale D.F.O. told that the dumped-waste material was cleaned by concern person and now there was no dumped material on R.S. No. 223.

9.3 C.T.S. No.414, 141/1 & 415 Consoling and Building Permission:- Chairman said that H.L.M.C. would make a site visit and then take decision regarding permission.

9.4 C.T.S. No. 144/B, C.T.S. No. 111/B Building Permission for commercial purpose:-

H.L.M.C. would make a site visit and then take decision regarding permission.

9.5 Performance & Premises Licence:-- In Green Zone the decision regarding permission for go-carting cannot be given as the final approved of Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani Regional Plan did not provide for the same.

9.6 Mahesh Garodiya:-- Chairman asked to A.D.T.P. Satara to prepare detail report in English & submit the facts to MoEF Government of India through HLMC.

9.7 Sherwood Hotel :- Chairman instructed that S.D.O. should make spot inspection & submit the detailed report in the next meeting.

9.8 Mapro:- Shree Mayur Jaykumar Vora had submitted proposal for permission of Agro based industry at Kaswand in Sr.No. 38/1B & 38/1D. The respective Sr. No. is situated in Green Zone. In Green Zone N.A. permission for this purpose can't be given according to Mahabaleshwar-Panchagani Regional Development Plan 1984-2001, Chapter No. 7.1.1.2 (C) & (D). It was decided that as per approved ZMP, for Agri based Industry there was no need to take N.A. permission & in Green Zone Agro Industry can be permitted. The Collector can give permission for Building of Agro Industry.

The Chairman fixed the next meeting on 2nd and 3rd March 2012.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to all members.

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High Level Monitoring Committee &
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H.L.M.C. meeting on 2nd & 3rd March 2011.

2nd March 2012 - There will be local group meetings as under

- 2.30 p.m. Panchgani
- 3.30 p.m. Mahabaleshwar
- 4.30 p.m. Rural group

The councilors, elected representatives, Z.P., Panchayat Samiti members & stakeholders should be invited as usual

3rd March 2012-

9am to 10.30am-site visits.

11.00 a.m. H.L.M.C. Meeting Assemble at Darbar Hall, Mahabaleshwar.

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Agenda for the meeting of 3rd March 2012 at 11.00 am.

- 1) Confirmation of last meeting minutes (17/12/2011)
- 2) Action Taken Report.
- 3). Tourism Master Plan Discussions with consultants for Tourism Master Plan appointed by MTDC
- 4). Traffic and Transport Plan.
- 5). STP s
- 5). Follow up on the report of Venna Lake Development Plan.
- 6] Follow up on Table land report.
- 7] Actions for the implementation of ZMP
- 8). Buffer Zone Regulations.
- 9). Any other issues.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Venna Lake Sub Group of the HLMC held
on 16th December 2011 at Raj Bhavan, Mahabaleshwar**

Members Present:

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| 1. | Dr. F. F. Wadia | - Chairman of the Venna Lake Sub Group & Member of HLMC for MPESZ |
| 2. | Dr. Jay Samant | - Member HLMC for MPESZ |
| 3. | Dr. Vijay Paranjpaye | - Expert invitee |
| 4. | Shri. S.J. Sadamate | - Assistant Director Town Planning, Satara |
| 5. | Shri. S.M.Khot | - Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar |
| 6. | Shri. Vinod V. Munjappa | - Minor Irrigation Department |
| 7. | Shri. S.A. Kodak | - Maharashtra Jeevan Pradikaran (MJP) |
| 8. | Shri. Katekar | - Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council |
| 9. | Smt. Hema Kamani | - Special Invitee, BEAG |

Dr. Jay Samant started the session highlighting the importance of the need to preserve and conserve the Lake as it is an unique high altitude lake in the WG (above 1000 msl) and the only in Maharashtra with tremendous ecological importance. Further it being the main source of drinking water for the townships of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani, protection of the environs and conservation of the ecology was to be accorded top priority as stated below:

CONCLUSION

The Venna Lake, along with its entire catchment and immediate surroundings to be considered for lake conservation activity under the existing MMC resources and district administration funding. A special new proposal to be prepared for funding under NLCP or and SLCP for long term conservation of the unique high altitude water body. A detail scientific conservation plan for the lake needs to be prepared at the earliest.

Protective Measures

1. The entire lake area along with its catchment and immediate surroundings to be considered for lake conservation activity under NLCP or and SLCP.
2. As an immediate priority, aspects such as DIP, SVMF, vehicular traffic control to be looked into to restrict pollution.
3. As an immediate priority, aspects such as sewage, solid waste, vehicular

- traffic, parking and horse rides on lake bund, eateries, recreation activities, boating activity etc. to be looked into and monitored to restrict pollution through proper STP, SWMF.
4. Being main source of potable water to the two hill towns, misuse and abuse of drinking water, if any, to be stopped by rationalising the vital resource use.
 5. Rain water harvesting, recycling and reuse of water to be encouraged in the entire ESZ to augment present and future water demand.
 6. All measures to prevent deforestation, catchment erosion and Lake Siltation to be made an integral part of Lake Catchment conservation.
 7. The lake being oligotrophic, a proper check to be maintained to ensure that it does not become eutrophic by pollution, nutrient enrichment, aquatic weeds, etc.
 8. Control on water level fluctuations, discharge etc., to be undertaken in order to retain optimum water level in the lake for its hydrological, aquatic, biological and ecological functions.
 9. Strict regulation and monitoring of recreational activities in and around the lake such as boating, horse rides around the lake, amusement park games etc to be maintained
 10. Regulation and monitoring of recreational activities and boating activities on the lake
 11. Petit Road to be used mainly for pedestrian flow of visitors and there should be pedestrian access all around the lake periphery, part of which can function as a recreational area.
 12. Petit Road should not be widened but properly maintained and connected to the state highway near dam spillway. The road is to be primarily used for pedestrian flow of visitors only, and only during emergency for light vehicles.
 13. There should be a proper and safe pedestal access for visitors all around the lake periphery by a walkway/ paved footpath. Identified part of which can be developed as eco-tourism area, recreational area.
 14. Restriction on new construction/ expansion in and around the lake in the catchment area such as hotels, eateries, ropeways, stands, amusement parks etc. and existing constructions to adhere to strict regulations.
 15. The nature interpretation centre, resting places, sheds and other similar public amenities, temporarily or semi permanent, should be bare minimum and strictly constructed in ecofriendly style. The purpose is to maintain the

natural ambience and tranquility all around the lake.

16. Self sustaining toilets/urinals as public facility to be provided at suitable sites around the lake. However, every care should be taken to ensure zero pollution through them.

CONSERVATION MEASURES

1. All the necessary measures to be taken to maintain the unique ecological characteristics of the lake.
2. Protect and maintain the natural vegetation and eco sensitive character in catchment around the lake.
3. Conservation of lake related fauna such as fish, reptiles, birds etc.
4. The ecological parameters to be monitored periodically by experts.

BEAUTIFICATION (ONLY RESTORATION TO NEAR NATURAL CONDITIONS)

1. No ornamental garden or landscaping to disturb the natural heritage and ambience on the periphery and dam site. However, suitable restoration measures to be made to increase the near natural condition of the lake.
2. No rope ways, no oil sleaks
3. The Bridle path around the lake for pedestrian to be paved.
4. Endemic trees and shrubs to be planted wherever possible, where the lake boundary is degraded or exposed.
5. Development of nature trails, horse rides, wilderness sites in mentioned areas around lake and in the catchment
6. Proper signages to be installed all around the lake to create conservation awareness among the visitors.
7. Nature interpretation centre to be created at the suitable site.

Representative of MJP informed the Committee that a beautification plan for the top of the dam has been drawn and been sent to approval.

It was brought to the notice that the lake being ecologically critical and in the ESZ, the thrust is on protection and conservation of natural beauty and restoration of the same, which may have been declined in dam construction. Thus conventional beautification activity may not be appropriate here.

Therefore Committee requested the MJP to hold implementation of the beautification plan in an isolated manner as it would defeat the purpose of

conservation and chances of obtaining funding under the NLCP and or SLCP.

The Committee directed the concerned four departments i.e. Forest, MJP, Irrigation and Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council have to work in an integrated manner and that no projects on the lake was to be undertaken by any of the department without consulting others.

Dr. Vijay Paranjpye stressed on the need to augment water supply through conservation/development of the Venna and Glenogle Lake in Mahabaleshwar and also called for information/requirements from each department for preparing of proposal under the NLCP/SLCP.

- a. A fresh assessment for average annual availability of water within the MPESZ based on a minimum of 20 years rainfall data from the Mahabaleshwar Meteorology Station. Similarly, fresh annual average yield assessment to establish the rainfall-runoff relationship to be undertaken.
- b. Carry out a flood zoning study in order to identify the restrictive zone (blue line) where no construction or development activity should be permitted, the high flood line (yellow line) (once in 25 years return flood) where development may be permitted within strict regulations, and the dam burst curve indicating the caution line (red line), where construction and development can be permitted with relatively less stringent regulation.
- c. MJP to prepare the demand assessment for the projected population as given in the Regional Plan and the floating population as projected in the Development Plan, with the relevant MJP norms and assuming about 20% rate of transmission and distribution losses/ leakages.
- d. The Forest Department to prepare a Catchment Area Development Plan as per the Western Ghats Eco Development Guide lines for Catchment Area of the Venna Lake, Catchment Area of the Glenoble Lake and Catchment Area covering rest of the area under the forest. Considering the fact that this area is under the ESZ and in the view of the extraordinary intensity of the rainfall and the lateritic and eco-sensitive nature of the terrain the Forest Department may apply the norm of Rs. 19,000 per hectare.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar will be the nodal agency and the concerned departments to provide the data by end of February.

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
3rd March 2012 at 11.00 a.m. Darbar Hall, Raj Bhawan, Mahableshwar.**

Members present –

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| 1. Shri Devavrat Mehta. | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Farrokh Wadia. | Member |
| 3. Dr. Jay S. Samant. | Member |
| 4. Deputy Director Town Planning,
Pune Division Pune | Member |
| 5. Shri. P.K.Mirashe, Rep. Secretary (Enviroment)
Govt. Of Maharashtra | Member |
| 6. Shri. Zanwar Ramnivas, Representative of
Director, Municipal Admn.Govt.of Maharashtra. | Member |
| 7. Dr. Vijay Paranjpye | Invitee |
| 9. Shri. B. S. Parhad, Collector satara | Member Secretary |

Other officers –

1. Representative, M.T.D.C. Mumbai
2. Representative of Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Govt. of Maharashtra,
3. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
4. Shri. Sunil Sadamate, Asst.Director Town Planning Satara,
5. Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A.Satara,
6. Dy.Regional officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Satara,
7. Regional Manager, M.T.D.C. Pune.
8. Shri. V. A. Pataskar, Dy. Engineer, P.W.D . Mahabaleshwar,
9. Shri. Dr. Vikas Kharat, Tahasildar (Rev.) Collector office, Satara
10. Representative, Sub. Divisional Officer, Wai.
11. Shri. Nilprasad Chavan, Tahasildar Mahableshwar.
12. Smt. Mayura Shindekar, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council,
13. Smt. A. S. Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council,
14. Shri. More, Dy. Superintendent of Land Record Mahabaleshwar,
15. Shri. Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar,
16. Shri. A. R. Mundivale, Divisional Controller, M.S.R.T.C. Satara.
17. Shri. G. J. Mhetras, Traffic Police, Satara.
18. Shri. N. B. Kohinkar, Police Inspector, Mahableshwar,
19. Manager, M.T.D.C. Mahableshwar
20. Sub. Div. Eng. M.G.P. Sub Div. No. 2 Satara.

The chairman welcomed all H.L.M.C. members and officers, their staff.
The minutes of the meeting dated 17/12/2011 were confirmed.

2). Action taken report:-

2.1 RDC informed that the implementing agencies have not conveyed budget provisions being made to implement recommendations contained in the chapter 17 of the Zonal Master Plan. He would again follow up.

3.1- Traffic Plan:- See agenda at item no. 4.

3.2- Private Buses Parking:- The M.S.R.T.C. have not agreed to allow private bus parking in their premises. (letter attached). It was decided that take up the matter with the vice chairman to M.S.R.T.C. to treat Mahabaleshwar as a special case.

4.1- Tourism Master Plan:- See agenda item no. 3.

4.2- Panchgani ST stand toilets:- M.S.R.T.C. has taken up of the work of cleaning the toilet.

5- S.T.P. :- See agenda item no. 5.

6- Venna Lake:- See agenda item no. 6.

7 -Buffer Zone:- See agenda item no. 9.

8 – About Grants:- R.D.C. informed that grant of Rs. 3 Lakhs to Panchgani & of Rs. 7 Lakhs to Mahabaleshwar Councils were being sanctioned to implement traffic plan. The Chairman requested Dr. Paranjpye to complete the activities approved by H.L.M.C. to create awareness about E.S.Z. & the Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar to publish tourist maps before the next meeting. This would exhaust the grant of Rs. 10 Lakhs sanctioned by the Collector last year.

9 – Other Issues:-

9.1 Reservation on Heritage Properties in DPs of Mahabaleshwar & Panchgani:- The Collector has informed the Secretary U.D.D. the views of the High Level Monitoring Committee & Heritage Conservation Committee.

9.2-Dumping of Material and Constrution activity on Forest land R.S. No. 223 Mahabaleshwar:- Noted.

9.3-C.T.S. No.414, 141/1 & 415 Consolting and Building Permission:- Chairman informed that he & concerned officers visited the site & found that the proposal was to rebuild existing 22 rooms. The existing no. of rooms is 22 & the same no. would remain after reconstruction. The proposal A.D.T.P. to give sanction was approved.

9.4-C.T.S. No. 144/B, C.T.S. No. 111/B Building Permission for commercial purpose:- It was decided that permission had already lapsed. The applicants should apply fresh.

9.5-Performance & Premises Licence:- See agenda item no. 10.B.

9.6-Mahesh Garodiya:- The report of A.D.T.P was placed on the table. The MoEF,by letter dated 7th June 2011 that no land in green zone was to be converted in to the non green uses. It was decided to forward A.D.T.P.'s report to MoEF clearly mentioning H.L.M.C. view that if one exception was made to this policy, it would invite many such applications creating legal complications.

9.7-Sherwood Hotel :- It was decided that M.P.C.B. would follow up & consider the matter for issuing consent after confirming the adequacy of S.T.P. & inform action taken in the next meeting.

9.8-Mapro:- R.D.C. informed that in view of the letter of MoEF dated 7th june 2011, it was not clear whether Agrobased Industry can be permitted in green zone. Clarification was requested from U.D.D.. After some discussion, H.L.M.C. clarified that under provisions of Chapter No. 15,

point no. 10.5.B, the approved Z.M.P. states that "For improving financial conditions of the local people, agriculture allied small scale activities for storing locally produced agricultural product such activities shall be permitted on existing roads irrespective of the width." Such activities are permissible in green zone accordingly.

3. Tourism Master Plan:- The consultants present the draft plan, the following issues were discussed.

- A) Further tourism development should take place in Bufferzone & beyond as carrying capacity in the E.S.Z. was already exhausted.
- B) A.D.T.P. suggested that only Eco tourism should be permitted.
- C) Shri. Ravi Kadam pointed out that the service providers to hotels were being pushed out of the town. The nature of tourism Development in both towns was different & we should not depend just on figures. The H.L.M.C. appreciated his views & advised him to hold detailed discussions with the consultants.
- D) P.W.D. representative stated that the safety of tourist & sites should be ensured.
- E) It was decided that the consultants would prepare micro level site management plans for 10 important tourist sites like Sunset point, Arthur seat point, Venna lake, etc.

The Chairman requested all members to convey their views & suggestions to the consultants before 18th March 2012. so that they can prepare amended Tourism Master Plan before the 9th April 2012. The C.D.s of the presentation were given to all members. Both Chief Officers were requested to give wild publicity that C.D.s were available to all members of public, for their suggestions.

4. Traffic & Transport Plan:- The Committee accepted the recommendations made by consultants. It was decided to immediately take up short term measures which mainly deal with traffic management. All other recommendations should be further studied, options analysed & E.I.A. done before implementation.

The information supplied by the Police & P.W.D. for traffic management at 3 selected chowks was noted & appreciated. It was found that both Chief Officers had not prepared agenda item for the installation of traffic lights at 3 selected chowks. After taking into consideration the proposal of the consultants & the reports of the P.W.D. & Police, the final proposal should be processed as per the procedures of Municipal Councils & action taken should be put up before the H.L.M.C. in the next meeting. Shri Pataskar, Dy. Engineer, P.W.D. was requested to coordinate & guide the Chief Officers with the help of local Police.

5. S.T.P.:- The Committee noted with grave concern that there has been no progress in the matter of S.T.P. & solid waste disposal. Both Chief Officers were asked to comply with the action suggested in NEERI report & submit status report in English, so that it can be forwarded to MoEF.

Their report can be sent to the chairman H.L.M.C. through Collector & member secretary before 25th March 2012.

6. Venna Lake:- Dr. Wadia informed that the report would be completed & sent to the Collector by 31 March, for circulation to all members. The Addl. Collector was requested to do the needful without waiting for the next H.L.M.C. meeting.

7. Follow up on Table Land Report:- The Chairman informed that a detailed discussion was held on the 2nd March 2012 with the Stall Owners, Ghodawalas & Horse Bughee Operators regarding the present business that is being carried on the Table Land, Panchgani.

It was further informed that the Plan prepared by Shri. Ravi Kadam was previously discussed over two official meetings by the litigants on

- a). 16th December 2011, in the presence of HLMC members Dr. Jay Samant and Dr. F. F. Wadia.
- b). 6th January 2012, amongst only the litigants.

These meetings led to the Plan being approved by all concerned with some changes. Shri. Ravi Kadam, presented the Plan to H.L.M.C.

It was decided that the following decision of HLMC will be implemented subject to the approval of the Hon. High Court.

1. The total no. of 31 Stall Owners [including one outdoor activity-mini train] will remain unchanged & would not be allowed to exceed.
2. The area of the stall will not exceed 10ft x 10ft.
3. There will be a common Food Court to be maintained by all Stall Owners.
4. The track for Buggies & Horses will be 40 feet away from the edge of the plateau.
5. The track will not exceed 14 feet in width.
6. The exact no. of licensed Horses & Buggies would be verified from the Police.
7. Only existing licensed Operators will be permitted to use Tableland for Horses & Buggies and the total no. of horses and buggies will not be allowed to exceed the existing number.

If such a plan was acceptable to all concerned, the litigants should sign the Plan and the same should be presented before Hon'ble High Court of Bombay.

The implementation of the detailed Plan with conditions as stipulated above and as approved by the Hon. High Court will be the responsibility of 3 members Supervising Committee consisting of Panchgani Council, Police & Table Land Association.

Further the same Committee will supervise the effective functioning of day to day maintenance and other conditions as stipulated by the High Court Monitoring Committee and the Hon. High Court.

Shri Ravi Kadam was also requested to prepare a Total Management Plan of the site, including parking, first aid, etc. facilities etc and circulate the same before the 9th April 2012.

8. Actions for the Implementation of Zonal Master Plan.:- Chairman pointed out the tenure of the present H.L.M.C. would come to an end on the 25th May 2012. It would be useful if an

assessment was made of the work carried out by H.L.M.C. It was also necessary to highlight important issues of action which the next committee should look into. Some of the important issues were.

- a. Final publication of Zonal Master Plan.
- b. Development Plans of Mahabaleshwar & Panchagani Councils.
- c. Policy on Forest Alike Areas.
- d. Organic Farming.
- e. S.T.P. & Solid Waste Disposal.
- f. Green Architecture.
- g. Maintenance of rides.
- h. Setting up of IMD station.
- i. Making E.S.Z. plastic free

It was decided that the members would send their suggestions to Dr. Samant by E-mail. Dr. Samant agreed to prepare a comprehensive note for circulation in the next H.L.M.C. Meeting.

9. Buffer Zone Regulations:- A.D.T.P. assured to make the final presentation of the regulations in the next meeting. In the meanwhile the draft regulations must be sent by ADTP Satara to the A.D.T.P.s of Ratnagiri & Raighad districts for necessary action.

10. Any Other Issues:-

10.1. Construction of Watch Tower by Forest Department, at Cannought Peak Point:- The proposal of Forest Department was considered. The members were of the view that Cannought Peak Point was at a sufficient height for surveying surrounding areas. There appeared no reason to install a cement concrete tower on a natural heritage site for the purpose of keeping a watch, as the additional height gave no additional benefits. In this regard the letter of advisor MoEF dated 15th February 2010 was circulated (letter attached). The MoEF was of the view that RCC tower was in violation of the provisions of the ESZ notification. The members were unanimous that such construction was not permissible & should be demolished forthwith & all rubble should be removed from the site by forest authorities without any delay.

The forest department was requested to present all their plans for ESZ area in the next H.L.M.C. meeting so that they can be considered before implementation, to avoid repetition of such incidences.

10.2. Performance Licence for Amusement Park on Plot bearing Sr.No. 7 of Village Tayghat:- ADTP informed that according to the instructions of the Director of Town Planning to the applicants, they have given compliance report. It was decided to visit the site.

Dr. Wadia, Dr. Samant, Chairman, Shri Mirashe, Tahasildar, Chief Officer Panchagani, Dr. Paranjpye & other concerned officers visited the site. It was found that following compliance report were needed:

1. Points contained in the report of D.D.T.P. Ms. Naik,
2. 9 points drawn by H.L.M.C.
3. Panchagani Council, while giving permission, had imposed 29 conditions.
4. Conditions imposed by the State Government & M.P.C.B.
5. Orders of the Court to which the developers had appealed against HLMC orders

During the visit following issues were raised:

- a. ADTP was to clarify as to how the reservation of the park was converted into recreation park & what was permissible F.S.I. for a park and for a recreation park in the regulations applicable to Panchgani council.
- b. The developers would supply information on the total area of plantation with species & quantity. The water requirement for the fountain also was to be informed.
- c. The colour scheme should be green & earth colour. Some blue colour can be used to highlight some areas.
- d. The ground floor of the circular building should be used as the interpretation centre for ESZ. It should include films, posters, literature in the form of leaflets, cds etc. on flora, fauna, responsibilities of the tourists, heritage & tourist attractions etc. Dr. Paranjpye agreed to help in collecting suitable material.
- e. Microphone system should be used only for announcements and not for playing music.

The developers were requested to give 6 copies at entire compliance report to A.D.T.P. A.D.T.P. was to add information sought at the time of site visit. He was asked to supply both the reports to non official members, Chairman, collector & Chief Officer Panchgani during the next 15 days.

10.3. Dr. Paranjpye raised the following issues:-

- a. Wheat Research Centre is located in E.S.Z. It should be requested to operate as agro bio diversity centre. Addl. Collector was requested to send the necessary communications & seek their response.
- b. Forest Department should carry out Bio Diversity Studies on the wild life & various species in the E.S.Z.

10.4. Chairman informed that the State Government was in the process of forwarding development plan of Panchgani council to MoEF. If this plan was received by H.L.M.C., it would be necessary to study it with speed & formulate recommendations to MoEF. In anticipation, a sub group headed by Dr. Wadia, was formed with Dr. Samant, Dr. Paranjpye, Dy. D. T.P. Avinash Patil & A.D.T.P. Satara as members. The group can avail of assistance of experts.. The sub group decided to meet in Pune.

10.5.-Request Of Indian Metrological Department:- A request of I.M.D. to start their operations. H.L.M.C. was of the view that this was an essential service in E.S.Z. & requested the Collector, to do the needful.

10.6-Forest Alike Areas:- ADTP informed that U.D.D. had appointed a committee to make regulations for forest Alike areas. H.L.M.C. was of the view that, as per the directions of Supreme Court, the FAA are 'deemed forest' & as such fall in the category of reserved forest. Under the circumstances only MoEF can make regulations its recommendation may not carry any legal sanctity. It was decided to seek clarification from State UDD & MoEF.

10.7-Shri. Patankar, Archologists Architecture of Satara:- He gave a presentation on Earth construction Technology. The committee was of the view that such technologies should be encouraged in E.S.Z. It was decided that Shri. Patankar, Dy. Engineer P.W.D., would organize a seminar for all agencies involved in construction activity like Z.P., Forest, P.W.D., Municipal Councils, etc. and architects practicing in ESZ and A.D.T.P.

10.8-Sulabh Shauchalaya:- A presentation was made by Sulabh Shauchalaya. It was decided that such toilets were necessary at all entry points, in the bazaar, near the bus stop, etc. They should be also provided in interpretations centres. Both the Chief Officers were asked to identify the sites & take the help of Sulabh for immediate construction.

The next meeting was fixed on 18th and 19th May 2012. The members were requested to stay on till 20th May, so that minutes can be approved by the present committee. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to all members.

H.L.M.C. Meeting on 18th, 19th & 20th May 2012.

18th May 2012 - There will be local group meetings as under

- 2.30 p.m. Panchgani
- 3.30 p.m. Mahabaleshwar
- 4.30 p.m. Rural group
- 5.00 p.m. Site visits

Both Chief Officers & Tahasildar should invite well in advance all the stake holders & elected representative for the meeting.

19th May 2012-

10.00 a.m. H.L.M.C. Meeting at Darbar Hall, Mahabaleshwar.
Instead of taking new issues the meeting will concentrate on the following:

- 1-Action taken report on the decisions of 3-3-2012 meeting
- 2- Compliance report on all decisions of HLMC, on which full compliance was still awaited

20th May 2012-

12.00 p.m. HLMC meeting for confirmation of minutes of the meeting of 19th May 2012

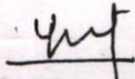
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For Collector Satara

Agenda for the meeting of 19th May 2012 at 11.00 am.

- 1) Confirmation of last meeting minutes (03/03/2012)
- 2) Action Taken Report on on the decisions of 3-3- 2012 meeting
- 3).Compliance report on all decisions in the meetings held in the years 2010 & 2011, on which final compliance was still awated.
- 4). Finalization of the Report on work done by current H.L.M.C. and a note for the next H.L.M.C.
- 5). Any other issues.

Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on 19th May 2012 at 10.00 a.m. Darbar Hall, Raj Bhawan, Mahableshwar.

Members present –

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| 1. Shri Devavrat Mehta. | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Farrokh Wadia. | Member |
| 3. Dr. Jay S. Samant. | Member |
| 4. Shri. A.D.Mohekar, Rep. Secretary (Environment)
Govt. Of Maharashtra | Member |
| 5. Dr. Vijay Paranjpye | Invitee <i>invitee</i> |
| 6. Dr.N.Ramaswamy, Collector, Satara. | Member Secretary |

Other officers –

1. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara.
2. Assistant Director Town Planning, Satara.
3. Shri. Sonappa Yamgar, Resident Deputy Collector Satara.
4. Senior Geologist, G.S.D.A.Satara,
5. Sub Divisional Officer, Wai.
6. Dy.Regional officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara,
7. Shri. V. A. Pataskar, Dy. Engineer, P.W.D. Mahabaleshwar,
8. Shri. Dr. Vikas Kharat, Tahasildar (Rev.) Collector office, Satara
9. Shri. Nilprasad Chavan, Tahasildar Mahabaleshwar.
10. Block Development Officer, Mahabaleshwar.
11. Smt. Mayura Shindekar, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council,
12. Smt. A. S. Raut, Chief Officer, Panchagani Municipal Council,
13. Shri. More, Dy. Superintendent of Land Record Mahabaleshwar,
14. Shri. Khot, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar,
15. Divisional Manager, M.S.R.T.C. Pune.
16. General Manager, M.T.D.C.
17. Executive Engineer, P.M.G.S.Y., Satara.
18. Assistant Conservator of Forest, Satara.
19. Shri.A.L.Ahire, Traffic Police, Satara.
20. Shri. N. B. Kohinkar, Police Inspector, Mahabaleshwar,

The chairman welcomed all H.L.M.C. members and officers, their staff.

1)The minutes of the meeting dated 03.03.2012 were confirmed.

2). Action taken report on the minutes of the meeting of 3-3-2012:-

2.1 Tourism Master Plan

The consultants informed that all changes suggested by HLMC would be incorporated in their report to MTDC/State Govt, with a copy to HLMC members. They were told that

HLMC would give its recommendations to MoEF after the report is finalized by state/central tourism authorities.

2.2 Traffic and Transport Plan

Both COs informed that they were in the process of installing traffic signals as recommended by the consultants.

2.3 STP

The CO, Mahabaleshwar informed that the first STP at Karamchari Nagar was commissioned in March 2012 and the second STP would be commissioned in the end of June.

The CO, Panchgani informed that one STP at Siddharat Nagar was built it will be commissioned only by the end of December 2012 as the sewerage lines connecting to the STP had to be laid. As concrete roads had to be dug, it would cause inconvenience to locals during the monsoon and hence the commissioning of the STP had been postponed. As regards the 2nd STP at Shivaji Nagar, the CO committed that the STP would be commissioned by 15th July 2012.

The third STP would be set up near Hindu crematorium and sanctions from MJP and funding from State was already obtained by the Council.

It was directed that for the STP to be set up at by the Panchgani Council near the Hindu crematorium, Natural Technology that has been suggested for smaller council areas b the State should be adopted as it was low on running costs.

2.4 Venna Lake

In earlier meetings HLHC was informed that SDM was following procedure under S133 of CRPC Act to ban all vehicles, horses and other activities which pollute the drinking water of the lake. However no progress was reported so far. Collector assured to expeditiously finalise the action. The Forest dept needed to stop all activities like camps, tents, recreation abutting the lake. It was made clear that till these basic steps were taken to prevent pollution, no progress on Venna Lake conservation can take place. Dr Wadia informed that considerable information was still awaited from several departments. Dr Paranjpye informed that flood line needed to be demarcated and maps provided to concerned authorities. A disaster management plan would have to be prepared.

It was decided that the team of Dr Samant, Dr Wadia and Dr Paranjpye would finalise the report and assist in getting the project approved under National Lake Conservation scheme. A copy should also be handed over to the next HLHC for follow up. The collector assured the co-operation of all departments. It was decided to appoint CO Mwar as the nodal officer and secretary of the sub-committee on Venna Lake.

2.5 PANCHGANI TABLELAND :

HLHC decided to review the decision taken in the meeting of 3-3-2012 due to certain subsequent developments and some new facts brought to its attention.

As far as the issues of stalls and parking are concerned, stakeholders, Municipal Council & BEAG have consented to the plan approved in that meeting and hence H.L.M.C. treated this aspect as closed, subject to the approval of the Hon'ble High Court.

As to the issue of permitting horse and horse cart rides, HLMC gave certain suggestions regarding the track on main tableland at the stakeholder meeting of 2nd March and at the meeting of HLMC on 3rd March. Unfortunately after that, Table land had a major accident in which the whole cart fell off the top and a girl and a horse died, several other girls in the cart were grievously injured leading to public outrage. In fact, such rides were banned on the main Tableland by the HC by its order of --. HLMC was informed by the CO that District Collector, Satara and Police have now strictly enforced the decision of not permitting the horses and carts to ply on the main Tableland pending decision of Hon'ble High Court.

It was also informed that the HC had directed a joint visit of an ecologist and Animal Welfare Inspector, Govt. of India. The Report of the ecologist is yet to be given but the Animal Welfare Inspector has given us a report [attached] on various violations under the Cruelty to Animals Act. These include registration & license for all horses and carts from the Animal Welfare Board, which is not complied with by the stakeholders. Thus, police authorities who were giving permission had no authority to give such licenses. It must be done under special Act and by the Animal Welfare Board. In view of this, all operations are illegal.

Police have accepted that they had no authority to give permissions and cancelled the licenses. The horse and cart owners have agreed to apply under the Law and register with the Animal Welfare Board. Once they have adhered to Animal laws, it is mandatory that the process of examination and ensuring that there is no cruelty to the animals is continuous. The Municipal Council has agreed to take the help of Veterinary Doctors for compliance.

It is also necessary to await the report of the ecologist before permitting such rides on table land. Considering all the above mentioned facts, the HLMC decided not to recommend its decision taken on 3-3-2012. It is directed that the litigants bring this fact to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court and await its directions.

2.6 Actions for implementation of Zonal Master Plan

It was noted that considerable follow up action remained to be taken. A status report would be prepared and circulated to all members, MoEF, GOM and next HLMC by the Chairman.

2.7 Buffer Zone Regulations

Dr Samant and ADTP Satara have prepared draft regulations which would have to be approved expeditiously by the committee headed by the collector. Dr Samant should be invited for the meeting. A copy of the approved regulations should be forwarded to collectors/ADTPs of Raigad and Ratnagiri districts for integration in their Regional Plans.

2.8 Watch Tower at Cannought Peak

It was made clear that general guidelines of MoEF for construction of watch tower and other activities are not applicable in ESZ. The approval of HLMC was necessary for all heritage sites, peaks, rivers, streams etc natural resources.

2.9 AMUSEMENT PARK PANCHGANI :

All the papers received from the Director of Town Planning and the Developers were placed in the meeting.

As to the change of reservation from park to Amusement Park, It was made after the ESZ Notification in the year 2001. Though the H.L.M.C. was not in existence at that time, the case should have been put before the Collector/MoEF by the Council instead of deciding on its own. When collector brought this fact to the notice of HLMC, in the meeting of- , HLMC was of the opinion that it was not a desirable activity in ESZ. Besides, there were several violations of conditions and existing laws and the Collector should not grant performing license. Accordingly Tehsildar sealed the premises on-

The developer went to the Sessions Court and obtained a stay and resumed operations despite govt. seal as Panchnama was not produced. However, the court upheld the decision of the collector . When the developers went in appeal in District Court, the Chief Officer of PMC filed an affidavit stating therein that, H.L.M.C. and collector had no authority to act as they did and that there was no objection to resumption of operations while appeal was pending. When these facts were brought on record, the Collector was advised to withdraw the earlier affidavits and file fresh affidavit stating therein that, as the operations were not authorized, a stay should be given. Further, disciplinary action should be taken against the concerned Officials.

As the matter is sub judice and views of HLMC are already on record, no further directives are necessary

2.10 Other issues

Reports were noted

3. ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members felt that more time was needed to study such a detailed report. They would send their comments to the collector for putting up before next HLMC.

However it was noted that rarely any action was taken to demolish unauthorized constructions and to proceed against offenders under several regulations which empower local authorities to take effective deterrent action. Collector assured to take up with SP the issue of arrest under MRTP Act, providing protection to municipal staff, taking action against those who break govt seal to resume illegal operations, etc

The example of King's Garden was discussed. A letter[enclosed] with all details was sent to collector to take action against a plot holder, who in the garb of a farm house has built 56 room hotel. No action has been taken under various laws, including Bombay Police Act for illegally running a hotel. The collector assured prompt action.

.It was also informed that no agency was above law and ASI should be proceeded against by the collector for cutting trees at Ksetra Mwar

4 Other Issues

4.1 PANCHGANI D.P. :

The MoEF by its letter dated 25th April 2012, has forwarded to the HLMC, the Draft DP of Panchgani Municipal Council for scrutiny and for suggesting modifications so that the plan in conformity with the policies of the Eco Sensitive Zone. The Ministry has sent the plan along with the proposed changes suggested by the GoM vide its letter dated 27/03/12.

While scrutinizing the above documents, it was noticed that there was considerable reduction in the green cover with 100% increase in Residential Zone and 37% decrease in Green Zone .

The members are of the view that in the ESZ such a substantial reduction in open spaces is not desirable. It should be our effort that while keeping in mind the future needs of the town, the use of existing open spaces for any commercial or residential purposes should be minimum.

After thorough discussion in the meeting the following was the consensus:

1. As per the policies of ESZ, the following conversions are discouraged unless absolutely necessary for providing vital infrastructure/ security and where no other alternative site is available.
 - a. From Agriculture/Green Zone to non green uses.
 - b. Forest Land for non forest purposes.
 - c. Heritage sites, both natural and man-made.
 - d. Identified 'Forest Alike Areas' (FAA).
2. The plan deals only with land use issues. In an ESZ, we have to be sensitive about conserving the environment, arresting further degradation of ecology, encouraging water conservation, organic farming and all other principals as laid down in the Vision and Mission document of the ZMP. As such, use of hill slopes, peaks and plateaus for any activity that would harm the ESZ should not be allowed.
3. Keeping these concerns in mind, the comments of HLMC on the Draft Plan are enclosed. There were certain issues on which clarification from ADTP Satara was required. As per the new amendment of the MRTP Act, the final Plan has to be published within 1 year of the Council submitting the Plan to the State i.e 5th June 2012. Considering the urgency, the HLMC authorized the Chairman to send suitable comments in conformity with the above principles after the receipt of information from ADTP and circulate to all Members.

4.2 Approval of Zonal Master Plan.

The MoEF letter : F. No. 2/40/2005-ESA dated 16th April 2012 was put before the meeting and the following decisions were taken.

- a. The several representations of Shri. Garodia were referred by MoEF to HLMC from time to time. These were previously discussed in three HLMC meetings and HLMC had sought clarification from Assistant Director of Town Planning, Satara. (ADTP)

As per report of the ADTP, Shri. Garodia is seeking conversion of Agriculture Zone to Residential Zone. The HLMC once again reiterated its view that such changes after the approval of ZMP by MoEF, if entertained at this stage, would invite many other such requests and should not be considered.

b. S.No.23 & 36 of Village Bhose:

The above mentioned representations has been earlier referred to us by MoEF vide letter no. F. No. Misc. /GVS/2010-RE dated 15/6/2010. Based on the Report of the Deputy Director of Town Planning, Pune Division, the HLMC discussed the facts and legal provisions in its meeting of 22nd October 2010 and made its recommendations to the MoEF vide letter 19th November 2010.

The recommendations of the HLMC were that the survey nos. 23 & 36 of Village Bhose need to be treated as Residential Zone as the same were shown in the earlier sanctioned plans as Residential. While drafting the current plan these parcels of lands were inadvertently shown as Agriculture by the State Regional Planning Board. Thus on the basis of the recommendations of the Town Planning Department, which was an integral part of the State Regional Planning Board, HLMC agreed to treat these parcels as Residential.

This was a correction of the error made by Town Planning Dept. and is not a conversion of the Zone. The HLMC reconfirms the above decision.

- c. In addition the State Government while forwarding the Draft Regional Plan for MPSEZ vide letter Dated 31st August 2009 at Sr. no. 17, had requested conversion of Agricultural Zone of S.No. 4/1 Dhangarwadi admeasuring 13 hs 70 Are changed to Residential Zone. Forest Zone of S.No. 9/9 Dhangarwadi admeasuring 2 Ha 42 Are is changed to Residential Zone.

Since this request for conversion went from the State Government directly to MoEF, the HLMC chose not to comment. Now since the state government itself has sought clarification on this issue of conversion. The HLMC re-examined the matter at the meeting of 19th May 2012.

The HLMC is of the view that State Govt. appears to concur with decision of the MoEF that there shall be no conversion of Green Zones as mandated in the letter no. 2/40/2005 dated June 7, 11. The HLMC fully supports this position taken by the State Govt. and recommends that the request

for the conversion of the above mentioned survey nos. should not be considered and the earlier approval be withdrawn.

4.3 Illegal Activities of Velocity :

This issue was discussed in several meetings. It was again brought to the notice of collector that violations continued, by a specific letter from the Chairman on behalf of HLMC on- [The operator had broken the government seal on the premises and continued operations. In the meeting collector directed that police should take action without waiting for any formal complaint by Tehsildar. He also promised to take up the matter with the SP, along with other issues like arrest under MRTTP Act, protection to municipal, revenue staff at the time of demolition of illegal constructions etc in all such cases.

It was also informed that the same operator was given one time permission for joy rides of helicopters by the RDC. However, at least 3 such flights took place on the 19th May. The collector was advised to cancel his NOC and inform D.G.C.A. and concerned parties. He also promised to ensure that strict action would be taken against the operator for all violations.

4.4 Tourism related issues:

A] Bed & Breakfast scheme.

Councillors and local residents have complained that rampant misuse of the scheme continued despite a drive taken by MTDC 2 years ago. The GM promised to cancel all ineligible permissions and also report to the collector those who were using MTDC name without its license. It was explained that according to approved ZMP, MTDC alone was the licensing authority and all permissions given by Directorate of Tourism, GOI would be invalid. MTDC is obliged to take collector's NOC to establish that only local residents were the beneficiaries. The scheme is applicable outside congested Panchgani-Mahabaleshwar belt and only 2 guest rooms per house are permissible

B] Rural Tourism

ZP & Panchayat Samiti members have been requesting for taking up Hatlot & Ghonaspur villages under the scheme. GM MTDC promised to take up the project with full involvement of residents as per the guidelines of eco-tourism. Tehsildar would provide all land details.

C] Zero garbage scheme of GOI

GM informed that funds were available for proper garbage disposal to enhance tourist attractions. It was decided that the matter would be co-ordinated with both COs, BDO, Tehsildar & forest dept.

4.5 Village Roads

This is a long pending demand from the residents of concerned villages.

The following 9 villages should be connected by road by Forest dept if the area required does not exceed 1 hectare per road, as per the recent govt directions.

- 1-Kshetra Mwar to Tandulsni Vasti
- 2-Shindola approach road, footpath
- 3-Ghonaspur approach road
- 4-Shindi approach road
- 5-Adhal approach road
- 6-Burdhani-Kotroshi road
- 7-Dudhoshi road
- 8-Birwadi Karaviala road
- 9-Kuroshi-Varane Vasti

4.6 Local participation in disposal of garbage, water harvesting

There was discussion with the stakeholders of both councils and representatives of ZP& Panchayat Samiti on 18th May. As agreed in the meeting both COs & Tehsildar will write personal letters to all Bungalow owners, schools, hotels, hostels, institutions, housing colonies and other bulk producers of waste, to do vermiculture in their own plots and that step by step councils would stop collecting waste from their properties. Similarly, they should recharge their wells and harvest rain water. Some demonstration plots should be developed.

It was necessary for councils to earmark plots in each locality so that citizens can do vermiculture in their own neighbourhood.

4.7 Heritage Committee

Stakeholders demanded that pending appointment of Heritage committee, collector should give permission for urgent pre-monsoon repairs. HLMC suggested that from DPDC grants some amount should be set apart for preparing designs and a manual for street furniture. Shri Narendra Denge has been already appointed for this purpose by Heritage Committee. The collector was requested to do the needful.

4.8 Interpretation Centres

Centres put up by both councils are inactive. COs should supply sufficient material and take the help of school, retired teachers and NGOs to get local people and tourists interested.

It is also recommended that at 3 entry points boards should be put up by the collector that on was entering ESZ & to contact nearest interpretation centre for information.

4.9 Fees by Forest department for entering selected view points

President of Mwar council had suggested in stakeholders' meeting that Council can collect such fees at the time of issuing entry pass on behalf of Forest dept to avoid harassment to tourists. Forest Department agreed to work out modalities with COs. It was necessary for Forest officials to collect garbage from such points, impose penalties, remove unauthorized stalls etc.

Concluding the meeting The chairman thanked all officials and non-officials for their co-operation and placed on record initiatives taken by COs, Avinash Patil, DDTP Pune, Rakesh Kumar of

NEERI and several local groups and individuals. Special mention was made of the valuable contribution of Dr Paranjpye, LEA Associates, David Cardoz and Ms Hema Ramani, BEAG. The committee also appreciated the prompt and timely help of Dr GVS Subrahmanyam, Advisor MoEF, who took personal interest in the functioning of HLMC

Along with the Chairman, Dr Wadia & Dr Samant requested all present to work for the objectives of ESZ and make all efforts to ensure that this unique Region does not suffer further degradation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all present.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
High Level Monitoring Committee &
Collector Satara

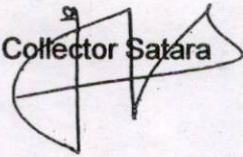
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For Collector Satara



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१. श्री. बाळासाहेब भिलारे, सदस्य, जिल्हा परिषद सातारा
२. श्री. सुरेश कोंडीराम सपकाळ, सदस्य, जिल्हा परिषद सातारा
३. सौ. जयश्री राहुल जंगम, सभापती, पंचायत समिती महाबळेश्वर
४. श्री. संजय रामचंद्र गायकवाड, उपसभापती, पंचायत समिती महाबळेश्वर

उपस्थित अधिकारी

१. तहसिलदार महाबळेश्वर
२. गटविकास अधिकारी, पंचायत समिती महाबळेश्वर

उपस्थित सर्वांचे स्वागत करुन अध्यक्ष, महाबळेश्वर-पांचगणी उच्चस्तरीय सनियंत्रण समिती यांनी
बैठकीस सुरुवात केली.

१. **रिजनल प्लॅन मंजूरी बाबत-** संपुर्ण महाबळेश्वर तालुक्यासाठी तयार करणेत आलेला रिजनल प्लॅन
अदयाप का मंजूर झाला नाही याबाबत श्री. बाळासाहेब भिलारे यांनी यांनी विचारणा केली असता
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करणेत आलेला असून त्यावर केंद्रीय पर्यावरण विभागाने मंजूर करुन तो राज्य शासनाकडे जुन २०१०
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शिल्लक राहिलेली नसले बाबत स्पष्ट केले.

२. **व्हिलोसिटी येथे हेलीकॉप्टर उतरणे बाबत-** मौजे भोसे येथील व्हिलोसिटी याठिकाणी हेलीकॉप्टर
उतरणार असले बाबतची तक्रार प्राप्त झालेने सदर ठिकाणी हेलीकॉप्टर उतरणेस परवानगी आहे अगर
कसे याबाबतची तपासणी तहसिलदार महाबळेश्वर यांनी त्वरीत करावी अशी सुचना मा. अध्यक्ष यांनी
दिली.

३. **बोर्ड लावणे बाबत-** डॉ. श्री. जय सामंत यांनी इको सेन्सीटीव्ह झोन बाबत पर्यटकांना माहिती
होणेसाठी मोठे बोर्ड लावणे आवश्यक आहे असे मत मांडलेने याबाबत मुख्याधिकारी पांचगणी व
महाबळेश्वर यांनी येणारे पर्यटकांना माहिती होणेसाठी इको सेन्सीटीव्ह झोन बाबत मार्गदर्शक बोर्ड
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४. **दुध योजना बाबत-** महाबळेश्वर येथील शासकीय दुध डेअरी मध्ये महाबळेश्वर मधून उपलब्ध
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५. **गुरेघर येथील वणव्याबाबत-** मौजे गुरेघर ते मॅप्रॉ गार्डन याठिकाणी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वनविभागाचे
हद्दीमध्ये नेचा व पांगळ या झाडोऱ्यामुळे दरवर्षी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वणवा लावला जातो व त्यामध्ये

मोठ्या प्रमाणात झाडांचे नुकसान व हानी होत आहे. त्यामुळे मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वाढणारे नेचा व पांगळ जातीचे झाडोऱ्या बाबत दरवर्षी वनविभागाने मार्च महिन्यापूर्वी स्थानिक शेतकरी यांना सदरची नेचा व पांगळ झाडोरा काढून नेणे बाबत कळविणेत यावे. अशी विनंती श्री. डी. एम. बावळेकर यांनी केली. त्यावर याप्रमाणे वनविभागाने कार्यवाही करावी अशा सुचना मा. अध्यक्ष यांनी वनविभागास दिल्या.

६. अतिरिक्त जिल्हाधिकारी पद निर्माण करणे बाबत- पुर्वी महाबळेश्वर-पांचगणी साठी अतिरिक्त जिल्हाधिकारी संवर्गाचे पद महाबळेश्वर याठिकाणी होते त्यामुळे तालुक्यामधील वेगवेगळ्या प्रकारचे परवाने देणेचे सोईचे होते. याबाबत श्री. बाळासाहेब भिलारे यांनी सदरचे पद पुनः निर्माण करणेत यावे असा मुद्दा मांडला. मा. अध्यक्ष यांनी राज्यशासला कळविणेत येईल असे सांगितले

७. गावठाण बाबत- तालुक्यामधील १२ गावच्या गावठाणाच्या नोदी गावच्या ७/१२ चे इतर हक्कामध्ये घेणेत आलेल्या असून त्याप्रमाणे नकाशे तयार करणेचे काम मा. उपअध्यक्षक, भूमी अभिलेख महाबळेश्वर यांचेमार्फत चालू असलेचे तहसिलदार यांनी सांगितले. मौजे क्षेत्र महाबळेश्वर येथील गावठाणची काय परिस्थिती आहे याबाबत मा. श्री. बाळासाहेब भिलारे यांनी विचारणा केली. तथापि सदरची बाब राज्य शासनाकडे प्रलंबित असले बाबत तहसिलदार महाबळेश्वर यांनी सांगितले.

८. हातलोट व घोणसपुर बाबत- महाबळेश्वर तालुक्यामधील घोणसपुर हे जवळपास महाबळेश्वरचे उंचीचे बरोबर आहे तसेच शेजारी कमळगड असून घोणसपुरचे पायथ्याला हातलोट हे गाव आहे. त्यामुळे भविष्यात सदरची हातलोट व घोणसपुर हि ठिकाणे पर्यटण स्थळ म्हणून घोषित करणेसाठी प्रयत्न करणे बाबत श्री. बाळासाहेब भिलारे यांनी सुचना मांडली त्यावर मा. अध्यक्ष यांनी सदर ठिकाणी रस्ता, लाईट, पिण्याचे पाणी इत्यादी सुविधा आहेत अगर कसे याबाबत तहसिलदार, गटविकास अधिकारी, पंचायत समिती महाबळेश्वर तसेच जिल्हा परिषद सदस्य व सभापती/उपसभापती पंचायत समिती महाबळेश्वर यांनी पहाणी करून सविस्तर अहवाल अहवाल सादर करणे बाबत सुचना दिल्या.

वरीलप्रमाणे बैठकीमध्ये चर्चा होवून सर्व उपस्थितांचे आभार मानून सभा संपलेचे जाहिर केले.

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