

**Statement circulated by Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & former Petroleum Minister in a press conference held in Mumbai on 19th November, 2009**

***Why Cable- Stayed Bridge across Manori Creek?- Asks Ram Naik.***

**Mumbai, Thursday :** "Whom does the Maharashtra Government desire to favour by building 'Cable-Stayed Bridge' worth Rs.200 crore on Manori-Marve Creek?" questioned Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & former Petroleum Minister in a press conference held today in Mumbai. "The stayed bridge is being proposed to favour builders' lobby and other sharks. Besides harming environment and natural beauty of coastal villages viz. Manori, Gorai and Uttan, it would also endanger livelihood of local fishermen and farmers. We would therefore oppose any such bridge", stated Shri Naik.

"Fishing and farming are the major activities of villagers of Manori (7,500 population), Gorai (7,000 population) and Uttan (30,000 population). The cable-stayed bridge would adversely affect these activities as well as the environment. The State Government must explain why the bridge is being proposed though the local people have not asked for it", demanded Shri Ram Naik.

Shri Naik also asserted that the bridge is being built up to protect the vested interests of builders and other businessmen. "The Bridge will create tension between locals and these builders. Manori, Gorai and Uttan would be like Thane, Raigad districts having disturbances due to SEZ on every other day", commented Shri Naik.

Shri Naik referred to his successful efforts as the Petroleum Minister to bring under-sea piped drinking water to these villages with the help of the Indian Oil Corporation as a social welfare project. He said," Then the same government did not have four crore rupees for the water project but now it is all set to go for the bridge worth Rs. 200 crore."

The Naik also rejected the MMRDA's claim, as stated in their advertisement, to reduce traffic congestion of south-north link roads viz. Western Express Highway and Swami Vivekanand Road. "I wonder how the proposed bridge at Manori would reduce this traffic congestion. Probably the government does not know that now the third Link Road is also being used for the same traffic", said Shri Naik.

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Shri Naik wondered whether the MMRDA has obtained clearance from the Defence and Environment Ministries for the project. Navy's 'INS Hamla' and Army's 'Heavy Bridge Training Centre' are located at the same Marve coast. It is difficult to believe that the Defence Ministry would have given a green signal for the project. The entire creek is rich in mangroves which naturally protect the coast from sea-erosion. The MMRDA must therefore clarify the position", said Shri Naik. He also warned the government that they must withdraw this anti-people and anti-environment project or else face people's agitation.

**(Office Secretary)**



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### INVITATION OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

## Design & Construction of cable-stayed bridge across Manori Creek on Malad - Marve - Manoritar Road.

1. Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) proposes to construct cable-stayed bridge across Manori Creek on Malad - Marve - Manoritar Road costing approximate Rs.200 Crores.
2. Considering the ever growing demand of additional surface transport facilities, MMRDA desires to construct a bridge across Manori creek to provide an additional coastal road for North South traffic to release the congestion on present S.V.Road and Western Express Highway. This will also provide an access to the development in the area between Manori & Bhayander.
3. MMRDA hereby invites proposals from reputed bridge Contractors for qualification.
4. Joint venture of not more than two members is permitted subject to conditions stipulated in bid document
5. To be eligible the contractors should fulfill the following Criteria.
  - a) At least one of the partners must be registered with PWD, Government of Maharashtra or Other State Government or Central Government / CPWD / NHAI / MCGM in appropriate class.
  - b) The bidder should have achieved in any two financial years out of last five years ending 31st March 2009 annual financial turnover (in all classes of Civil Engineering Construction Work) not less than Rs.168 Crores.
  - c) The bidder should have successfully completed as prime contractor at least one Civil Engineering work costing not less than Rs.150 Crores in any one of last 5 years.
  - d) The bidder should have experience in construction of one cable-stayed bridge (not extradosed cable bridge) with main span of not less than 200m. [measured between center to center of pylons] in sea/river/creek as the prime contractor.
  - e) In case of J.V. both the contractors should have completed at least one river / creek bridge having length of at least 200 m. as prime contractor in any one of the last five years.
6. The RFQ document can be purchased from the office of the Chief Engineer MMRDA, 5th Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 **from 20.11.2009 to 14.12.2009 during 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.** on working days by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address given above along with attested copies of registration certificates, IT-PAN, VAT registration and on payment of Rs. 50,000/- through Demand Draft or Pay order drawn in favour of "MMRD FUND" on any Indian Scheduled / Nationalised Bank or Indian Branch of Foreign Bank Payable at Mumbai.
7. The RFQ Document consisting of two envelopes as mentioned below should reach the office of Chief Engineer, MMRDA, 5th Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 **on or before 21.12.09 upto 13.00 hrs.**

**Envelope I :** 1) Contractors registration, JV agreement.  
2) Statement showing eligibility of bidder (with relevant reference attached).

**Envelope II :** 1] Details of Technical staff & machinery.  
2] Proposed General Arrangement Drawings.  
3] Design Team (Structural Consultant)  
4] Proposed Methodology the completing the work within stipulated period.  
5] Proposed Team for execution of work with organization chart.
8. Pre-bid meeting will be held **on 30.11.09 at 15.00 hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer, MMRDA, 5th Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
9. Financial bid will be called from the qualified bidders only.
10. Opening of RFQ
  - 1) RFQ document will be opened on the same day i.e. on 21/12/2009 at 16.00 hrs., if possible.
  - 2) Eligible bidder will have to make presentation to Technical committee appointed by MMRDA. Evaluation of Technical bid will be done on following points among other things,
    - (i) Technical Proposal.
    - (ii) Experience of Structural Consultant / Designers associated with the contractor.
    - (iii) Work plan and Methodology.
    - (iv) Experience of Technical staff proposed for execution.
    - (v) Aesthetics & Structural format of proposal.
11. Financial bid should be submitted within 10 days after qualification process is completed & will be invited only from qualified bidders, for which separate Bid Document will be issued.
12. For further Details please contact :

Project Consultant - S.N.Bhobe & Associates Pvt. Ltd.  
Unit No. 10, Banking Complex No. 2, Sector 19A, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.  
Phone - 27831070 Fax - 27831173
13. The right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved by MMRDA.

**Note : The weightage for updating of costs will be done @ 5% p.a to arrive at 2009 prices.**

Date : 13/11/2009

Place : Mumbai

No. ED/Ext MUIP/Manori/2009

(S.R. Nandargikar)  
Chief Engineer