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Save Kattupalli?? From whom?
Yet another Flip Flop of DMK

Most print media including the Wire & News Minute had taken up the expansion of Adani's Katupalli port.

The National Herald had also reported this with a political flavour. But vital details missing in all these.

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Illegal and Unnecessary – but Adani Port Proposal Makes it to Public Hearing Stage

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An aerial view of a part of the Ennore-Pulicat wetlands. Photo: Palani Kumar.

Chennai: Adani Ports and SEZ's subsidiary Marine Infrastructure Development Private Ltd has submitted a "Draft Comprehensive EIA/EMP Report Proposed Revised Master Plan Development of Kattupalli Port." The

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The Kattupalli port received approval & began construction during the DMK Regime. Surprised to see questions posted by them now on the need of this port when chennai already has 2 ports. EIA submitted in 2008 by L&T and the port became

operational in 2013 https://t.co/YQVsmdBE19

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DEVELOPMENT OF SHIPYARD CUM PORT COMPLEX AT KATTUPALLI, THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU



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The EIA submitted in 2008 had clear mention of no fishing activity near the coastal areas.

The future expansion plan also was part of the initial proposal that was submitted.

Also find the proposed development plan. Now compare it with the initial proposal. No change at all.

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from Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB). Ground water will not be drawn.

3.4.1.3 Social Impact

Land Acquisition

TIDCO allotted about 1,200 acres of land for the development of Shipyard cum Port Complex, which includes Kattupalli Kuppam habitation of 5.6 acres area. Project Affected Families (PAFs) of Kattupalli Kuppam will be resettled to a location near shore in Kalanji village near Kattupalli and rehabilitated. This site has been identified by TIDCO in joint consultation with the District Collector and PAFs. 110 houses will be constructed with all basic amenities like water supply, power supply and roads. Detailed Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan is being formulated. Hence, no significant impact is expected due to land acquisition.

Fishing Activity

Fishermen in the study area engage in deep-sea fishing activity, about 8 to 10 km offshore. Fishing activity was not noticed in the coast abutting the project site. Fishing activity is observed in Pulicat Lake, which is located at about 12 km towards north from the project site. Hence, no impact on fishing activity is anticipated due to the proposed project.

Severance to Road Access

There is an existing road across the project site in north-south direction, which is connected to existing WBM road along Ennore Port boundary. This road provides access to Kattupalli village and villages on north such as Kalanji. This access road will be re-routed for developing the project. It is proposed to construct a peripheral road along the boundary of project site, which will provide access to these villages and ensure that there is no severance.

See the biased reporting of The Wire.

As per the application for environmental clearance submitted by MIDPL in 2018, 1087 acres of sea area will be reclaimed by using the dredged sand but Wire reports it as 2000 acres.

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Coal

Handling rate (million tonnes per annum)
71

Cargo
Crude oil, POL, LPG, LNG

Handling rate (million tonnes per annum)
65

Source: Revised Master Plan, Development of Kattupalli Port

A Flourish data visualization

Land use: According to the EIA, the port is proposed to be expanded from its current area of 330 acres to 6,111 acres. Of this, 2,000 acres is to be created by dumping dredged sand into the sea. Additionally, 2,300 acres of *poramboke* commons – including springs, waterbodies, roads and grazing grounds – under public use is to be acquired. The remainder is private land. A conservatively estimated 2.000 acres of wetlands and water bodies will be landfilled to create space for a petrochemical industrial area.

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Total proposed area of expansion is 5238 Acres as per the report, Wire calls in 6111 acre master plan. Not sure where they got these information.

And the most important point to note in all these is MIDPL expansion proposal submitted by L&T, even before Adani acquired it.

As per the proposal submitted for the revised master plan, the management has already proposed to spend a capital cost ■2324 Crores for environmental management. And ■120 Crores every year post project completion for maintenance.

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The expansion project has complied with all the conditions set for obtaining clearance pending public hearing & mitigation, suddenly some fringe elements have made their way in as always.

Is it Adani’s acquisition, the reason for this sudden interest??