

Media Statement:

We welcome High Court's order. Hope Government drops this 'Anti-Bengaluru Project' – Suresh NR, Director Namma Bengaluru Foundation

(Petitioner Namma Bengaluru Foundation Opposing Construction of 6.7 km six-lane Steel Bridge from Chalukya Circle to Hebbal Circle - Case No - WP No. 53613/2016)

“We welcome the High Court order on staying the Steel Flyover project. On March 02, 2017, the Siddaramaiah Government had dropped the project due to massive protest by Citizens of Bengaluru and because the High court had stayed the project claiming there is no environmental clearance. The BDA is yet to approach SEIAA-K for the environmental clearance and as per NGT order, Government of Karnataka can't proceed with the project without the clearance. Despite this Bengaluru Minister had announced the revisiting of the project. We don't understand the reason and motive

Not just this, even advise/ opinions from Experts such as IISc scientists, Individuals and Ecologists are against the proposed project. Moreover, claims of improving connectivity to the airport when no alternative routes connecting the airport from areas like Whitefield or Electronic City are enhanced is a cause of concern and will only cause congestion in the heart of the city.

The government must focus on alternative mode of transports like enhancing metro and suburban railway connectivity to the airport instead of taking people for granted and we hope common sense will prevail. As updated in the court, BDA will not go ahead with the project without receiving the environmental clearance.

We hope that the Government will drop and work on sustainable. We will continue to fight until the Government drops this project. We also take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Hight Court for reiterating what NGT (SZ) said in its order dated March 13, 2017. We also thank thousands of citizens who stood the ground and continuously supported our efforts in Reclaiming and Protecting our proud city, Bengaluru.”