

**Question 1: When will expropriation start?**

Answer 1: Expropriation activities are planned to start during the second half of 2021.

**Question 2: How is expropriation going to be carried out?**

Answer 2: Expropriation will be carried out as per the Expropriation Law. The principle of expropriation is transfer of rights in the title deed by negotiated settlement with the property owners.

**Question 3: How is the compensation amount going to be determined and how will the payment be made?**

Answer 3: The compensation amount, which will be identified through land valuation on a parcel basis in line with the criteria specified in the Law and PR5, will be paid to the owners (and users, if identified), and if there is agreement, the amount will be paid in advance and the title deed will be transferred. The compensation amounts are determined through the AYGM asset valuation process described in Chapter 7 of the **RAP**.

**Question 4: What if I do not accept the expropriation value?**

Answer 4: Owners have the right not to accept the expropriation value. In this case, AYGM will apply to the court. The court will appoint experts, who will visit the site, and determine the final expropriation value. Please also note that AYGM is willing to make agreements with landowners until registration cases are opened with the court.

**Question 5: How do I receive the compensation?**

Answer 5: If agreement is reached, together with the transfer of rights in the land registration office, the compensation will be paid within 45 days to a bank account in the name of the land owner (and user, if relevant). In case of disagreement, at the end of the court process the value determined by the court will be deposited into a bank account and made available to the right holders specified in the court decision. The recipient will also be able to name their partner as an additional person to be given access to the bank account.

**Question 6: Will standing crops be compensated?**

Answer 6: The cost of damage to any standing crops due to construction activities will either be paid to the crop owner prior to any construction works starting on the affected land parcel, based on the current status of the crops and the crop rates published by the Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry, or AYGM will allow the crop owner to harvest the crop depending on the construction schedule.

**Question 7: If the land is registered in my name but the trees planted on the land belong to someone else, who receives the compensation for trees?**

Answer 7: Trees that could potentially be impacted along the Project and their owners will be identified through field research and recorded. Compensation will be paid to the tree owner(s) with the consent of other title deed owners.

**Question 8: I own the affected land parcel, but I rent the land parcel to someone else, who grows their own crops on the land. Who receives the compensation for the crops?**

Answer 8: Crops to be damaged along the Project and their property owners will be identified through field research and recorded. In the abovementioned case, statements and the

Mukhtar's approval, if any, will be taken as a basis and the cost will be paid to the right holder specified in the statement records.

**Question 9: I am using State land without permission. Can I receive compensation for land or crops?**

Answer 9: You can receive crop compensation by demonstrating the 'adequate payment' document during field research or by obtaining signatures from the Mukhtar and the members recording the situation. You are not eligible for land compensation. .

**Question 10: I am using state-owned pasture land, can I receive crop compensation?**

Answer 10: You can receive crop compensation if you are a crop producer..

**Question 11. I am using someone else's land without permission. Can I receive compensation for land or crops?**

Answer 11: You can receive crop compensation if you are a crop producer provided that you prove crops belong to you and not the landowners. Compensation for the land itself will still be paid to the right holder on the title deed (and the title deed updated if required).

**Question 12: I do not want the Project to go through my land, what should I do?**

Answer 12: You can file a lawsuit for cancellation of the expropriation decision within the legal time period after you receive the expropriation notice.

**Question 13: Who will pay the court costs for the valuation and registration case?**

Answer 13: Any litigation costs during the court process will be covered by AYGM.

**Question 14: The land is registered in my deceased grandfather's name, I am the heir. What should I do?**

Answer 14: You should apply to the land registry office with your deceased grandfather's document of inheritance and request that the land is transferred to your name and any other heirs' name. Without this procedure, land registry rights cannot be transferred for expropriation and payment cannot be made directly to you. Only one heir's application would be sufficient for transfer by inheritance. Any fees incurred here in updating the land registry will be compensated by AYGM at cost (so long as a receipt is provided).

**Question 15: How will expropriation continue if my brother (or other family member), who is the shareholder, does not reside here?**

Answer 15: If one or more of the shareholders reside abroad or in another province, procedures can be carried out through power of attorney. Power of attorney should clearly indicate the immovable asset's section and parcel number, and the type of authorised title deed transactions. If power of attorney is not provided, all shareholders must be present for the title deed procedures. The process will take longer for individuals residing abroad, since notification is made through the embassies.

**Question 16: The land is mortgaged, who will receive the compensation?**

Answer 16: During the title deed procedures, the land registry offices look for the mortgage beneficiary's assent. If assent is not given, compensation will be paid to the mortgage beneficiary and it will be deducted from your existing debt.

**Question 17: What will happen if construction activities exceed the land acquisition boundary or temporarily rented lands for construction?**

Answer 17: All Project construction activities will be performed within the expropriation area. If there is absolute necessity that this area is exceeded, landowners/users will be contacted, and additionally expropriated land will be compensated in line with the principles of the RAP. If the land is rented by the Contractor, the same rental agreement procedure will apply and any damage will be compensated by the Contractor.

**Question 18: How to access the grievance mechanism and how does this work?**

Answer 18: The grievance mechanism is described in detail in the SEP and summarised in the Figure 16-1 below.

**Question 19: What are my legal rights?**

Answer 19: PAPs are able to file a lawsuit for cancellation of the expropriation within the legal time period, object to the expropriation value and appeal to the Court of Cassation. All legal fees will be covered by AYGM.

**Question 20: My lands are not affected, but if arrangements are made around the railway, will they be affected?**

Answer 20: Except for the parcels planned to be expropriated, no land acquisition is foreseen. However, if any additional land acquisition needs arise due to construction works or other reasons, these lands will also be acquired according to the principles in the RAP.

**Question 21: Is there a building to be built in parallel to the railway?**

Answer 21: AYGM is only responsible for realizing this announced project. He does not have any information on issues other than this project. For other issues, please contact the relevant institutions.

**Question 22: Are the compensation amounts to be given to us determined? How will it be determined?**

Answer 22: This subject is explained in detail in the Guide to Land Acquisition and Compensation (GLAC). Please review this guide on the subject.

**Question 23: Will information be given again during the process?**

Answer 23: Periodic information activities will continue at the project site. Please follow the mukhtar announcement boards and the project web page of AYGM.

**Question 24: Are there opportunities to recreate the living space I have now?**

Answer 24: This subject is explained in detail in the Guide to Land Acquisition and Compensation (GLAC). Please review this guide on the subject.

**Question 25: An expropriation letter came to my neighbours, but I did not receive a letter. My house is close to the project area, will it be expropriated?**

Answer 25: You can access additional information by using the project grievance mechanism.

**Question 26: Is this a high-speed train project?**

Answer 26: Yes.

**Question 27: Where will the stations be?**

Answer 27: The main stations in the project were determined as Halkalı, İspartakule and Çerkezköy. In order not to increase the footprint of the project, it is planned to use the existing stations. Therefore, no new station is foreseen to be built.

**Question 28: How long will the construction take?**

Answer 28: The project is planned to be completed in 2026.

**Question 29: Does the project have connections with other lines?**

Answer 29: The project is part of the TEN-T network.

**Question 30: What will be the benefit and harm to the settlements located near the project?**

Answer 30: The positive and potential negative effects of the project are shared in the Social Impact Assessment document. You can access this document from the link below.

<https://aygm.uab.gov.tr/ispartakule-cerkezkoy-demiryolu-hatti-projesi>

**Question 31: When will expropriation begin?**

Answer 31: In the information letter sent by AYGM to the landowners, it is stated that the project will start by the end of 2021.

**Question 32: Who runs the project?**

Answer 32: The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure General Directorate of Infrastructure Investments (AYGM) carries out the project.

**Question 33: Will the existing high-speed train line be affected?**

Answer 33: There is no high-speed train line in the project area. This line will be made new with this project.

**Question 34: Will our water or electricity go out? What precautions will be taken?**

Answer 34: The project is not expected to have any negative impact on the infrastructure of the settlements. You can reach us via the grievance mechanism on the project website for all your concerns and questions.

**Question 35: Which districts are on the project route?**

Answer 35: All affected settlements are listed in the Project SEP and RAP.

**Question 36: The railway project passes through our water well. Can appropriate action be taken?**

Answer 36: All structures on the lands to be acquired by the Project will be compensated in line with the principles explained in the RAP.

**Question 37: How much of my land remains within the expropriation area?**

Answer 37: In the reconciliation negotiations, how much of your land will be expropriated and how much will remain will be shared with you on a parcel basis.

**Question 38: Who do we consult with if there are inconveniences such as dust, noise etc. during construction?**

ANSWER 38: You can convey any of your concerns and questions about the project through the grievance mechanism on the project website or through the community liaison officers in the announcements posted in the headmen's offices.

**Question 39: We are dealing with animal husbandry in our village. Will an underpass or overpass be built?**

Answer 39: The locations of the underpasses and overpasses are consulted at the meetings held in the mukhtars in the settlements in the project area. You can get detailed information on the subject by calling the community liaison officers.

**Question 40: When will expropriation compensations be paid?**

Answer 40: In the information letter sent by AYGM to the land owners, it is stated that the project will start by the end of 2021.

**Question 41: My land is expropriated from both sides, only the middle remains. Can I request that the rate be expropriated as well?**

Answer 41: You can apply after expropriation within the framework of the remaining land expropriation criteria in the Expropriation Law.

**Question 42: Will the prices change according to the location?**

Answer 42: The valuation process and criteria are explained in detail in the project RAP document.

**Question 43: Can I demand land in exchange for expropriation instead of money?**

Answer 43: You can make such a request according to the principles set out in the Guide to Land Acquisition and Compensation (GLAC).

**Question 44: What kind of effects will there be during the construction phase?**

Answer 44: Please review the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report and the Non-Technical Summary. This topic has been explained in detail.

**Question 45: Will the entrance and exit of the workers to the construction site be controlled?**

Answer 45: The subject is explained in detail in the Contractor Management Plan. Please review the relevant document on the project website.

**Question 46: I live outside the city/country. How can I be reached for expropriation negotiations? Will interviews be conducted face to face?**

Answer 46: If you have been invited to a negotiation meeting, you must attend the negotiation meeting on the date and venue specified in the letter. If you want to hold the meeting remotely, indicate this to AYGM.

**Question 47: We have received the preliminary information letter regarding the expropriation. It is time to plant the product we grow. Can we continue our agricultural activities?**

Answer 47: You can continue all your agricultural activities before the expropriation is officially carried out. Expenses related to your activities and product price will be covered after expropriation.

**Question 48: Will additional time be allowed to harvest our crops after the construction works begin?**

Answer 48: If the construction schedule is appropriate, you may be given additional time to harvest. You should inform the community liaison officers about the harvest time of your product beforehand.