

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF M/S UTTAM VALUE STEELS LIMITED (UVSL) FOR THEIR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF STEEL MANUFACTURING CAPACITY FROM 1.0 MTPA TO 2.0 MTPA AT VILLAGE BARBADI, BHUGAON AND SELUKATE, BHUGAON LINK ROAD, DISTRICT WARDHA AND PRODUCTION OF HOT ROLLED COILS/SHEET/PLATES, LONG PRODUCTS (BAR & RODS), COLD ROLLED COILS AND SHEETS AND GALVANIZED COILS AND SHEETS, COLOUR COATING PRODUCT AND PIPES.

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of M/s Uttam Value Steels Limited (UVSL) for their proposed expansion of steel manufacturing capacity from 1.0 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) to 2.0 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) at Vill. Barbadi, Bhugaon, Selukate, Bhugaon Link Road, Dist. Wardha, Maharashtra was held on 24/06/2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri Vaibhav Nawadkar Additional Dist. Magistrate (A representative nominated by the District Collector, Nagpur). Shri Kiran N. Hasabnis, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur-2 act as a Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel. Shri Anil D. Mohekar, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur was the Member of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel. The Public Hearing started at 10.30 a.m. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance sheet was circulated and attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND :

M/s Uttam Value Steels Limited (UVSL) intends to enhance the steel manufacturing existing capacity from 1.0 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) to 2.0 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) at Vill. Barbadi, Bhugaon, Selukata, Bhugaon Link Road, Dist. Wardha, Maharashtra and produce Hot Rolled Coils/Sheet/Plates, Long Products (Bar & Rods), Cold Rolled Coils and Sheets and Galvanized Coils and Sheets, Colour Coating Products and Pipes to meet the requirements of the customers. The expansion facilities will be built within the existing premises.

UVSL has submitted Form-I on 8th October, 2012 to The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for prescribing Terms of Reference (TOR) for expansion of Steel plant from 1.0 MTPA to 2.0 MTPA within the existing plant premises at the above mentioned location at Wardha, Dist Nagpur (Maharashtra State). The TOR has been finalized during the 8th Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) of Ministry of Environment & Forest held on 18th to 17th May 2013 for preparation of EIA/EMP report for the expansion project. EIA/EMP report has been prepared based on the approved TOR and contains all the information as per the generic structure of EIA.



The proposed site is located at Bhugaon, Barbadi & Selukata in Wardha District of Maharashtra State between latitude 20°42'12" N and longitude 78°38'15" E. The State Highway no. SH-243 joining Wardha and Vaygaon passes about 2 km away from site on the West side. The site is approximately 5 km South of Wardha Town. The Wardha railway station of central railway is located 7 kms. away from the project site. The site is at an elevation varying from 270 to 280 m above MSL.

As per the EIA Notification dtd. 14/09/2006, the proposed plant falls under Category 'A' (Sl.No. 3(a) of Schedule : "Primary and Secondary Ferrous Metallurgical Industries" and intends to produce Hot Rolled Coils/Sheet/Plates, Long products (Bar & Rods); Cold Rolled Coils and Sheets and Galvanized coils and sheets, Color Coating Products and Pipes based on CRI-SCRAP-EAF-CCM-B&R mill Route of Steel making.

#### PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE :

With the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing, convener of the Public Hearing welcomed the Chairman and Member of the Public Hearing Panel, local citizens from the villages and others present. He explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MOEF, GOI, Notification SO 60(E) of 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 and amended on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006. The notices of the public hearing were published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the "Hitavada" (English) and "Sakal" (Marathi) on 20th May 2015. Copies of the advertisement are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Copies of the executive summary / EIA summary containing salient features of the project and EIA both in English and in Marathi and other information / documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. Offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI, Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing till before the date of Public Hearing from the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board's Office Order No. E-184/2015 vide letter no. BO/JD(APC/PH/B-2538 dtd. 01/06/2015. A copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Shri Vaibhav Nawadkar, Addl. District Magistrate and Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel explained his role in the present Public Hearing. Thereafter, requested to Project Proponent to give detailed presentation about the project.

Shri Kiran Hasabnis, Sub-Regional Officer-2, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the proposed project and Environmental issued



related with it. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent to present detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under.

The representative of the project proponent explained in local language regarding Salient features of the Project, Clean and green technology initiatives, Project screening, Project location, Arial view of the project site, Project site features, Existing and proposed capacity of products manufactured, Resources requirements, Raw materials, Waste water treatment, Process Diagram - Trade effluent treatment plant (ETP), Process Diagram - Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Environment al Management Plan - Air, Noise and Water, Hazardous Waste generation and treatment, Solid waste generation and disposal, Green belt development & beautification, Project site environmental monitoring, Location map of 10 km radius, Land use, Land use pattern, Baseline AAQ monitored values, Result of Noise monitoring, Result of Water monitoring, Ecological features, Socio Economy impact, Prediction of impacts, Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Projection, Corporate social responsibility, CSR Activities undertaken, CSR Initiatives, Occupational Health & Safety.

Shri Kiran Hasabnis, Sub-Regional Officer-2, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel with permission of the Chairman requested public citizens to put their views / opinions in free manner.

#### **PROCEEDINGS :**

##### **1. Shri Rajiv W. Timande, Ex-MLA, Hinganghat, Dist. Wardha.**

He expressed his objection for lifting of water from Wana river Hinganghat for M/s Uttam Galva Metalic Co. , Bhugaon, Wardha. He also demand for cancellation of permission given by the Government for laying down pipe line for lifting of water from Wana river. He told in the public hearing that the period of laying down the pipeline from Wana river was expired on 18/05/2005, therefore, no further permission should not be given by the Govt. Departments i.e. Hinganghat-Waigaon N.H. No. 243 and Public Works Department. Because Wana river is near to Hinganghat city and local farmers lifting water from Wana river for their farms. Similarly, there are Textile Industry and some small industries depends upon this river water. Water supply scheme of Hinganghat city is on Wana river . Last 10-15 years period Water of Wana river dry up. When river water shrinks then Municipal Council, Hinganghat demanded water from Irrigation Department . Irrigation Department release the water from canal to river Wana for this Municipal Council, Hinganghat paying big amount to Irrigation Department. Thus not to give permission to this Company for lifting of water from Wana river of Hinganghat. He requested project proponent to lift the water from Dham river, Bor Dam and Lower



Wardha project and cancel the permission of laying down of pipe line from Wana river otherwise strong agitation will be done and for which Government will be responsible. Govt. should Increase height of the Mahakali Dam and Bor Dam. The said proposal is pending with the Government.

**2. Shri Diwakar Game, Hinganghat, Dist. Wardha.**

He repeated the above point of Wana river water from Hinganghat. He said that company and Govt. Officers misguide to the people of Hinganghat. The Company is in receipt of main conditional letter dtd. 20/02/2002 to fulfill the demand of water requirement. There are some conditions and go through the deed of agreement within a period of three months. The permission will be expired automatically, if the company will not done deed of agreement within prescribed limit. The company has not done any agreement and started digging for laying down the pipe line. Therefore, I request to stop the digging and not to give permission for lifting the water from Wana river, Hinganghat. We are not against the proposed expansion of the company.

**3. Shri Pramod Bhaurao Bhoyar, Aam Aadmi Party, Wardha.**

Aam aadmi party is of opinion that there should be industrial development. The company should aware about the Environment. The company has not done anything for Environment. Wells in the nearby area are polluted because discharge of Waste Water in the nearby conservation area. The company has not taken any steps for the Fly Ash. We are not against the expansion of the company, but drinking water should be supplied through the separate pipe line and water tanks. The company should supply electricity to the nearby area from their captive power plant in moderate rate. The company should give compensation to the people against damage to the Environment. The company should take survey regarding environmental damage occurred in the villages. The company should install strong remedial measures to protect Environment. Until and unless the company have not taken a no objection certificate from Gram Panchayat in a meeting till then approval for expansion should not be given. This is our demand.

**4. Shri Kamal Kuldhariya, Nagar Parishad, Wardha.**

We are not against the expansion of the company. The company established with the land purchased from the farmers of this Wardha Dist. 6000 peoples are employed in the existing company. Many people got the employment due to this industry. A school started by the company in Bhugaon village for the better education opportunity. The turnover of the small businesses in Wardha District reached upto Rs. 25 crores per month because of this company. There is no land dispute for this industry. He also



requested to project proponent to arrange skill development training for 1000 boys per year and gave employment. He suggested that the waste water generated from Wardha city and find its way in Chitoda village shall be treated by the company and treated water shall be utilized.

**5. Shri Vijay Aaglawe, RPI, Wardha.**

Previously there is no industrial development in Wardha District and many projects are rejected on the basis of Environment issues. But due to the establishment of this company the local employment have increased. There is substantial increase in small scale industries also. He supported for the expansion of the company on behalf of Gram Panchayat, Sewagram, Chitoda and Mandaogad.

**6. Shri Sudhir Sureshrao Dongre, Hinganghat.**

He raised the point regarding lifting of water from Wana river Hinganghat for M/s Uttam Galva Metalic Co., Bhugaon, Wardha. Project proponent has hide the information regarding water availability from Wana river at Hinganghat. Also project proponent has started the work of laying down pipe line. He also mentioned that we will not support for lifting of water from Wana river.

**7. Shri Santosh Timande, District President, Lok Jana Shakti Party, Wardha.**

He was against the lifting of water from Wana river near Hinganghat. In Hinganghat there is 65% labour class people. Wana river is lifeline of Hinganghat and nearby villages. People of Hinganghat and nearby villages will have to starve if water from this river given to this company. I am against the water supply from Wana river to this company. I request to save the water of Wana river.

**8. Shri Babuji Dhage, Wardha.**

The world wide environment is degraded due to industries. There is no use of establishing the new industry. The industry provides jobs to the people, but it also increases number of patients. having pollution related diseases also increase due to environmental degradation. There are more number of patients compared to labour working in the existing unit.

**9. Shri Dipak Made, Hinganghat.**

He was against the lifting of water from Wana river near Hinganghat for proposed project. If industry wants water from Wana river then they have to establish the company in the Hinganghat only, which is benefited to the local people. He supported to expansion of this company.



**10. Shri Aaftab Khan, Rastriya Majdoor Sangh, Railway Line, Gen Secretary and President, Nationalist Congress Party, Hinganghat.**

He was against the lifting of water from Wana river near Hinganghat for proposed project, but not against the expansion of this company.

**11. Shri Akhtar Khan, Mahadeopura, Wardha.**

This company has started in the year 1991. Therefore, employment increases. Good salary given by the company. The company has taken a garden near Sewagram Railway Station for maintenance and doing road side plantation. The question of lifting of water is for M/s Uttam Galva Metallic and not for M/s Uttam Value Steel Limited and expansion is of M/s Uttam Value Steel Limited. I am supporting the expansion of the Company. M/s UttamValue Steels Ltd. is lifting water from Pavnar for their plant.

**12. Shri Sandeep Kite, Dist. President, Nationalist Youth Congress Party, Wardha.**

Employment should be given to land affected people. Why 80% local people from the nearby villages were not absorbed in the company as per law. Project proponent should arrange campus interview for local people. Due to existing industry the water pollution is increased in the nearby area and fertility of the soil get affected, hence he is against the expansion of this company.

**13. Shri Pravin Hiware, President, MIDC Association, Wardha.**

This company established in Wardha by facing many difficulties. He told to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board officials to keep watch on the pollution problem arises from the company and try to maintain the norms. The company should follow the rules regarding pollution scrupulously. He supported the expansion of the company on behalf of association.

**14. Shri Narendra Lonkar, Wardha.**

Project proponent shall give the 70% Employment to the local people. The project proponent shall implement social corporate responsibility activity for the needy people in the nearby area. Environmental Pollution in all respect should be control by the company as per the conditions prescribed by the M.P.C.B. The Environment is damage day by day, to improve the environment quality the company should take remedial measures i.e Plantation; proper drainage to the water. Availability of 70-80% employment to the local people. He supported the expansion of the company.



**15. Shri Deepak Tapase, Inzapur.**

Wells located nearby company were contaminated and presently not having potable water quality. The demand of street lights installation is yet awaited, which is not fulfilled by the company. Tree plantation carried out, but due to negligence trees are not survived. To initiate survey in our village regarding present pollution status due to industry and make available copy of the report to the Gram Panchayat. Take village people in to confidence and developed the nearby villages. Supported the expansion of the company.

**16. Shri Rajeshwar Gandole, Surpanch, Gram Panchayat, Pavnar.**

The company has not done anything for Pavnar village. Industry has not paid Tax to grampanchayat till date. He demanded employment to every youth of the village and requested to pay electricity bill of water supply every month by the company.

**17. Shri Balkrishna Mauskar, Member Panchayat Samiti, Nalwadi.**

Soil testing of agricultural land in the nearby area shall be done by the competent authority and its report to be made available to the people. Competent authority shall made available environment status report of the area to the local people. Competent authority shall carried out the survey regarding the diseases to cows in the nearby area and report shall made available to the concern people. Supported the expansion of the company.

**18. Shri Kapil Khode, Arvi (small), Wardha.**

He was against the lifting of water from Wana river near Hinganghat for proposed project. If industry wants water from Wana river then they have to establish the company in the Hinganghat only, which is benefited to the local people. He express his best wishes for the expansion of this industry.

**19. Shri Narayanrao Ingle, Hinganghat.**

He was against the lifting of water from Wana river near Hinganghat for proposed project. If industry wants water from Wana river then they have to establish the company in the Hinganghat only, which is benefited to the local people. The company should give employment to Hinganghat people and make arrangement of Water to the people.

**20. Shri Sunanda Reddi, Environmentalist. Hyderabad.**

He congratulate the management for expansion of M/s Uttam Value Steel Limited. 200 crore litres water gets from rain and 365 crore litres water requirement of industry. Hence he requested the management of the company to fetch water river and store upto the month of October, afterwards use this stored water. Health survey should be done in the



nearby villages, increase tree plantation, road side plantation, he suggested and supported expansion of the company.

**21. Shri Makaranda Pathak, Architect, Wardha.**

He said while supporting the expansion of the company that the standard measure of the progress of any Nation is on the basis of capacity of the production of steel of that nation. Any Industry establish in the village is having two sides 1. Development of Village and 2. Deterioration of Village. Today's public hearing is on any objection / complaint regarding deterioration of village by the expansion of this project. To establish the industry the competent authority should suggest project proponent to purchase 1000 acres land as against their establishment requirement of 500 acres, so that this 500 acres additional land shall be utilized as buffer zone in between industry and villages, resulting into minimization of adverse effect on public life by the industry. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should think over it. He also said rise of industries is a national need and further supported the expansion project of the company.

**22. Shri Sandesh Kitey, Dy. Chairman, Panchayat Samiti, Wardha.**

We are not against the expansion of the industry, but against the pollution caused by the industry. Project proponent should recycle the water, so as to minimize the intake water. Project proponent shall adopt nearby village and made development with the help of CSR activity. He supported the expansion of the company.

**23. Shri Manoj Ruparel, Aam Admi Party, Hinganghat.**

He strongly propose to cancel the permission granted by the Government for lifting of Water from Wana river at Hinganghat . The information regarding today's public hearing is not noticed to the Hinganghat people.

**24. Smt. Rajkumari Upadhyay, Surpanch, Chitoda.**

She said it is the duty of every village people to protect environment. Tree plantation and tree should be survive is also a work of every village people. She further stressed on employment issue of local villagers and suggested that fitters, welders, engineers are available in the nearby area. Hence, preference shall be given to the local people. She further informed that the local farmers are taken the crop of vegetables and there is no impact of pollution on crop. She raised the issue of impact on health due to non-cleaning of storm waters, sewers, solid wastes etc. generated in the village. She supported to the expansion of the company.



**25. Shri Ajay Govindrao Janawe, Wardha.**

He informed that there is industrial waste water discharging into Burbadi Nalla. Due to discharge of industrial waste water there is impact on health of the local people and on agriculture land. The Water of wells and bore wells located in village Barbadi and Inzapur having radish colour. He expected MPCB has to monitor the well water within three months. He further informed that heavy trucks transportation, due to which condition of roads got damage. He further asked who will implement the 2% CSR fund and which work was executed from these funds. He suggested that industry has to establish skill development training centre for the ITI and Engineers for the local people, so that in future they will get the employment. He suggested that he is not against the expansion of the company.

**26. Shri Navin Choudhari, Wardha.**

He suggested to recycle / reuse the waste water generated from the industry in the process to avoid water pollution in the area.

**27. Smt. Anita Thakre, Adv. Wardha.**

She said, Industry has to follow the norms prescribed by the MPCB. MPCB shall regularly monitor. She supported the expansion of the company.

**28. Shri Sanjay Kubde, Ex-Surpanch, Selukate.**

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should initiate action against the industries in time. From industry side, problems were not solved regarding pollution. Very less number of people were present from Selukate area as proper procedure is not followed regarding Public Hearing. He objected that only employees of the company are present in this public hearing. There is lot of dust emission observed in the school near company premises operated by the project proponent. There are not taken care of Pollution arises from dust emission. He has not supported to the expansion of the industry.

**29. Shri Ravindra Sahu, Aam Admi Parti, Bhugaon.**

There should increase in industries, but pollution must be control. Industry neglect and not initiate proper control measures in respect of water pollution. He has not supported to the expansion of the industry.

**30. Shri Raju Nakhale, Dy. Surpanch.**

In the existing company there are about 250-300 local peoples were get the job. Project proponent has given employment to one skilled person in every home of Bhugaon village. Hence, he has supported to the expansion of the industry.



**31. Shri Sandeep Kuttarmare, Bhugaon.**

Project proponent has not adopted any village in the vicinity of 2 kms area for development. There are problems of dust emission in the nearby area and industry has not taken any care of this problem also not giving any compensation to the nearby people. The nearby wells are observed polluted. Hence, he is against the expansion of the industry.

**32. Shri Dyaneshwar Dhage, Bhugaon.**

Due to huge efforts of Shri Vasant Sathe, the establishment M/s Uttam Galva is possible in Wardha District. Many people of this area get employment due to this establishment. The industry should operate and maintain pollution control arrangement properly. He supported to the expansion of the industry.

**33. Shri Shekharbhau Shende, Wardha.**

Everyone here has supported the expansion of the industry, but oppose to pollution generated by the industry. It is the duty / responsibility of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to control the pollution. The M.P.C. Board should use the power to control the pollution generated by the industry. He supported to the expansion.

**Project Proponent :** The project proponent of M/s Uttam Value Steel Limited has explained that today's public hearing is for M/s Uttam Value Steel Limited not for M/s Uttam Galva Metallic. The water requirement for M/s UVSL has fulfilled from Dham river water. We have no need of water from Wana river Hinganghat. We have sufficient water. Some people said that the roads of their village are damaged. He explained the fact that in the year 2014-15 the company has paid Rs. 550 Crores as Tax, which is not less. Our company paid good contribution to the State of Maharashtra. I am thankful to the people who supported M/s UVSL from establishment. Only 14% employees are from other state, they are all Indians not from foreign country. The company has established a good school to Wardha people, which is approved as excellent school. 72% boys are studying in the school are from Wardha only. You are all agree with this good contribution. Mahavir Garden is under Municipal Corporation. but for their development is under M/s UVSL. The name of the river wana in the presentation is not mentioned regarding the pipe line for Wana river water from Hinganghat, because this public hearing is for expansion project of M/s UVSL. There is no wrong information given by the company's management. Some Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly of this area are not able to present in this Public Hearing, but they sent their best wishes to the company. Their best wishes are reproduce in the Public Hearing by reading.



**Shri Ramdas Tadas, Hon'ble Member of Parliament.**

Certified that there is a problem of unemployment in Wardha District. This is a prominent industry. The development of the company will more rise and best wishes to their expansion.

**Shri Ranjit Kamble, Hon'ble MLA.**

Due to busy in other work, I am not able to present in the Public Hearing dtd. 24/06/2015. Therefore, I regret and best wishes to the expansion of the project.

**Shri Pankaj Bhoyar, Hon'ble MLA.**

I am happy with the expansion of the company. I am not able to present in the organized program and in view of socio - economic development you will make every efforts. My heartiest wishes to your expansion.

**Shri Vaibhav Nawadkar, Addl. District Magistrate and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel** said in the concluding speech that the Public Hearing started at 10.30 pm. People present in the Public Hearing expressed their views/ opinion. Project proponent has explain the main point i.e. the water requirement for M/s UVSL will be fulfilled from Dham river water, the company have not taken water from Wana river Hinganghat. The minutes of the public hearing will be finalized by M.P.C. Board and after approval of the committee members copy of the minutes will be submitted to High Level Central Committee at MoEF, New Delhi for further decision. M.P.C. Board Nagpur will make an arrangement to give a copy of the public hearing minutes to Hon'ble Timande as said earlier. The Public Hearing program is completed in friendly automosphere. Some good point are come out i.e. recirculation of water, tree plantation, training for unskilled labour. Project proponent also present their views and time bound programs regarding question raised in the Public Hearing. Thus, he declare the public hearing is ended.



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