

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing conducted for proposed Expansion of Steel Plant 1.5 Million T/Annum with waste gas based captive power plant of 17 MW of M/s. Uttam Galva Metallics Ltd., Vill.Barbadi, Bhugaon Link Road, Tal. & Dist.Wardha.

Public Hearing for proposed Expansion of Steel Plant 1.5 Million T/Annum with waste gas based captive power plant of 17 MW of M/s. Uttam Galva Metallics Ltd., Vill.Barbadi, Bhugaon Link Road, Tal. & Dist.Wardha was conducted at Zilla Krida Sankul Ground, In front of Police Head Quarter, Near Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Statue, Sewagram Road, Wardha on 21/11/2013 at 10:00 am under the Chairmanship of Additional District Magistrate, Wardha, Representative of District Collector, Wardha, Mr.N.H.Shivangi, Regional Officer, Nagpur was representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Member of Public Hearing Committee and Dr.P.P.Munde, Sub-Regional Officer worked as Convener. List of people present during the Environment Public Hearing is enclosed as (Annexure-I).

Introduction:-

Public Hearing started at 10:00 am on Zilla Krida Sankul Ground, In front of Police Head Quarter, Near Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Statue, Sewagram Road, Wardha with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing Panel. Honorable, Chairman informed to the public present that, initially project proponent will give detailed presentation on project & then opportunity will be given to local people to raise their views/objection regarding the project by giving them first preference. After this, convener of public hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board started the proceeding of Public Hearing. He informed that, this public hearing is being conducted as per the provision of the notification dated 14th September 2006 issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India. He further informed that, this project has received Terms of Reference (TOR) from MoEF, New Delhi on 29th April 2013. After the receipt of application from project proponent M.P.C.Board has published the advertisement in Hitavada (English) & Dainik Sakal (Marathi) Newspapers on 18/10/2013 & as per this notice, Representations/Objections/Suggestion/Comments in written form were called from the villagers and other related environmentalist, environmental groups, other affected people and other related people, about this project. Similarly, project related documents were kept in concerned Grampanchayat and Government Offices for study purpose. He further informed that office order for this Public Hearing was issued from Board's Head Quarter on 14/11/2013 and then requested the project proponent to give presentation about project in Marathi.

Project proponent gave the power point presentation about the project. Salient features of the same are as follows..

- Project Location & Land Required.
- Existing & proposed capacity of products manufactured.
- Proposed product mix.
- Salient feature of project clean & green technology initiative.
- Resources Requirement.
- Raw material required.
- General Layout of Plant.

- Site environmental monitoring.
- Baseline AAQ monitored values.
- Presence of noise monitoring.
- Results of water monitoring.
- Socio economic impact.
- Prediction of impacts.
- Environmental management plan for air, water, noise, solid waste & hazardous waste.

Copy of presentation given by project proponent is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-II).

Convener of public hearing appealed to the people that, those who want to submit their objection in writing they can submit before the panel during the public hearing & to express their views and objections if any. In response to the appeal 10 nos. of representation / objection were received during the Public Hearing (Annexure-III).

1. Shri. Pravin Hiware, President, Wardha MIDC Industries Association.

- There wasn't a single big industry in Wardha District, as a result of which there had been a large scale of unemployment. The Central Govt. had so many restrictions for large scale industrial setup. Abiding these restrictions industries are being operated here. M/s. Lloyd Steel Company started CBSE School here and admitted in that school 75% of the students who happen to be sons and daughters of the local people. As there is not fire station facility in Wardha City, high class galva fire brigade facility is made available free of cost. Similarly, in Wardha District, beautification of Shivaji Chowk, Sports Complex etc. facilities are also made available. Maximum local people from Wardha District be provided with employment educational facilities be provided to the students of 10th and 12th Class from Barbadi Village and Wardha District. It was further told that, Member of Parliament of Wardha District Hon'ble Shri Datta Meghe sent a letter to project proponent of best wishes, the contents of which were read out by him.

2. Shri. Tushar Dewade, President, Gurudronacharya Vyayam Shala, Wardha.

- The said company is very good and employment has been provided still the people of this village continue to suffer from unemployment and other problems. They are not present today. Information to be provided as to how many people from this village have been provided with jobs in this company and how many people from backward communities are working in this company. The hearing in respect of today's pollution matter is taking place without any prior notice.
- The company implemented cultural programme and distributed bicycles to the people of their acquaintance. How much help company rendered to the people of this village in respect of religious and sports activities? How many people were approached by the company in this connection? An agitation took place in the company but it was suppressed by the police.

- It is claimed by the company that tree plantation programme was carried out. In actuality, how many social workers were provided with plants and tree guards? I personally planted 11,500 trees in the village, but the company did not provide me even a single tree guard. We often send representations to the company and point out that there are many Mechanical and Electrical Engineering diploma and degree holders in the village, but these educated Engineers are unemployed. Instead of providing help to them (in the matter of employment) they are insulted. If they want to run business of this company here, they should give first opportunity to the unemployed youths from the Wardha District.
- Firstly, establish contact with the local people. Mere plantation of trees would not do, how much water you provide for these trees is important. In Wardha City there is not sophisticated and modern gymnasium. The company should provide help for the maintenance of District Sports Complex, else we shall oppose.

3. Shri. Raju Nakhale, Ex-Sarpanch, G.P. Bhugaon, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- The company has provided employment to approximately 200 unemployed from the village and they are getting salary ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.12,000/-. The company administration give preference to the local Engineers from the village (for employment).
- Because of this company, market rates of agricultural lands and plots from the village are increased. This is an advantage from the company (for this village).

4. Shri. Mohan Kathane.

- The company has purchased his four acres of agricultural land. He himself is I.T.I. trained person. Twenty months ago had sent an application to the company requesting it to provide him an employment, but the company has not provided him an employment as yet. If the company did not take decision early in this matter, possibility of deteriorating the situation here cannot be ruled out.

5. Smt. Kavita Madhukar Kelwadkar, Ex-Sarpanch, G.P. Barbadi, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- Since the establishment of company here, unemployment has to some extent decreased. It is one request that instead of providing employment to the people of different villages preference be given to Bhugaon, Barbadi & Selukate residents. During her tenure as Sarpanch, an employment was provided to 200 local boys who are now getting salaries ranging from 10,000/- to Rs.12,000/-. Similarly, facility of provident fund was also made available.
- Due to getting an employment, workers (living) standard has increased. Their children are now taking good education in city schools instead of village schools. Due to polluted water from Barbadi, Bhugaon and Selukate villages, percentage of malnourished children in these villages has increased. The company should make available sufficient facilities for the children from these villages who are suffering from malnutrition. Outsiders suffer from health problem due to polluted water from the village. For that

the company should make an arrangement for RO Plant for drinking water in the village. In my village there is one handicapped girl to whom the company should give proper help.

- In the village there is a centre for mother and newly born babies care run by Anganwadi Sevikas who are required to send information to the Govt. regarding malnitrated children. The malnutrition percentage is not lessening due to polluted water. The company should take necessary steps for removal of malnutrition at the earliest and provide financial help (to the affected). Mrs. Kavita Kelwadkar extended good wishes to the company.

6. Shri. Vilas Moon, Barbadi, Tal. & Dist. Wardha.

- About 75% land from Barbadi Village is under Lloyd Steel and Uttam Galva companies. How many percent people from Barbadi Village have been provided with employment (by these companies)? How many workers removed from job? How many workers got salary of Rs 10 to 12 thousand? As the company removed 12 employees, some of them have become prone to suicide in these 8 days.
- The company distributed in Barbadi Village 2 Laptops, 6 bicycles and 80 to 10 sewing machines, but all these items were given only to the company's favourable persons.
- Has the company submitted to the Pollution Control Board report in respect of tree plantation in Barbadi Village? For about 4 to 6 months from the establishment of Lloyd Company, Doctors were sent in Barbadi Village, but from the last 5 years Doctors are not being sent. Preference in employment is given to the candidates having influence in the company, others are put to injustice.
- As the company flowed chemical-mixed water in the nalla, the fish from the wells of local agriculturists died. Due to noise pollution at night time, the people living near about areas are disturbed. The Health Department of Zilla Parishad has submitted a report that the water from the well on this area is not suitable for drinking. They have requested to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to stop this life-endangering pollution.

7. Shri. Ruesh Hatwar, Wardha.

- In the company's administration B.E. Engineers, MBAs from outside Wardha District are given employment. In Wardha District there are B.E. Engineers and MBAs and such educated unemployed whom the company should give first preference in the matter of recruitment of employees.

8. Shri. Kamal Kuldhariya, Group Leader, Municipal Council, Wardha.

- He firstly welcomed the company and observed that, before arrival of Lloyd Steel Company in Wardha District, job opportunities were not available and market, here was not so potential. After establishment of the company here, a large number of job opportunities came to be available. Market flourished and their grade also enhanced. Thereafter Uttam Galva Company arrived here. He also observed that while the production in the said companies goes on, they are under scrutiny of different offices of the Govt. of India.

- The company provided employment opportunities on various levels. The company give more preference to the ITI trained persons, but gave less preference to the local persons for officer grade jobs. He requested that during expansion of the project, an employment be provided to at least 50% Engineers and MBAs from Wardha District.
- In Wardha District there are many Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges. The company should conduct camps and offer them 2 years (Training) jobs so that they may get necessary experience and on the basis of experience certificate, they may be able to find employment in other companies, also.
- He further requested that the company should take in adoption Dr.Ambedkar and Mahavir Gardens from Wardha City and undertake beautification of the said gardens. The company is located at a distance of 5 Km from Wardha City. From the view point of pollution control, the company should, in consultation with Wardha Municipal Council, take up the project of plantation of large number of trees in Wardha City, so that it will add to the beautification of Wardha City which will also help in eradication of pollution problem there.
- When he demanded tree guards, the company provided 200 tree guards. The condition of the road leading from Wardha City to the company is deteriorated especially at the Itwara Square due to heavy vehicular traffic. The company should take proper steps in this regard.
- When the poor local students from Wardha City apply for company's jobs, they are asked to go to Mumbai for personal interview. The interview of local poor candidates be held in Wardha itself or they should be given expenses for travel and lodging & boarding.
- He congratulated company for its expansion and requested company administration to visit Wardha City and rural area near the company and resolve the problems.

9 Shri. Akhtar Khan, Wardha.

- His friends from the area are working in M/s Uttam Galva and Lloyds steel companies on contract basis. Similar, the boys having completed Engineering education are also working on the post of engineers. On account their problems of unemployment is over and their living standards are upgraded. He extended his best wishes for company's expansion.

10 Shri. Surendra Pardhi, Working president Lloyds Ispat Mazdoor Sangh, Wardha

- He is working in Lloyds Steel industry since June 1994 before that he was working as a central government employee. The condition of wardha city was miserable before arrival of this company.
- In the year 1997 Labour union was established in the company. In the year 1997-1999 Labour union was registered and received status of recognized union
- Maximum number of local people were tried to absorbed in the union. In this union 5 agreements for labours were made with the company from time to time. In 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009 & 2012 agreements,

salaries were increased much, taking into consideration employees problems. In the last 20 years, the company made available jobs for local people. The company contributed greatly for Wardha City.

- He asked labours from Wardha City to contact the union for redressal of their problems. All their problems and demands would be placed before the administration of company through the union without any partiality and the company would be persuaded to accept the demands. He assured the Political Associations and Political Leaders that problems would be solved through the union.

11. Shri. Atalbihari Radhekrishna Pande, Small Scale Industrialist, Wardha.

- As an industrialist I am happy for Uttam Galva Company's expansion. It is really praise worthy thing, I feel. The Sugar Industries, Ginning & Pressing Mills from Wardha District are closed on large scale on account of financial problems. Due to company's expansion 1000 unemployed are going to get employment. This is really a thing worth congratulating. On account of expansion, some loss also results to some extent. If employment to the local people is made available, we would not bother about the loss which we shall tolerate. If employment cannot be provided to the local people, they be given technical training and other opportunities for employment be made available to them.
- He sought information as to by what may the company is going to produce 17 MW electricity. If the company is going to produce electricity on the basis of wasteful fuel, I congratulate it.
- The public hearing does not pertain to the present project. It pertains to the expansion of the project. He, therefore, requested the persons present there to express their views and opinions with regards to proposed expansion the project. He welcomed company's electricity generation project.

12. Shri. Harshal Pilgaonkar, Trader, Wardha.

- He has obtained Engineering & MBA Degrees from Wardha city. The training obtained by him in the Lloyd Steel Company, proved beneficial in future. He observed that the development of any nation depends upon industrialization.
- It is needful to get these companies expansion. When expansion is available these company would not be able to provide employment directly, to some if they are ineligible, but they may be benefited by some way. This may be indirect benefit of the people. It is company's responsibility to maintain balance in respect of pollution. Every thing has two sides. Along with development, there results some loss in respect of pollution. If everybody decides to plant a tree in front of his house and sees that it grows up, it will be beneficial for the environment.

13. Shri. Nitin Bais, Wardha.

- He has worked in the company for a year as a supervisor on contract basis. His contract with the company ended on 30th May after working for a year. Twenty persons came to be absorbed in the company, but he was not absorbed, despite his request.
- He feels that there should not be an injustice to the common people.

14. Shri. Sanjay Kubade, Sarpanch, G.P. Selukate, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- He expressed his support for the expansion of company, but it should take steps to control the pollution, because one has to tolerate the ill-effects of pollution.
- A meeting was held for the demand of allotting 80% jobs to the locals and 20% for the outsiders, but no solution is worked out on this as yet. If we are prepared to face the ill-effects (of pollution) then employment should be given to the locals only.
- He made an appeal to the company for giving employment to the locals, but no action was taken on it on the pretext that posts were not vacant, recruitment, however, continues.
- On account of pollution caused by the said company agricultural crops, milk production and fodder for animals are adversely affected. Also there is increase in the diseases on various levels.
- If the company gives preference to locals in employment and keeps control on pollution, we have no opposition for the company. If preference is not given we will oppose the proposed expansion.

15. Shri. Ashok Lade, Member, Grampanchayat, Barbadi.

- He expressed pleasure towards expansion in the project of Uttam Galva Company. Due to this project village Barbadi will be indirectly benefited company administration should pay attention on controlling the pollution.
- About 150-200 persons are working in the company's project located in Barbadi village. Local boys having Engineering qualification should also be offered. Due to the said company, the problem of unemployment in the village is solved. We have no opposition for the company, but the company should concentrate on controlling pollution also. The company should make arrangement for drinking water in the village for which it has already given assurance.
- The company should take up tree plantation programme on large scale and control pollution by using sophisticated technology in this respect. He wished for expansion & requested to give preference in employment to Maximum number of locals.

16. Shri. Suresh Waghmare, Ex.Member of Parliament, Wardha.

- He agreed for expansion of Uttam Galva company. After the said public hearing, all things should take place according to the rules. Local unemployed Engineering graduates should be given preference in jobs.
- The Govt. Departments should keep watch and see whether the projects are running according to the rules or not. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should see that after public hearing the project is being run by following the pollution control rules. Afterwards also, the department should keep watch on the project in respect of pollution control.
- He personally justified this project.

17. Shri. Devisingh Marwal, Ex-Miltryman, Barbadi.

- Due to the nalla of this company agriculture in the area is adversely affected from the last 10 years. They made a representation to the

District Collector in this respect, but no cognizance has been taken as yet.

- Initially the company demanded land for water line from us which we supplied, but the company has not paid us its proper payment. The company gave us payment after 10 years which is not proper. This payment should be made to us every month (taking into consideration rising prices), otherwise we shall break the pipelines going through our agricultural lands.

18. Shri. Narendra Thute, Member, Grampanchayat.

- He welcomed expansion of the project. There is project at Bhugaon also. There is Uttam Galva. What has company done for controlling pollution? What facilities the company provided. These things are to be looked into. The question is whether the people soon the concerned villages are satisfied with the work done there.
- The assurances given by the company in the year 2009-2010 were not fulfilled. Hence, the people living in the area were not satisfied. The company should take concrete measures and that too implement the systematically so that the people living in the village will be satisfied. They are not opposing the project of company, but the measures planned by the company by way of social obligation should be properly implemented. Similarly, it is the duty of the company to take care and preserve the trees planted by it at various places. The local people should be given preference for giving company's jobs. We don't oppose company's expansion programme. There must be development. If electricity is generated, load shedding problem will be solved. Company administration should give thought to this matter.

19. Shri. Balkrishna Mauskar, Nalwadi.

- Since the arrival of company here what work in respect of protection of Environment is done in our village? Since the beginning of company here temperature has increased and there is rise in the incidence of diseases. Common people did not understand that electricity is generated through the gas. The agricultural crops and produce in the Barbadi, Selukate, Bhugaon areas are affected and there is reduction in the agriculture produce. Due to ash deposition the trees are adversely affected and ruined. Similarly, cotton production has also been reduced.
- We do not at all oppose this project. The expansion of project should take place and local people should get job opportunities there, but that does not happen. Persons making online applications from Mumbai are getting jobs here. The issue being discussed here does not pertain to employment, because this is public hearing in respect of controlling pollution and maintaining healthy Environment.
- How many thousand trees are proposed to be planted by the company? What compensation was given to the agriculturists for their land which may be damaged, being in the area near the company. The local people are absorbed in the jobs in maximum number due to expansion of project. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should check repeatedly the pollution done by the company and take responsibility of protecting Environment. We support the project.

20. Mrs. Rajkumari Chakradhar Upadhyay, Sarpanch, G.P. Chitoda, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- She supported project expansion. After receiving permission from the Environment protection authorities, company's expansion programme should take place according to rules. On account of project expansion Wardha City will be developed and more and more people would get job opportunities. Previously, when this project was not there, unemployment problem as well as theft problem had grown too much here. On arrival of the project here, percentage of unemployment and thefts has reduced.
- The company should give employment to maximum 50% local candidates on the posts Welders, Workers, Engineers etc. The matter of pollution be looked into seriously and necessary measures be adopted. Presently the company has made employment available to some outsiders.
- The company should co-operate much the development of the village. Starting hospitals, maintaining roads in the village such programmes be undertaken by the company. Similarly, the company should give emphasis on plantation of trees.
- On account of company's expansion employment will be available. Development programmes in the village were undertaken by constructing roads, providing cycles and sewing machines etc. to the needy. If expansion of project does not take place, the village development will not happen. The company is located just near village Chitoda. The company should pay maximum attention towards developmental works. Similarly, the matter of pollution control should be given the top priority. The boys from Chitoda completing Engineering education are not getting jobs easily, but due to expansion it will be possible for them to secure jobs in this company

21. Shri. Mohan Rathi, Wardha.

- He supported company's expansion. The company should plant at least 5 Lacs trees so that some trees out of them shall survive. Uttam Galva company should pay attention towards this issue of plantation of trees. By planting merely 20 Thousand trees, pollution will not come under control. The tree plantation should be done in the premises of the company. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should keep a watch on this. The condition of roads has become worst on account of traffic of heavy vehicles. The company should pay attention towards this.

22. Shri. Manoj Manwatkar, Pulai, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- The company acquired lands from Barbadi and other villages. What work pertaining to pollution control is done by the company here? Agricultural land are damaged and worsened. What percentage of compensation the company paid to the concerned? What facilities were provided in those villages by the company? What objections have been taken by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in this regard?
- How many trees were planted by the company? Has Maharashtra Pollution Control Board taken inspection in this regard? If done, has the Central Minister for Environment taken cognizance whether the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has any control over company's



pollution matter? If the water for agricultural land is contaminated, how agricultural crops will grow? Has the agricultural lands in 10 KM area of the company been affected? How much compensation did the company pay to them? Copies of report given by the pollution control authorities. Who pay visit to Uttam Galva company be made available.

- Information was sought regarding disposal of water used in the company and also dissolved oxygen.
 - On this project proponent told that the processed water from the company production is used for cooling, gardening and sprinkling on roads. Since the processed water is disposed of in the premises of the company itself, there is not necessity of counting dissolved oxygen.
- In which year Uttam Galva company was established? How many years are required for tree to grow fully? In this public hearing local agriculturists are not present. No public proclamation regarding the public hearing was made in the village. On account of company's pollution agricultural crops came to be damaged. Did the company pay compensation to the agriculturists?
- For how many years this company's production shall continue? On this the project proponent told that as per Rules Company's production shall be for 75 years and there is provision for renewal also.
- What is the investment for this project? How much amount the company going to spend on pollution control?
 - On this the project proponent told that for project expansion the investment is to the tune of Rs.3727.3 Crores, out of which Rs. 260 Crores is going to be spend on Environmental protection measures. In that Rs.130 Crores are for Air pollution control and Rs. 27 Crores are for Water pollution control.

23. Shri. Navin Jagdish Choudhary, Wardha

- Due to arrival of this company in Wardha City, employment on large scale is going to be available. The company should undertake tree plantation programme as per rules. For Engineering student's large numbers of job opportunities are going to be available. The company should meticulously observe rules regarding pollution control.

24. Shri. Om Pariyal Pandit, Wardha.

- Since the arrival of company, Wardha City has progressed and developed well. Unemployment in Wardha City is over and city development has taken place. This company has been established in Wardha District since many years. The company should remove problems pertaining to pollution. Many such companies should be started in Wardha District on account of which financial standard of Wardha would be enhanced.

25. Shri. D.B. Badhiye, Retd. Supdt. of Police, Wardha.

- Formerly industries were not established in this region and locals were opposed to industries. For want of industries there was no development of this region. Other businesses were also not there.

There is no progress and development of any region without industrialization. The company gave preference to outsiders instead of locals because their educational eligibility was higher than the locals.

- As responsible citizens we think good about this project for recurring jobs in the company, educational standard needs to be enhanced, when industries come in our region, it is for us to start ITI training courses suitable for those industries, so that they may get opportunities there.
- The people from here are not in opposition of this project, because the establishment of industries shall make job opportunities available. Thereby standard of living of the people here would naturally enhance. Problems crop up regarding the water in the area of industries. The company should set up for that water purification machinery. The locals and the Sarpanch have not opposition for this project what so ever. More tree plantation would not do, planted trees need to be nurtured and grown and this is everybody's duty.

26. Shri. Amol Tumde, Amravati.

- Funds be collected from the salaries of employees working in Uttam Galva company and the same be spent for preservation of planted trees. By participating in various Govt. Schemes, trees be planted in large number on both sides of road in the 10 KM area, in the village and open lands and these planted trees be nurtured and grown with care. The planted trees be counted and record kept. Locals would be benefited by getting job opportunities on account of company's expansion. The Engineering unemployed would also get opportunity for jobs. These problems can be well-solved by Uttam Galva company itself.

27. Ku. Anita Thakare, Advocate, Wardha.

- She expressed pleasure about Uttam Galva Company's proposed expansion. Because of it unemployed from Wardha District would get job opportunities. Due to establishment of these industries markets shall flourish, business shall increase and people would be able to lead good life. The company should take proper measures for pollution control and it should observe all norms of pollution control.

28. Shri. Atul Tarale, President of Municipal Council, Wardha.

- Lloyd steel company was functioning since last 20 years and thereafter the company came to be converted into Uttam Group. No development works in wardha district are seen in the last 20 years. For pollution control measures like tree plantation and other schemes are not carried out in the city. The people of wardha and Municipal council has no objection to the proposed expansion of the project. But, there is one objection on Uttam Galva that it has not made available employment opportunities to the local people. Detailed information may be made available through employment exchange as to how many people from wardha district have been provided employment by this company. In the existing project maximum outsider are provided with jobs. Local are recruited in a very small number.
- Heavy vehicular traffic of company passing through the city because of which road condition has become worst. For this the company should



take proper measures. The company should take proper measures. The company should undertake the work of beautification of wardha city by maintaining gardens, roads, dividers and should provide employment to the local people. In this respect the company should enter into agreement of Bank Guarantee, work period etc. Only thereafter, environmental permission be granted on Government level.

- There is no information regarding tree plantation in Wardha City and also regarding public hearing.
- We have no opposition of company's expansion and also for public hearing. Due to this expansion employment facilities will be available and there will be development. The said public hearing be cancelled and be held again because in this public hearing all Grampanchayat from Wardha District are not included. Hence, the number of people present is less.

29. Shri. Pratik Kamble, Wardha.

- He extended support to Uttam Galva Metalics Company's expansion programme. The company should mainly keep control on pollution. Pollution in Wardha District is less than pollution in Chandrapur District. In order that pollution should not increase here, the company should take appropriate measures. Similarly, it is necessary to give emphasis on creating green belt in Wardha City. The company should pay more attention on this.

30. Shri. Pramod Bhomle, Wardha.

- In this public hearing only 2 to 4% people from Wardha City are present. The number of people working in company is more in attendance here. The company looks after the work of District Sports Complex, but required facilities are not made available to them. Due traffic of heavy vehicles, condition of roads here has become worst. If level of pollution has not been reduced, 50 more dispensaries will have to be opened in Wardha City. The company should also accept the responsibility of looking after the management of grounds and gardens from Wardha City.
- He stood in favour of company's expansion. However, The Company should give employment to maximum number of local Engineers. The company should make available for Wardha City maximum possible amenities and facilities my best wishes for the company.

Shri. R.K. Sharma, Project Proponent expressed following explanation to public views:-

- As per the report of 30.9.2013 total number of 1699 employees are working in the company. Out of them 328 persons are supervisors and 1371 persons are working on other posts. Out of 328 employees 168 employees are local employees. Similarly, out of 1699 employees 1251 are local employees. In this total 73.64% of employees are local employees.
- The construction work of Uttam Galva company is going on since 2008. During the period 2010-2011 the company planted 122565 trees. Similarly, in 2011-2012 the company planted 50038 trees. During 2013-2014 the company is going to plant 20000 trees in 126.6 acres of

area out of 329.4 acres. Out of 329 acres the company is erected in 126 acres of land.

- Two years ago a complaint was received that a buffalo died due to consuming nalla water. After postmortem, compensation was assured to be given as per the report. However, it was revealed that the buffalo did not die on account of drinking nalla water, but died due serpent-bite.
- The company's power project is based on gas which goes as waste. In this, wasted gas is completely utilized.

31. Shri. Pravin Dhopte, Journalist, Daily Sakal Newspaper.

- No News regarding this public hearing is published. Hence, journalists are present in less number. Attendance of villagers is also less.
 - On this the convener of the committee stated that an advertisement of this public hearing was published in daily Sakal Newspaper 30 before i.e. on 18/10/2013.
- What is the meaning of public hearing?
 - On this committee's convener stated that as per of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forest Notification dtd. 14.9.2006, while establishing some industries or undertaking their extension, the public hearing representatives, environment institutes and each citizen should get right of expressing their views as they are persons from that area who are affected. For this purpose public hearing on environment protection and pollution control is held. Advertisement in this regards is published in two local English & Marathi Newspapers. This is not a press conference. This is a public hearing.

32. Shri. Mayur Dafale, Wardha.

- He has sought information, under Right to Information Act, as to where the processed water coming out of the company goes. As per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board water from the company is flowed out side Barbadi village.
- Advertisement regarding this public hearing was published only two newspapers. Hence, attendance of local citizens is less. No proclamation of public hearing was made in the village. The administration also did not give information regarding this public hearing. Who bore the expenditure of public hearing?
- Has the company submitted returns in the District Self Employment Office?
- Due to company's pollution dust gets settled on the agricultural lands. On large scale the company has not taken steps on this problem. Inzapur nalla has been closed and water obstructed. The company is trying to diverting this geographical item.

33. Shri. Vasantrao Bhoyar, Inzapur.

- To those whose agricultural land is adjacent to the company and whose agricultural crops are damaged due to this industrial pollution were given assurance by the company, to provide employment, but on

actuality no such employment is made available. The company provided some social facilities to the Inzapur Grampanchayat, but they are not so beneficial.

34. Shri. Rajesh Ramrao Martode, Wardha.

- The company administration runs schemes for Primary Schools, but does not run schemes for Non-Govt. (Private) Schools. The company, after purchasing lands, has given assurance of providing employment, but in actuality the company has not done so.
- On account of the gases coming out from the chimneys of the company, the agriculture crops are damaged, but for that the company has not provided any facilities. Similarly, on account of polluted water many types of diseases are caused for which no medical facilities are made available.
- No employment is provided to the 25% people from Barbadi village. Similarly, no reservation in jobs as per Govt. rules, is available in the company. For the standards from the village employment opportunities will be available by setting up Industrial Training Centre and giving training to them. Complete information regarding the company be made available to the local people.

35. Shri. Rakesh Jawade, Wardha.

- He himself is B.sc. B.Ed and possessed information regarding pollution. According to him company is air polluting unit. The company should arrange different programmes on village and city levels and provide information to the public regarding the gases emitted in the atmosphere from company's chimneys. Information be made available regarding pollution of water due to ash particles.

36. Shri. Milind Manwatkar, Pulai, Tq. & Dist. Wardha.

- He asked that, how much area is affected due to this industry. Why not announcement is done of public hearing in each village within 10 Km radius.
- When minutes of public hearing will be available.
 - On this convener of public hearing committee said that, at earliest video shooting & minutes will be made available on MPCB website (www.mpcb.gov.in) in English & Marathi and copies of the minutes will be made available at following Govt. Offices for study purpose to the people.

1. District Collector, Wardha.
2. Sub-Divisional Office, Wardha, Dist.Wardha.
3. Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Wardha, Dist.Wardha.
4. District Industries Center, Wardha.
5. Zilla Parishad, Wardha.
6. Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
7. Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
8. Environment Department, New administrative Building 15th floor, Madham kama margh, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32


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9. Regional Office, MoEF, Western Region, Central Paryavaran Bhavan, E-5, Link Road No.3, Ravishankar Nagar, Bhopal – 462016 (M.P.)
10. Grampanchayat, Barbadi, Tq. & Dist.Wardha.
11. Grampanchayat Inzapur, Tq. & Dist.Wardha.
12. Panchayat Samiti, Wardha, Dist.Wardha.

37. Shri. Sandeep Kite, Wardha.

- He requested that re-public hearing should be conducted.


At last, from MPCB, Convener of the public hearing committee read the summary of public hearing with regards objection, views, comments raised & replies given. Chairman of the public hearing once again appealed to the present people that, those who want to raise their objection, views, and comments will be given chance. Honrable Shri Sunil Gadhe, Additional District Magistrate, wardha expressed chairman's address. The public hearing concluded with vote of thanks to the chair, public present, concerned authorities, print & electronic media etc.



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