

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING FOR
PROPOSED EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF
0.5 MTPA DRY DE-SHALING PLANT TO 0.96 MTPA
WET DE-SHALING PLANT OF M/S N.N. GLOBAL
MERCANTILE PVT. LTD., AT SURVEY NO.131/1
(PART) & 131/2 (PART), MUTHARA, THE RAJURA,
CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA**

The public hearing for proposed expansion and modernization of 0.5 MTPA Dry De-Shaling Plant to 0.96 MTPA Wet De-Shaling Plant of M/s N.N.Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., At Survey No.131/1 (Part) & 131/2 (Part), Muthara, The Rajura, Chandrapur was conducted on 07th November, 2017 at 12.00 Noon at the site location of M/s N.N.Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd.,

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order No.E - 89 of 2017 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B - 4555, Dated 06-11-2017 (copy attached) :-

- 1) Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, - **Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate,
Chandrapur
(Representative of
District Magistrate, Chandrapur)
- 2) Shri P. M. Joshi, - **Member**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur
(Representative of the MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Ms.Hema Deshpande, - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB
Chandrapur



List of people who attended the public hearing is attached.

Ms. Hema Deshpande, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur, Convener of the said meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Member of Public Hearing Panel, project representatives, general public and informed that, as per EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur was in receipt of application of Project Proponent- M/s N.N. Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., Muthara, Rajura, Chandrapur Maharashtra for conducting the public hearing.

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification, the proposed project falls under "Category – B" 2 (a) "Coal Washeries." Hence prior Environmental Clearance is mandatory to the proposed project. The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project was appraised by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra and Terms of Reference (ToR) is approved in 131st meeting of SEAC held on 15th and 16th July, 2016. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local news paper in Dainik Loksatta for Marathi and in Daily The Hitvada for English and on 6th October, 2017.

Convener further informed that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at



Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Western Zone Office, Nagpur and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office - Chandrapur, Sub Divisional Office -Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur, Tahsil Office - Rajura, Dist - ~~Chandrapur~~ Zilla Parishad-Chandrapur, District Industries Centre - Chandrapur, Grampanchayat office, Muthara, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur and Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai. She also stated that the draft EIA and Executive Summary were also uploaded on MPCB website. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that not a single representation in writing is received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur. She requested Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project proponent to give detail presentation along with the details about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He further appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any, about the project after getting information of the Environment Management Plan and also can submit their written representations. He asked project proponent to give presentation regarding project.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the project proponent has given the presentations in local language Marathi of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail copy of presentation attached.



After Environment Management Plan, Chairman of Committee informed general public to give suggestions, views for the proposed project in respect of environmental angle only.

Followings persons expressed their views participated in the public hearing meeting:-

1) Shri Shaikh Mukhtyar, resident of Ballarshah informed that he owes agriculture land on survey no.175/1 which is located nearby nallah. The crop of cotton produced in the field have become totally black due to spreading of dust in the agriculture fields produced in the production activities of the project proponent. He opined that the farmers have to take loan for cultivation of agriculture fields and informed that most of surrounding agriculturists are facing the same problem. As there is damage of crops due to dust pollution of the factory, He stated that, the existing unit activity of dry process should not run/operate.

2) Shri Baburao Shankarraoji Kavalgave, resident of Survey No.128, Muthara Shiv informed that his agriculture field is just adjacent to the project. He further said that project officials do sprinkle water on the coal and road. It increases the weight of coal. But due to the water sprinkling, the area becomes muddy and due to transportation of trucks, the mud spreads all over the road and road becomes slippery. Hence there were accidents of two wheeler and riders have wounded.

Shri Kawalgave further informed that the dust produced due to manufacturing activities do



spread in the vicinity of agriculture fields and the crop of cotton becomes black. The livelihood of surrounding villagers is totally on agriculture. The agriculture workers does not come to collect/remove cotton crop as the dust spreads on body of the agriculture worker which gives burning sensation on whole body. The other crops produced in the vicinity like Black Plump/Indian Blackberry (Jambhul) and Chinese Apple/Jajube/Ber (Marathi Bor), also becomes useless for mankind, and even cattle does not eat it.

He further blamed that the project officials informs in the presentation that sprinklers have been fixed to spray on the coal and dust. But nothing is carried routinely. Project officials claims that they have planted saplings. But the saplings are planted just two days back to show it in this meeting. The project official does not undertake any welfare schemes in the local area. Hence existing factory should not run and get permission for new project of expansion.

- 3) **Shri Venkat Kawalgave, Muthra Village,** stated that there will be no work carried out by project proponent to control dust, due to dust there is a damage to crops, there should be no dust formation from said project and project proponent should take steps/mitigation measures to control dust.
- 4) **Shri Pundalik Jayaram Telang,** resident of Pandharpawani village informed that he has agriculture field on the survey no.164/2, Muthara village which is just adjacent to the project. Due to



transportation of trucks of the project proponent, the wire provided to motor pumps is broken/cut and he has to spent Rupees 3,000/- for the repairs. The vegetables produced in his fields becomes useless due to black dust spread on the vegetables. Even cattle does not touch the mouth to the vegetables. Due to dust there are Health issues as cough, asthma. He further stated that said unit have committed to put green curtains, same unit holder have not put.

He informed that he has met the project officials, but neither they have paid the compensation, nor they have put the green curtains in the surrounding of the project to avoid spreading of black dust. Shri Telang further appealed the Public Hearing Committee that said company should not exist here to avoid further damage of the agriculture fields.

5) **Shri Ram Madhavro Kaudgave**, resident of Pandharpawani village informed that he has agriculture field on the survey no.129, 130 Muthara village. Due to the black dust spread in the fields, the person who goes in the fields becomes totally black. As the pollution occurs in the vicinity due to this project, the company should not exist here.

6) **Ms. Kausalyabai Vanubhau Pimpalkar**, resident of Padharpawani village informed that her 6.5 Acre at gut no. 35 and she is totally dependent on said agriculture land. Agriculture field is adjacent to the factory and vegetable cultivation is carried in her field every year. She further informed that due to black dust, the vegetable becomes useless. The flow of black water also spreads in the field. The



company prevents adjoining farmers to build/make small canal in the fields in rainy season. She further informed that she herself works in the agriculture fields as her husband do not exists. If the water pipe is erected, the company officials break the pipe. Hence factory should not exist here.

- 7) **Shri Vitturaj Ramchandra Karmankar**, former Sarpanch of Muthara village informed that his agriculture field is on survey no. 28/1, Muthara village. He informed that while inception of the project, there was no public hearing. The adjoining farmers have demanded compensation for damage of crops due to black dust. Nothing is done by the project proponent.

Shri P. M. Joshi, Member of the Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur informed that the public hearing is conducted as per EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF& CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009 for certain projects. The project was installed for 0.5 MTPA Dry De-Shaling Plant for which prior public consultation is not required. Now the project proponent have planned "Washeries" i.e. 0.96 MTPA Wet De-Shaling Plant. Hence this public consultation is arranged, which is already informed by SRO, Hema Deshpande earlier.

Shri Karamankar further objected that the project proponent plans to construct barrage (bandara) on the canal/nalla. The nalla/canal is natural course of water flow. It is for living creatures and nature. But



project proponent desires to use the water for their production activities. Here Shri Joshi, Member informed that recycling of effluent is made mandatory to the project proponent. He also stated that He didn't received any compensation in the last year by the company.

Shri Karamankar objected for the No Objection Certificate granted by the Gram Panchayat Muthara to project proponent for erection of bhandara on the canal. Shri Karamankar further remarked that what is shown in the presentation is not carried by the project proponent. Due to release of black dust in the environment, the people residing in the vicinity are suffering due to asthma and cough. Hence company should not give permission for expansion and company should not exist here. He also further stated that, due to dust emitting from said project the people residing/in the vicinity of said units gets cold, cough, asthma etc.

- 8) **Shri Murlidhar Ramu Atram**, resident of Muthara village informed that his agriculture field is on Survey No.111, 112, 113 of village Muthara which is near the railway siding. Due to black dust, the crops of his fields were damaged last year. Hence, there was survey and Panchanama for the compensation. He blamed that not a single penny is given to him. He also stated that due to dust yield from his agriculture land is not upto the mark.

Shri Atram further informed that the loading and unloading of raw material of the existing industry is carried at railway siding. Due to this activity, the road is totally blocked and



transportation is stopped for 4-5 hours. If there is any emergency due to illness, the patient can not all go as the road is blocked. Hence permanent solution should be drawn for this problem.

9) **Shri Jitendra Baburaoji Jivane**, Police Patil of Muthara Village remarked that this allegations, objections of local people are due non-commitments of the project proponent. The local people are suffering since last 4 – 5 years. He further informed that project proponent has not undertaken any social development schemes in the Muthara and Padharpawani villages. While loading and unloading the material at railway siding, more 4 – 5 hours, the road is blocked. All villagers suffer due to blockage of transportation for 4-5 hours. Hence last year, there was procession/morcha by the local people at the Sub Divisional Office. The project proponent promised villagers to solve the issue within three months. Nothing is done till to-date. He requested Public Hearing Committee not to give permission to the project.

Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, Additional District Magistrate Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that this Committee does not give any permission, nor recommends the project. This Committee is constituted for the public consultation, to make dialogue between the PAP (Project Affected Persons) and the Government. This Committee will inform the suggestions, objections and remarks raised by the local people in this hearing for this project to Government. Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee further informed that the minutes of



this meeting will be made available to the general public.

The Police Patil further objected that for spraying on the coal, the water will require. The Irrigation Department releases the water from Amal nalla project and villagers get water through this nalla only. The local people are totally dependent on the nalla. Hence the project proponent should not be allowed to erect the bandhara on the nalla. He objected that since last five years, the management has not undertaken any social development project in the local area of Muthara village. Hence local people do not keep faith on the management. The presentation shown is totally misleading. The team of the environment consultant have not visited Chincholi and Muthara village and carried out any monitoring. He wished that local people desires that the project should be beneficial for the local people.

10) **Shri Sonu Harichandra Shelki**, resident of Pandharpawani remarked that local people should be given job opportunities. The local farmers should be given fair and reasonable compensation. He remarked that if the factory is closed, the workers will lose their jobs. The livelihood of the workers will be affected.

11) **Shri Baliram Dyanoba Koudgave**, resident of Pandharpawani village informed that his agriculture field is near the canal/nalla and he cultivates the cabbage. Due to black dust, the water gets polluted. Last year, nearly two k.m., there was flow of black water generated through the project. Due to this



polluted water, his crop of cabbage is totally damaged and there was financial loss. Hence company should first follow the environment management plan and if it does not follow, the factory should be closed, company should not give trouble to others and should give compensation.

12) **Shri Akash Ramdas Kunthalwar**, resident of Mutharaopined that the local farmers are demanding for the closing of factory/company should not exists. But livelihood of workers should also be considered. The management of the factory should be appealed to make solution and factory should run/operate.

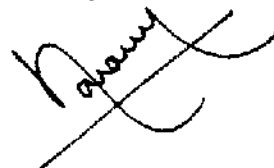
13) **Shri Pandurang Raghunath Channe**, resident/ agriculturist at survey no.233, the agriculture is looked by **Devdas Namdevrao Padle**. He informed that he has agriculture field of four acres and Guava, Pomegranate and Chinese Appale/Jujube/Ber (Marathi Bor) are produced in the fields. Last year due to black dust, the total crop was affected and he submitted written complaints to all district administration and local elected representatives, Chief Minister and Environment Minister. He did not receive single penny as compensation.

He further asked to inform scientific method for release and calculation of black dust. He further remarked that the black dust also spreads due to truck transportation. The muddy roads becomes slippery and there were many accidents. Only in one case the accident victim was given compensation due to Minister as the accident occurred in front of Minister only.



He further remarked that a scientific survey is necessary for the control release of black dust and compensation for the loss of crops due to black dust in the environment. He suggested that as NEERI informs the fees of Rupees Five lakh for detailed scientific study, it can be obtained through District Mining Fund and District Collector is requested to release the payment. After study of the NEERI report, then only the project proponent may be given permission. He further objected that in the name of workers, others may come and may suggest to continue the factory production activities. Hence worker who wants to talk in this meeting may be asked General Provident Fund number. He further suggested that geographical/topographical condition of the area should be studied before granting permission to the project proponent. He objected for NOC granted by the Grampanchayat for building of bandhara in the nalla.

- 14) **Shri Yogesh Sherki**, resident of Pandharpawani stated that since last 3 years labours were not getting job, now due to said company 50 to 60 labours get work and if said company is not allowed to operate then this will be a great cause of worry.
- 15) **Ms. Parvatabai Atram**, resident of Pandharpawani informed that she owns 2 Acres of agriculture land at survey no.8 and survey no.110 at the both sides of railway sidings of Muthara village.



The loading and unloading of materials is carried for 4-5 hours and black dust is released in the environment. If anybody goes in the field, the clothes become totally black. The total body irritates and hence has to take bath and labours are stating that how they will survive then how farmers will survive?

- 16) **Shri Sudhir Anantrao Lande**, Up-Sarpanch/Dy. Sarpanch of Pandharpawani village opined that closing of factory is not at all solution. Local youths are working in the plant. The project proponent should co-operate local people for compensation and social development schemes should be undertaken by the project proponent.
- 17) **Shri Divakar Ramchandra Bobade**, resident of Muthara village informed that all farmers have not the irrigated fields/farms. Hence the company should not be stopped. The local people especially youths at least 50% from their village should be given job opportunities in the plant and fair and reasonable compensation to the affected local people should be given.
- 18) **Shri Sandip Bhivsan Gaikwad**, resident of Pandharpawani opined that the local farmers should be given compensation and due to said unit 100 people get employment. The social development schemes at Muthara and Pandharpawani villages should be carried by the project proponent. The youths of Pandharpawani resident should be given job opportunities.
- 19) **Shri Ranjan Anandrao Lande**, resident of Pandharpawani remarked that the issue of



compensation for farmers and job opportunities for local people should be considered. The plant should not be stopped. The project proponent should undertake study for control of release of black dust, and should undertake social welfare schemes such as education programmes, providing water through tankers for five years in drought days, compensation to farmers, arranging health camps through CSR Fund. He further suggested to release the programmes in advance and made available to Grampanchayat office. He also further stated that only local residents should be given Job as per qualification.

20) **Shri Dinesh Ramchandra Jeurkar**, resident of Pandharpawani remarked that he is Technical Electrician in the plant. If the project is stopped as per wishes of farmers, the workers will lose the job. Hence the company should take precaution of the pollution, also categorise the farmers for compensation and permission for expansion and modernization should be given to the project proponent. He further informed that Technical Electrician gets 12000 – 15000 and whether any farmer can give Rs. 12000 – 15000 if company is closed.

21) **Shri Prakash Vithoba Patankar**, resident of Pandharpawani opined that while giving presentation, the exact figure for requirement of permanent employment is not given. It should be explained by the project proponent. It is informed by project proponent that there may be requirement of four personnels as an permanent employee.

22) **Shri Suresh Uike**, Sarpanch of Muthara village informed that he was working in a Coal Washeries



and now working as Driver and when he was working in washery he was getting 10 to 15 thousand rupees payment and now he receives 3000 to 4000 rupees payment as driver. The plant should not closed which will affect development of the local area. But project proponent should control the dust pollution.

- 23) **Shri Rameshwar Harichandra Dhanorkar**, resident of Pandharpawani opined that the plant should not be shut down. The local people should be given job opportunities. The affected farmers should be given compensation. He stated that, he was earlier working in Bhatia Coal Washery which is now closed.
- 24) **Shri Mahadev Vinoba Atram**, Sarpanch of Pandharipawani village remarked that the factory should not be closed down. The local farmers should be given compensation which should satisfy them, company should give employment.
- 25) **Shri Shankar Bacchu Atram**, resident of Pandharipawani village informed that he is Labour Contractor he provides 25 to 30 workers to the unit. He pays the Insurance and PF amount on the account of labour. If the factory is shut down, it will loss of all. The company has planted sapling of nearly 7-8 thousands. The company should not be shut down, otherwise what will be fate of his 25 to 30 labours.
- 26) **Shri Vijay Devrao Hapat**, resident of Pandharipawani while asking studied questions asked project proponent the study/findings of quantity of water in the nalla, requirement of water

quantity for agriculture, quantity of water after erection of bandhara in nalla. He asked about the requirement of quantity of water for industrial usage as well as domestic use. If the project proponent has bore wells, how much quantity of bore water will be lifted, if the bore water is lifted, the plan of water harvesting and its quantity.

Shri Hapat further asked about the treatment and disposal of slurry and opined that as slurry is not biodegradable, how it will be treated in septic tank. If the project proponent promises recycling of water, then whether the project proponent have recycling plant. He further expressed suspicion about the capacity of nozzle sprinkler, how the drop of water sprayed from Rain Gun will stop/treat the dust particle. He further asked whether project proponent has any dust suction pump arrangement?

Shri Hapat further opined that main source of the dust pollution is through the truck transportation. Hence company should take other way that only closed trucks will be permitted to carry the material. Shri Hapat asked whether project proponent have undertaken scientific study for releasing of dust in the environment and opined that one year study should be carried for environment. He further suggested that scientific study of speed of air, coal particles and how many distance the coal/dust particles can go should be studied. He said that it is our experience that due to dust, there is bad effect on sun rays, which naturally affects the fertility of the crop. He informed that since Sun-rise upto 11.0'clock,



there are good chances of pollination of flowers in case of cotton which is affected due to dust pollution. There is sound pollution by machine & belt but project proponent has not shown it.

Shri Hapat appealed project proponent to undertake water harvesting programmes wholeheartedly.

27) **Shri Ashwin Devdas Padole**, resident of Rajura informed that the SDM/Collector has given NA with conditions to coal storage and weighbridge with certain condition, same should be verified/inspected.

28) **Shri Rajkumar Ramesh Shendre**, resident of Muthara opined that farmers and unemployed youths should be considered by project proponent. The affected farmers should get compensation and company should not be close down.

29) **Shri Mahadev Suryabhan Warde**, resident of Pandharpawani informed that the project officials has built a wall due to which the water remains stagnant in his field of 1 ½ acres. The crops have been damaged. Hence the issue should be solved immediately.

Chairman of the Committee asked project proponent to look into the matter and if possible remove the water by suction pump.

30) **Shri Dilip Girsavale**, residency of Khamona village stated that how much compensation will farmers get, how much employment will company give and what about avenue tree plantation.



31) **Shri Jitendra Baburaoji Jivane**, Police Patil of Muthara Village opined that due to slurry/dust farm gets hollow and gets unfertile which is one of the hidden point. Hence treatment on land should also be given.

After detail discussions, the Committee again appealed general public to raise any objections, suggestions for the project. The committee asked project proponent to give clarification for the objections.

Shri Gupta, General Manager of Project Proponent informed that Rain water harvesting will be carried wholeheartedly and the water will be reused in the project site only. He said the any company is beneficial for appointing local people, as local people is easily available for emergency work. The social development activities will be carried under CSR Fund,

The project proponents stated that they will enter into such a agreement with the transporter to make closed transportation by cover the trucks exclusively by tarpaulin to carry material.

Shri P. M. Joshi, Member of the Public Hearing Committee asked to explain in the detail regarding water harvesting from technical officer of the project proponent.

The Technical Officer of the project proponent informed that only 2% water will be lifted from the nalla by the project officials and 98% will be given to local farmers. He informed that pits will be built and rain water harvesting will be implemented wholeheartedly.



The Technical Officer informed that Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) is one of the prescribed conditions in ToR given to project proponent. Hence there will not any slurry discharge. The drain will be built in four sides of inside of project and effluent will be treated and will be reused.

He further informed that as Dry Coal was used, there was dust, but now the Wet coal will be used and hence there will not any release of dust.

Member of the Public Hearing Committee Shri P. M. Joshi asked company officials not to give vague answers regarding requirement of permanent employment, steps for dust suppression, tree plantation committee, Risk Management Study,

Shri Gupta, General Manager of the project proponent informed that the total four personnels will be required for permanent employment and commissioning of the plant, total twenty personnels will require. He also stated that project proponent has already given compensation last year to 16 people/farmers in presence of Taluka Magistrate Rajura, accordingly he gave details of the same to panal of public hearing, same are enclosed.

The Technical Officer informed that mud is created due to extra spraying of water and for spraying controlled water, the timer will be fixed in the Rain Gun. The issues regarding blocking of road while loading and unloading, the issue will have to be discussed with Railway Authorities. It will discussed and amicable solution will be made. For control of noise pollution, it is informed that as wet coal will be used, the noise levels will be minimized. The modern machinery will be used in the plant, the



workers working near the noise making machines will be provided ear muffs.

It is informed by the Technical Officer that Slurry Pond will be built in the project site after giving due treatment, the total water will be recycled. Technical Officer informed that there will be more than 30% green belt in the project site and if Social Forestry Department gives permission, the project proponent will take in hand the green drive.

Shri P. M. Joshi, Member asked about the objection received the water stagnant in the 1 ½ acres of agriculture fields due to construction of wall. Chairman of the Committee asked the project proponent to drain the water.

The Technical Officer informed that the as per the requirement the responsibility will be fixed who are included in Risk Management Team.

Shri Sandip Gaikwad, resident of Pandharpawani suggested that the project proponent should purchase nearby land and built Talav and water should be preserved and exclusively by the Project Proponent. It can be built under Jalyaukta Shivar. The project proponent promised for the same.

Chairman of the committee while concluding the meeting appealed project proponent to carry the socio economic development work under CSR Fund. He thanked local people for participation and extending co-operation for smooth conduct of public hearing. He

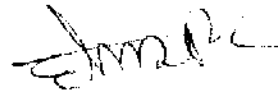


thanked the Police Officials also for the co-operation extended by them.

During the public hearing, 11 suggestions/objections /views are received and the same are enclosed herewith.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the suggestions, comments made in this meeting will be incorporated in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra.

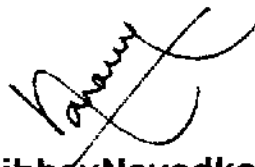
The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.



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