

## Minutes of Public Hearing

Public hearing of proposed 150 Ton per Day Integrated Solid Waste Management Project, Manda Titwala, Taluka Kalyan, District Thane of M/s. Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation with respect to environmental point of view was arranged on 14/11/2018 at 12.00 pm at Chhatrapati Shikshan Mandal's Vidya Mandir, Manda, Near Titwala Station, Titwala (East), Taluka Kalyan, District Thane. Following Government officials were present for the said public hearing-

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| 1) Mr. Anil Pawar<br>Representative of Collector Thane/<br>Additional District<br>Magistrate/Additional Collector,<br>Thane | Chairman   |
| 2) Mr. Dhananjay Patil<br>Regional Officer<br>Kalyan  | Representative, Member<br>Secretary<br>M.P.C Board |
| 3) Mr. Amar Durgule<br>Sub Regional Officer<br>Kalyan 1   | Member /Convenor<br>M.P.C Board                    |

Brief of the public hearing is as follows:

Mr. Amar Durgule, Convenor of the public hearing welcome members present for the hearing and with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman started the public hearing. He explained that the said public hearing was arranged in accordance with the provisions of Notification 2006 and Amended their too 2009 of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India. Proposal for environmental public hearing of the said project was received before Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 06/07/2018. The said proposal was submitted by M.P.C Board before Collector, Thane on 02/08/2018. Subsequently, 14/11/2018 was finalized as a date environmental public hearing by the Hon'ble Collector, Thane. Advertisement of the said public hearing was published in "Dainik Navshakti", a Marathi newspaper and "Free Press Journal" a English newspaper on 10/10/2018 i.e. one month before the hearing. With respect to abovementioned facts, today's public hearing has been arranged.

Summarized copies of the Environmental Report prepared by the Project Promoters with respect to the proposed project were kept open for inspection by public at the following places-

- 1) Hon'ble Collector, Thane Collector's Office, Thane
- 2) Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Environment Department, Mantralaya, New Administrative Building, Mumbai
- 3) Assistant Director (Water Pollution Control) Office, MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai
- 4) Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Shankar Rao Chowk, Kalyan (West), District Thane
- 5) Regional Officer, Kalyan/ Sub-Regional Office, Kalyan-1, Siddhivinayak Sankul, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (W), District Thane

Objective of this public hearing is to inform people about effect of the proposed project and its effects on the environment and measures to be taken for the same.

Mr. Amar Durgule, Convenor of the public hearing, further informed that Environmental Advisor of the proposed project would be presenting information of the said project and subsequently objections, complaints and suggestions received from the public regarding the proposed project would be recorded in brief and shall further be forwarded to Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai. He also explained that this Committee has been formulated to arrange public hearing and take on record objections and complaints received from the public and submit report of the same to the Government. He requested project promoters to give presentation/ information of the said project to the public.

The said project has been receiving opposition from the public and the public has requested to stop presentation of the proposed project and has demanded to send its objections, suggestion and complaints regarding the project to the Government. Thus to maintain law and order, presentation of the proposed project was not held.

**Advocate Jayesh Wadkar, Titwala:-**According to report of BMTP (Building Material Technology Project), location of the said project has been declared as earthquake prone area. Thus can this project be installed at this location? Since this project would be located in dense population area; during execution of this project, substantial noise pollution shall be created due to transport dumpers and other vehicles. Quantum of noise pollution in residential area is 55 decibel and there shall be substantial increase in intensity of sound owing to this project. Thus this project shall lead to sound pollution. Location of the said project was drowning under water during the floods of 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2005. According to rules, is there provisions that project should be installed at a location which had not be drown under water in past 100 years? This project shall not fit into criterion set by Mumbai Municipal Corporation vide its Guidelines for Solid Waste Management and thus this project should be dismissed. I have submitted my representation in writing.

**Mrs.Upeksha Bhoir, Deputy Mayor Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Titwala::** Arrangements made for public hearing are not sufficient and considering opposition from the public, this hearing should be arranged at school's playground rather than auditorium. Presentation of Umbarde & Barave projects was done. However these projects were implemented irrespective of opposition from the public. Thus we already know regarding presentation and thus we have demanded to give us an opportunity to submit our representation. Advertisement of this public hearing was not published in local newspaper. Instead of two banners only one banner has been displayed in station premises.

During the presentation of the said project by Deputy Commissioner, Mr.Toraskar, Corporator and Public Representative Mrs. Upeksha Bhoir submitted that the public does not want any presentation and just want to submit its representation and it does not want to hear anything from your side. She further explained that future of our children depends on this project. Unemployed and educated youth from Titwala run auto and owing to this project religious believer shall stop visiting Titwala and this our youth shall be left unemployed.

**Mr.Krishnakant Dalvi, Titwala:** Location at which this project is proposed to be installed drowns under water every year. This fact has not been studied. This place was selected by the Municipal Corporation in 1996; however after 22 years, population of this area has reached up to 40,000. Residential population is located

at the project location. Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation's sewage treatment plan is adjacent to the project location. Thus while executing this project; facts such as river flowing adjacent to project location and river pollution should be taken into consideration. Thus we are not in favour of this project.

**Mr. Suresh Mhatre, Titwala:** Titwala is a tourist and pilgrimage place. Religious believers from not only from Maharashtra but also from outside of Maharashtra visit Titwala every year. This project shall affect health of the tourists as well as residents. Umbarde and Barave projects were executed irrespective of the opposition from public. However we shall not let this happen with this project. We are not in favour of this project and we shall not let this project be executed.

**Mrs. Upeksha Bhoir, Deputy Mayor Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Titwala:** Representation submitted by us should be implemented at Government level.

**Mr. Anil Pawar, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate/ Additional Collector:** Views expressed over here have been recorded along with names and has been taken on record through video shooting and photos. Your objections and representations regarding said project shall be submitted to the Government. Your views cannot be implemented at this level and your opposition to said Project shall be conveyed to the Government. No decision regarding this shall be taken at this level.

**Mrs. Surve:** Big residential complexes are being built here and people from the cities are migrating here. Will you be providing them polluted air and water?

**Mr. Anil Pawar, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate /Additional Collector:-**This Committee has its own limitations. This Committee has been formed to submit presentation of the project and convey objection, oppositions and suggestions of the public regarding the project to the Government.

**Mrs. Surve:** If the Solid Waste Management project is to be implemented over here; then why the permission was given to big residential complexes to be built here? Sanctions have been granted with respect to adjacent rivers. Also, river is located at 100 meters from the project. This shall pollute water of the river. Information regarding same has also been published in media. People are well aware about all these facts. Inspection of this place was done few years back.

**Mr. Anil Pawar, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate /Additional Collector:** Presentation of the project was scheduled over here. However due to your opposition, it had to be cancelled. Sanction for the construction is given by the Municipal Corporation. Minutes of this meeting shall be sent to the Government and shall be made available to you.

**Mr. Ajay Shelar, Titwala:** Has Survey been conducted by the concerned official of the location at which the said project is proposed to be installed? This public hearing should be taken at that location which shall provide an opportunity to gauge possible difficulties.

**Mr. Vijay Bhoir, Titwala:** There is a river on east and west side of Titwala and railway station is situated. Solid Waste Management project is located on west side of the river. Two years back, Municipal Corporation had tried to implement this project at this place however owing to opposition from local residents, it had to be cancelled. This project is being implemented in spite of opposition from the public. Thus we are not in favour of this project.

**Mrs. Sushma Chaturvedi, Titwala:** We had asked for dustbins from Municipal Corporation, however it has given us dumping ground.

**Mr. Pradeep Sonawane, Titwala:** Government will have to face opposition on a large scale if it tries to implement this project forcefully. Also, self-immolation shall be done at the project site. This is because this project shall lead to diseases and we cannot afford to go clinics.

**Mr. Kalpesh Patil, Titwala:** We are local residents over here and fishing as well agriculture are our traditional businesses. We are opposing this project because all the waste shall be disposed on the road and river bed and this shall affect fishing business in this area. Pollution owing to this project shall affect agriculture business as well and thus we are not in favour of this project.

**Mr. Milind Sawant, Titwala:** Inspection of this project was done during 2005-06. However after 12 years; as on today, this shall lead to problems like increased population, road traffic, narrow roads, and traffic jam and health hazards. In case of any mishap, there is no hospital at nearby places. Thus we insist that first arrangement should be done for hospital and then for the project.

**Mr. Shivaji Bhoir, Titwala:** Owing to increased pollution in Mumbai and suburbs, people have been migrating to Titwala. Considering pilgrimage and tourist places at Titwala and big housing complexes, The said Solid Waste Management Project is not in harmony with it. Thus we are opposing this project on a large scale. In case this project is implemented, it will have to face agitation on a large scale.

**Mr. Vijay Maruti Deshekar, Titwala:** We are not opposing local development. Our lands have been acquired for this project. However this project shall be affecting our health. Sewage treatment plants are not run properly and same shall be the case with this project. Thus we are opposing this project.

**Mr. Pramod Jadhav, Titwala:** Government has forced this dumping ground project on us. We were not taken into confidence and planning done 10 years back is being implemented after 10 years. Thus we protest this project.

**Mr. Laxman Sonawane, Titwala:** This project was proposed in 1996, however it is being implemented after 22 years. This premise is being developed on a large scale. Sanction has been granted to big housing complexes and in spite of this fact; this dumping ground project is being implemented here. Thus we are opposing this project and we do not want this project to be implanted at Manda, Titwala.

**Mrs. Upeksha Bhoir, Deputy Mayor Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Titwala:** 3 or 4 Public Representatives are present here. Corporation should provide vehicles for transporting waste as well as trash cans for dry and wet waste. Corporation neglects this, there is no planning. Since the corporation is incompetent to complete the project, we are opposing to it. Manda town is 300 mtrs away from the project site and civil population is at a distance of 50 meters. As this project is located very close to the river, every year the site of the project goes under water. Therefore crores of Rupees, collected out of public taxes are certain to go down the drain. Fifty meters to the west of the project is a river called Kalu and a drainage stream runs through the project land. There is a likelihood of drainage water from the project seeping to the river whose water is used for drinking purposes. The Corporation's water pumping station is on the banks of the river. A safe zone has not been created from the project. Agriculture, fishing and brick-making are traditional occupations around here, which will be adversely affected by the project. Heaps of waste will be created. The report does

not mention that the Mumbai – Vadodara highway passes by this project. Movement of heavy vehicles will be taking place. We are therefore opposed to this project. We trust that you will convey our protest to the Government.

**Mr.Mangesh Jadhav, Titwala:** This project is illegal. It should be deployed only for management of waste from Titwala.

**Mr.Bhima Patil:** Due to this project, people from outside would not like to come to Titwala and this will affect income of auto rickshaw drivers, who are owners of this area. Also the river is likely to get polluted due to waste spilling over to the river. Therefore there is an opposition to the project.

**Mr. Vijay Tambve, Titwala:** An advertisement was issued in newspaper(s). However banners of the project were not displayed. We are opposed to the project and the Government will solely be responsible if the project is gone ahead with.

**Mr.Shrikrishna, Titwala:** The land for the project comes under a seismic zone. The project is located on the banks of a river. In the event of any mishap, the river will be polluted affecting villages downstream. This project must be abandoned.

**Mr.Prabhakar Bhoir, Titwala:** According to the report of 2015 of M.P.C. Board, the distance of the proposed project from Manda, Titwala is half a kilometer. Civil population is at about 300 meters distance. The sewage treatment plant of the Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation is 10 meters away from the proposed site. To the west of the project is the mouth of the river Kalu. Adjacent to the project are funeral ground and traditional kilns. The project land in question is surrounded by water and is likely to be included in the seashore area. Roads have not been constructed to approach the project. There is no heritage building in the place in question. The possibility of the land in question going under water during rains cannot be ruled out. Safety zone has not been created. The land is bound to go under water every year. What is the Corporation's planning regarding this aspect? Will you be spending crores of Rupees every year? Adjacent to this land is a compound belonging to BPT. The compound wall has holes which is a provision for draining flood water. Therefore this project is illegal and is likely to waste public money.

**Mr.Toraskar, Deputy Commissioner, Kalyan Dombivali Corporation:** You have made your point. The project will not be gone ahead of denied by the environment Committee.

**Adv. Jayesh Wadkar, Titwala:** A dumping ground must be created as per Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It is essential that this project should commence as per Municipal Solid Waste Rules 2013, 2014, 2016. However, here these matters have not been taken into consideration. Further action should be initiated in accordance with the environmental laws. I oppose the project.

**Mr.Balaram Jadhav, Titwala:** In the Kalyan Dombivali report, the distance from the river is shown as 122 mtrs. There is no lake near the dumping ground. There is no national highway within 500 mtrs of the project. A safety zone may be kept at a distance of 500 mtrs from the project; however, an unauthorized construction has been shown at a distance of 200 mtrs in the belt. This should be removed. The land of the project should have not gone under water in last 100 years. Therefore this has not been surveyed in any manner. Therefore this project is illegal. Therefore this project is in the flood zone and the population will not be moved. There will be opposition to the project to the end.

**Adv. Jayesh Wadkar, Titwala:** There is no reaction in support of this project. Therefore people are opposed to the project.

**Mr.Amar Durgule, Convenor, Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan::** The objections of the populace to the project have been noted. Your contentions that there is an issue of the river, issues of roads, effect on employment and livelihood, problems of agriculture, will all be put up to the Government. If there are issues other than these, they may be raised.

**Mr.Toraskar, Deputy Commissioner, Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation:** This is a proposed project. If the issues raised by you are upheld by the environment committee, any decision taken by them regarding the project will be acceptable to us. After obtaining the permission from the environment department, the project will be further considered.



**Mr.Sakharam Bhoir, Titwala:** Even without the permission from the environment (Department), tenders have been floated and a contractor appointed. Since the project on the reserved land is not completed within the stipulated time period or the land is not used within the stipulated period, the project has become time barred and is therefore objected to.

**Sitaram Bhir, Titwala:** How was the permission for commencement of the project granted in the absence of environment clearance?

**Mr.Amar Durgule, Convenor, Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan:** The matters of tendering or permission or appointment of a contractor are within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation. No permission from the M.P.C. Board or the Environment Department is needed.

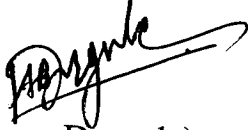
**Mrs.Upeksha Bhoir, Deputy Mayor Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Titwala:** This project will not be gone ahead with if permission is not received from the environment department. Further, nobody has given any consent in favour of the project.

**Mr.Anil Pawar, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate / Additional Collector :** Public hearing of the Manda-Titwala Solid Waste Management Project was organized at this place. All citizens, villagers, officer bearers of various organizations, representatives of media are present. All of them have recorded the reasons for which they oppose the project. Strong feelings of the citizens in this matter have been acknowledged. The same have also been recorded in the video recording of the proceedings. Copies of the report of this hearing will be made available for public for viewing in the offices of M.P.C. Board, District Collector, Commissioner, Tehsil Office. Technical and legal issues raised by you have been noted. Further, if any concerned party wishes to submit his contentions in writing, the same may be submitted here. They will be included in the report of the proceedings.

In the end, the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee declared that the issues raised by those present have been noted, and the report of the public hearing will be sent to the Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Thereafter, thanks were offered to the all for being present for the open public hearing about the environmental aspect of the project and stating their views and for peaceful conduct of the same after which the hearing was declared concluded.

The total 86 No of representation received from the various organization, societies, NGO and public during the public hearing which are attached.



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