

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MS BILLETS FROM 10,000 TPM TO 35000 TPM AND TMT BARS FROM 10,000 TPM TO 35,000 TPM PROPOSED BY M/S. RAJURI STEEL PRIVATE LIMITED AT PLOT NO. F-12, ADDITIONAL MIDC AREA, PHASE-II, JALNA, DIST: JALNA, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 26/11/2018 AT 11.00 A.M. AT THE PROPOSED SITE OF M/S. RAJURI STEEL PRIVATE LIMITED, PLOT NO. F-12, ADDITIONAL MIDC AREA, PHASE-II, JALNA, DIST: JALNA, MAHARASHTRA.

An environmental public hearing in respect of proposed **Expansion of MS Billets from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM and TMT Bars from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM** proposed by M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited, Plot No. F-12, Additional MIDC Area, Phase-II, Jalna Dist: Jalna, Maharashtra was conducted on 26/11/2018 at 11.00 a.m. at the proposed site of M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited, Plot No. F-12, Additional MIDC Area, Phase-II, Jalna Dist: Jalna, Maharashtra.

Following members were present during the public hearing :

1. **Shri Ravindra Binwade,**
District Magistrate, Jalna,
Dist: Jalna. Chairman.
2. **Shri Rajesh Joshi,**
Additional District Magistrate, Jalna,
Dist. Jalna.
3. **Shri A.D. Mohekar,**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Aurangabad. Member.
4. **Shri V.P. Shelke,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Jalna. Convener.

A list of members and public participants present for Public Hearing is annexed herewith. All those present were given welcome by the Convener. Then, **Shri V.P. Shelke**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna and Convener of Public Hearing Panel with the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel narrated the procedure to be followed for obtaining environmental clearance by explaining the provisions of the MoEFCC, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 and amended Notification No. S.O 3067 (E) dated 01/12/2009 and Summary of the proposed project right from the date of receipt of application submitted by the Project Proponent for conducting Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the local newspapers Daily Lokmat Times (English) and Daily Sakal (Marathi) dated 24/10/2018. He stated that the proposed project of **Expansion of MS Billets**

from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM and TMT Bars from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM falls under 'B' Category of the said Notification, which require Environmental Clearance from the Government of India, New Delhi, hence it is necessary to conduct the public hearing for the said project. He further stated that as per the said Notification, the copies of EIA Report and Executive Summary of the proposed project in English and Marathi were placed at various Government Offices, viz. Collector Office, Jalna, Zilla Parishad, Jalna, District Industries Centre, Jalna, Tehsil Office, Jalna, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Jalna, etc. for studying and people were requested to record suggestions, objections, if any regarding the said project within 30 days from the publicity of notice of the said project in the newspapers, accordingly, one objection from Panthers Republican Party, Jalna and one other suggestion are received at Sub-Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna, which will be read after technical presentation of said project and same will be answered by the Project Proponent. He requested the public participants that if anybody is having any objection, suggestion, etc. about the said project, same can be asked by telling their own name and address and if anybody is having any objection, suggestion, etc. in writing, same can be given after technical presentation.

Then, the Technical Consultant of the project, **Shri Mohan Rahangdale** from M/s. Pollution & Ecology Control Services, Nagpur started the power point presentation of the proposed project and stated that the site of said project of M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited is located at Plot No. F-12, Additional MIDC Area, Phase-II, Jalna and it is a proposed **Expansion project of MS Billets from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM and TMT Bars from 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM** through induction furnace. As per the MoEF Notification, 2006, the proposed project is categorized as 'B' Class for which Environmental Clearance is necessary from Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi. He stated that the Central Environment & Forest Ministry always works for proper use of natural resources in the country. As per the MoEF Notification 2006, every industry requires Environmental Clearance for their Enhancement in Production/Modernization/Renovation. Approval has been given for the proposed project in the 140th SEAC meeting held on 20/07/2017. The information about environment in the surrounding area of the proposed project has been included in the Environment Impact Assessment Report as per the SEAC-norms and the information regarding adverse impact to be occurred on the environment and the mitigation measures to be taken thereof are also described in detail in the said report.

He showed the map showing the site of proposed expansion project and briefed about the environmental study in the 10 km. radius of project site as below :

The project site is located at Plot No. F-12, Additional MIDC Area, Phase-II, Jalna, Latitude - 19°50'41.89"N & Longitude - 75°50'33.66"E, Elevation about MSL is 534 m. The nearest town is Jalna located at a distance of 5.0 km. Reserved Forest is at a distance of 8.5 km. towards East side and the other Reserved Forest is at a distance of 5.0 km. towards North-East side. The nearest Railway Station is Jalna located at a distance of 5.0 km. There is no any archaeological monument, historical place or sanctuary located within the area of 10 km. radius. The nearest State Highway is Aurangabad-Jalna-Nagpur at a distance of 2 km. The nearest river is Kundalika River - 2.5 km. (NE), Mukta River - 7.0 km. (N), Moti Talav - 1 km. (SE) & Ghanewadi Talav - 5.5 km. (N). He further showed the satellite map of the project site and briefed the details of land use pattern within the area of 10 km. radius as Agriculture Land -

67.65%, Built up Area – 6.71%, Quarrying – 0.88%, River – 0.50%, Wasteland – 21.78% and Waterbody – 2.48%.

Shri Rahangdale briefed about the information of said project and stated that M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited is established in the year 1994 and it is a industrial promoter in taking innovative/modern and more durable production of TMT Bars. The industry is having credit in Jalna area in Maharashtra for making the Steel Bars on a large scale and it always takes efforts to provide quality standards which can compete with the best in the World. The Manufacturers of M/s. Rajuri Steel make the Steel Bars of High Strength Deformed (HSD) like Fe 415, Fe 500 & Fe 550 (having length more than 14.5%) in different size from 8 mm to 32 mm. and the existing Management is looking after the company since 1999 and it carries continuous modernization and expansion in it. He stated that the today, industry is producing the world class TMT Bars. The TMT Bars produced by the industry is marked as 'Rajuri 500'. It is a planning of industry for business expansion by increasing in the M.S. Billets and TMT Bars and for the production of which local use will be done due to which the production cost of the industry will be reduced. The industry has acquired 28181.00 Sq. m. of land in which the build up area of 8159.70 Sq.m. is in existence and there is no need of additional land for the expansion.

He briefed about the information of proposed production and stated that the proposed production will be as **M.S. Billets - 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM and TMT Bars – 10,000 TPM to 35,000 TPM** for which the raw material required will be Sponge Iron, M.S. Scrap, Pig Iron/Cast Iron, etc. He showed the process flow sheet of Hot Billet Rolling Mill and stated that the raw material, i.e. Sponge Iron, M.S. Scrap, Cast Iron, is fed to induction furnace and then slag is separated and the flue gas sucked through suction hood and discharged through stack. He stated that the total requirement of water is 198 CMD in which existing water requirement is 70 CMD and proposed water requirement will be 128 CMD and the domestic effluent generated will be reused after treatment.

He showed the map showing the study area within the radius of 10 km. of project where the samples of water, air and noise are collected and briefed as below :

Air Environment :- Air quality is monitored at 8 places during the period from September, 2017 to December, 2017, which includes wind direction, sensitive areas and human habitation and the air quality observed in the study area is as PM_{10} – 59.0 to 83.8 $\mu g/m^3$, $PM_{2.5}$ – 40.8 to 53.9 $\mu g/m^3$, NO_x – 19.9 to 33.0 $\mu g/m^3$ and SO_2 – 22.7 to 33.6 $\mu g/m^3$ and there will be increase of 0.2 to 0.4 $\mu g/m^3$ in PM_{10} and 0.8 to 0.25 in $PM_{2.5}$ $\mu g/m^3$ in the project area after commissioning of the said project.

Noise Environment :- The noise level monitoring is carried out at various 8 places in the proposed project area and it is recorded as 29.1 to 62.3 dB(A) and the higher noise level is recorded during the day time.

Water Environment :- 10 Nos. of ground water samples and 4 Nos. of surface water samples, i.e. total 14 Nos. of water samples are collected and analyzed in the project area.

Shri Rahangdale briefed about the Air Pollution Control System and stated that for control of Particulate Matter below $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$ dust suppression system and bag filter/wet scrubber followed by stack will be provided, water sprinkling system will be provided at transportation centre and goods handling sections, the green belt at road side in the project area will be increased, internal roads will be concretized to reduce the dust emission due to vehicular movement, regular water sprinkling will be carried out, stack monitoring facility will be installed as per CPCB guidelines and the stack will be monitored regularly.

He further briefed about the Noise Pollution Control and stated that padding will be provided at various places to avoid the noise generation due to vibration, Noise barriers will be provided where it is not possible to control noise. If possible, the noise generating machinery operator will be provided with noise resisting room to control the noise through Remote Control, the sources generating higher noise will be provided proper noise resisting cover, besides the regular monitoring of various equipments, the persons working at the noise generating machines will be provided with ear plug/muffler, oiling will be carried out to the machineries and if possible cover will be provided to reduce the noise, Extensive Vibration Monitoring System and if possible vibration isolator will be provided to reduce the noise and vibration.

While briefing about the proposed Water Pollution Control Process, he stated that the water requirement for the proposed project is 128 CMD. Effluent will be generated from cooling process and air pollution control devices, which will be treated in ETP and then it will be reused in process. The domestic effluent generation will be 17.6 CMD, which will be treated in closed Sewage Treatment Plant and it will be reused after treatment.

He briefed about the Solid Waste control and stated that about 1400 TPA of solid waste of metal scrap/slag will be generated after expansion, which will not be hazardous for the nature and it will be used for land filling in the own premises. The tail cutting of 1050 TPA generated will be reused in the process. The metal scrap/slag contains iron, which is very sound commercially and economically, which will be separated through magnetic field.

He further briefed about the Disaster Management Plan and stated that information will be given to the authorized person regarding special study about disaster management and the information will be given to the Senior Officers and Employees regarding use of Personal Protective Equipments. Information about the special study will also be given to the Chief Person of various organizations during the disaster/emergency situation as per their work. The project lay-out and other information will also be given by the Company Management to the outside agencies like District Level Disaster Management Cell, District Level Fire Brigade so that the said information will be helpful during the disaster situation.

He stated that the Project Proponent has decided to develop the Green Belt on 33% of area out of total land acquired and the plantation will be carried out as per the advice of Forest Department and they have proposed to plant about 1100 Nos. of trees. The Project Proponent has also prepared the proposal for Rain Water Harvesting.

He briefed about the Socio-Economic & Social Development Programme and stated that regular discussion will be carried out with the local people for making available the employment

opportunity for them and employment will be given to them depending upon their educational qualification, proper co-ordination will be kept by the Project Officer with the Local Administration, Grampanchayat, Batch Development Officer for the implementation of Social Welfare Schemes to be taken.

While briefing about the Benefits of the Proposed Project, he stated that there will be increase in employment opportunity directly or indirectly and direct/indirect employment will be given to about 250 to 300 Nos. of local people during the process stage. There will be the social and economical development of the area due to the activities under the Corporate Social Responsibility/Corporate Environment Responsibility (CSR/CER). There will be the development of educational, social and economical sectors and improvement in the health and educational infrastructure.

He stated that under the CSR/CER activities, the Project Proponent of M/s. Rajuri Steels Private Limited as a good commercial citizen and industrialist in the area has proposed to develop as a Model Village to the certain selected villages, capital cost of Rs. 5.0 Lakh per year will be provided under the CSR/CER activities for the development of local area, the CSR/CER programmes will be decided as per the requirements observed during the survey of social area and after deciding the programmes under the CSR/CER, the implementation of the same will be started in co-ordination with the District Authorities. He briefed the details of expenditure under the CSR/CER which includes Repairing & Maintenance of School, Drinking Water Arrangement in the School, Management & Maintenance of Primary Health Centre, Annual Health Check up of the people in village for which the funds of Rs. 5.0 Lakh has been reserved. He briefed about the funds required for Environment Management and stated that the total Capital Expenditure towards Environment Management will be Rs. 298.00 Lakh and Annual Recurring Expenditure for the same will be Rs. 29.50 Lakh which includes Air Pollution Control, Water Pollution Control, Solid Waste Management and Green Belt Development.

Shri Rahangdale stated that the Environment Management Plan is the prime thing (*Gabha*) of this project for which primary starting to get Environmental Clearance is started. It is a thinking of company to use the experience and guidance of the Government, Non-Government Experts and local people for the safety of environment for which required funds, manpower and machinery will be made available, project will be commissioned only after receiving all types of permissions, they will take complete care for the protection of environment, by bearing in mind that the project is impossible without participation of local people their participation will be in the project and care will be taken so as not to cause any loss to them. He stated that M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited is requesting the public participants to cooperate for the proposed project by giving valuable advice about the environment and then he concluded the technical presentation of the proposed project.

Then, **Shri V.P. Shelke**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna & Convener of Public Hearing Panel stated that one objection has been received from Panthers Republican Party, Jalna in which it is mentioned as 'not to give permission to the proposed expansion project of M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited as it causes air pollution and there is possibility of increase in air

pollution due to expansion project'. He further read the suggestions received during the public hearing, which are as below :

(1) **Neethaa Swachanda Seva Society, Kurnool, Aandhra Pradesh** – (1) To take plantation in the surrounding villages with variety of trees, species and herbal, fruit bearing types and to develop avenue plantation, (2) Greenbelt will be developed within the premises of the project, (3) To take water sprinkling to reduce the PM emission level, (4) To take CPCB & CREP guidelines will be followed, (5) To incorporate public health status and ground water status of the area, (6) To providing the nearby villages in the employment, (7) To take CSR activities will be carried out in the local area which will improve the social-economic status of the local people and (8) Welcome to the proposed project to issue Environmental Clearance.

(2) **Mr. H. Madhubabu, Hyderabad** – (1) The Consultant please take health status of village people in 10 km. radius around is must, why because it is very useful in future. (2) Please take crop production details from near agriculture land. (3) For operation of the project water requirement is 198 m³/day. It is taking from ground water, in summer season chance to down fall water level so please arrange rain water harvesting system. (4) Please utilize waste water to plantation, sprinkling on roads. It control Dust Pollution when your vehicles transport time. (5) You are taking (33%) plantation for Green belt is good, it is CPCB norms, but I am requesting to increase if any possible (6) You take avenue plantation to near villages, road side, it is useful to save environment. Plant fruit bearing and medicinal value trees. (7) Please give employment opportunities to local people first and conduct skilled programmes for local youth like ITI, Diploma. They will get job opportunities in other industries. (8) Give medical facilities to near villages. Conduct medical camps regularly. (9) Give drinking water to near villages. (10) Give good education to near village children. (11) Develop all main roads and streets of near villages. (12) The project will contribute additional revenue to State & Central Govt.

Shri Shelke after reading the above suggestions, requested the public participants that if anybody is having any representation, suggestion, same can be given right now so that it will be answered. He again requested the public participants that if anybody is having any question about pollution, same can be asked by telling their own name and address. He pointed out that air pollution control devices like exhaust hood, wet scrubber/water scrubber are provided at the existing plant and the air pollution control devices to be provided at the proposed expansion project are seen during the presentation for which he requested that if anybody is having any doubt, same may be asked.

During the course of public hearing, the public participants and panel members raised certain questions related to the said project and same were answered by the Project Proponent/Project Consultant, which are as below :

1. **Shri Sunanda Reddy**, the Environmentalist stated that he is the first Environmentalist in India who supports the industry and he has given best wishes to M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited. He stated that the appointed Consultant is expert which has prepared a good report for the said industry. He stated that 33% plantation is good according to MoEF norms and suggested to improve it upto 40 to 50%, it is very essential why because the geographical area is same, but the

population is increasing every 10 year by 10 Cr. which will help to maintain the ecological balance. In the plantation, instead of normal plants, he requested to take medicinal value plants and fruit bearing plants, which are very useful. He further requested to give priority to the local people for employment, to take skill development programmes for uneducated your in nearby villages, to form a Co-ordination Committee with the villagers PCB officials and company management to take demand oriented work, which will be useful for the nearby villages. He stated that his final request to MoEF to give unconditional permission to M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited and to Panel Committee to recommend.

2. **Shri Suyog Khardikar**, the Journalist stated that the Page No. 81 to 96 in the EIA report submitted by M/s. PECS, Nagpur for both M/s. Rajuri Steels Private Limited and M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited are similar and it proves that one project is located in Phase-II, MIDC, Jalna and another is at village Daregaon, but the project report for both of the projects is one and same. The graph and other information regarding environment impact given in the said pages are also similar in the name of M/s. Rajuri Steels Private Limited and the name of M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited is not mentioned in it, hence, it creates doubt that the said proposal is fake for which he has a strong objection. He suggested for organizing monthly health camp for the employees in both the factories as it is very much essential. He requested the Chairman of Panel to tally the Page No. 81 to 96 of the said report and to clear his objection. He also stated that the distance of Daregaon is not so long from the said project site and there will be more effect on Daregaon and it is not mentioned in the report. **Shri Dnyanesh Pathak** from M/s. Pollution & Ecology Control Services, Nagpur, the Environment Consultant clarified that baseline data has been prepared commonly because the both the sites are adjacent to each other and the villages are taken commonly for preparation of monitoring data. **Shri Khardikar** stated that name of village Daregaon is not mentioned in anywhere in the chart, but **Shri Pathak** stated that it is mentioned separately. **Shri Danish**, the Project Consultant reported that monitoring can be done at any location within the area of 10 km. radius and for which he can show necessary notification. **Shri Shelke** pointed out that the public hearing is for M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited, and the minutes of the same are to be prepared, hence he requested that the questions may be asked which are related with M/s. Rajuri Steels Private Limited and the objection in respect of M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited shall be raised during the public hearing to be conducted today at 01.00 p.m for M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited. He also stated that the objection given by **Shri Khardikar** is already recorded. **Shri Khardikar** further stated that as the project is near to village Daregaon, the effect shall be more, but **Shri Pathak** clarified that smoke is dispersed through wet scrubber and stack at high level and the details of which are included in the report of M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited. **Shri D.B. Soni**, the Project Proponent clarified that the public hearing being conducted is for M/s. Rajuri Steels Ltd. which is in MIDC Area and earlier the Phase-II of MIDC Area was in Daregaon Area, prior to acquire the said land by MIDC, it was Gat No. 47 and now the MIDC has carried out plotting in the said land. The site of the project for which public hearing is to be

conducted at 01.00 p.m. falls under Gat No. 58 at Daregaon towards North-East side, the Gat No. 47 is near to Daregaon and Gat No. 58 is again at a longer distance about 300 to 400 meters from Daregaon towards North-West and here the wind flows from South-West to North-East side and it will not affect because MIDC, their own land, dam and forest land are located towards North-West side. After asking about water pollution by **Shri Khardikar**, **Shri Soni** reported that water is evaporated and no water is used in the process. As far as suggestion given by **Shri Khardikar** regarding the monthly health camps for the employees, **Shri Soni** reported that they are having visiting Doctor, which made compulsory by the Industrial Health & Safety Department, accordingly one Doctor MBBS/Graduate level visits the factory daily and another Doctor is MD/Post Graduate, who visits monthly to the factory for medical check up of the employees. **Shri Khardikar** again raised the issue of not changing the name of factory in the report, upon which **Shri Soni** clarified that one is existing unit of which capacity is being enhanced and another unit is proposed, but the Finished Goods, Production Process of both the units is same and the information specified in process is important. **Shri Khardikar** pointed out that where capacity of production is less, the figures of goods transporting vehicle/truck shown more and where capacity of production is more the goods transporting vehicle/truck is shown less, which is not cleared. **Shri Soni** clarified that perhaps it may be mentioned in the copy available with **Shri Khardikar**, however, they have submitted the proper report, but **Shri Khardikar** reported that he has checked the copies of report at MPCB Office and Collector Office and observed that the report is same for both the projects, **Shri Soni** reported that as both the projects are similar, the data would be seen similar. He further stated that one factory is in MIDC and other is in private land and the roads for both the factories are different. The road for M/s. Rajuri Paint is from back side of said factory and partially they make available the adjacent road to their existing factory. **Shri Khardikar** stated that he require the answer, which will clear his doubt, upon which **Shri Ravindra Binwade**, the District Magistrate, Jalna & the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel suggested him to raise specific doubt about M/s. Rajuri Steels Private Limited and to raise the doubt about M/s. Rajuri Paints Private Limited at 01.00 p.m. during the public hearing to be conducted regarding M/s. Rajuri Paints. As far as difference in the copies available with **Shri Khardikar** and Project Proponent, he requested to submit both the copies to them, which will be verified. He further suggested to raise specific doubt, to take objection about environment only and not to repeat here the other issued like name of the factory, etc. **Shri Khardikar** was again repeating the issue regarding the pollution due to less distance, etc., but **Shri Binwade** reported that the details are already submitted by the Project Proponent and he again suggested to submit both the copies as reported above and not to repeat the same issues.

3. **Shri Nitin Kharatmal**, a resident of nearby village Ramnagar in Jalna district requested to give employment opportunity to the youth and to give preference for the local people. He stated that the company has already undertaken the social programme like, *Beti Bachav Beti Padhav*, likewise he requested to undertake the

programmes about “Cleanliness” in Jalna. **Shri Soni** reported that the proposed project falls under the Mega Project Scheme of Government of Maharashtra under which out of 250 employees to be employed, 70 Nos. of local persons will be employed in the said project as it is compulsory, which will be verified by DIC and it will be followed by them. He further stated that under the programme for *Beti Bachav Beti Padhav*, they send their vehicle of M/s. Rajuri Steel Private Limited to the villages in the area and conduct various programmes and it is their thinking that every child would have been felt in future that they had seen such programme and they can survive their life respectively and their contribution shall be there for such programme for which they organize the programmes like poster completion, road shows, etc. He stated that for Cleanliness, they have not taken any programme so far, however he stated that they will do required things for the Cleanliness of city.

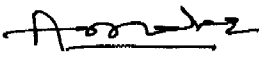
4. **Shri Chenna Kesava Reddy**, a Social Worker stated that he welcomes and supports the proposed project and requested to recommend to MoEFCC for the said project. He gave some suggestions like, to treat the waste water so as to maintain the environmental balance, to give preference to the local people for employment, to utilize the funds under CSR/CER for the affected villages and to reduce the pollution. **Shri Soni** reported that their factory is already working for Rain Water Harvesting and they are also having their own dam.
5. **Shri Maluse**, from Aurangabad stated that nowadays everywhere there is Grow Green concept, hence he suggested for more and more tree plantation, which will help in reducing the pollution. **Shri Soni** stated that they have reserved 33% land for tree plantation and he assured that the said area will be covered under tree plantation totally and efforts will be taken for the survival of the same.
6. **Kalyani Dehade**, a resident of Jalna town asked about the help to be given for the health of students in the Zilha Parishad School. **Shri Soni** reported that they have constructed a women’s toilet at a private school in Daregaon. They have not done anything directly through their company for the Z.P. schools, however their Directors are the members of Rotary Club and they have conducted health camps at various places particularly in village Dargaon. He stated that they will organize a health camp at the nearby village Sirasdevi in which they will spend for women toilet and health issues specifically for girls as per the suggestions of doctors.
7. **Shri Ghosale**, a resident of Jalna town stated that today there is drought situation in the area and the situation will remain unchanged in the year 2019 like the situation arised in the year 2012, then he asked that what will be done for providing water to the villages in surrounding area. **Shri Soni** reported that they have carried out the work of depth and widening of nalla in Daregaon and therefore there is no scarcity of water in the said area. He stated that they are having one organization which is operated in the name of Anand Nagari through which they have carried out the work of depth and widening of nalla at Keligavan and two villages in Jalna district.


8. **Pooja Mahajan**, a resident of Jalna town asked whether preference is being given to the lady workers in the factory. **Shri Soni** reported that there is hot work at number of sections in steel industry, where there is no preference for the ladies, but he pointed out that it is a first time that there are 4 Lady Engineers working with their factory M/s. Rajuri Steel and Rajuri Group and if they left the services after their marriage, he stated that they will recruit ladies at their places; and there is no preference for the ladies in hot work area, but they take efforts to employ the ladies where there is cold work area, like H.R. Department, etc. He also stated that they provide safety for the ladies works in MIDC and also provide vehicle to leave them at their home.
9. **Shri Kiran**, a resident of nearby village Mandwa, Tq. & Dist: Jalna asked about the types of trees to be planted. **Shri Soni** reported that generally, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board suggests for tree plantation and earlier, one suggestion was there for planting medicinal trees, but the climate in the area is not suitable for such trees, hence he stated the the trees like *Saptaparni*, *Neem* and as per list to be provided for plantation will be planted..
10. **Shri Madhusudan Malpani**, a resident of Jalna town asked that what benefit will get to the villagers due to the proposed project. **Shri Soni** reported that out of other villages in the surrounding area, the villages Daregaon and Sirsadevi are sound because of MIDC due to which there is employment generation to the people in the area and also generation related works.
11. **Shri H. Madhubabu**, Environmental Worker, Hyderabad stated that he has already given his suggestions in writing, however he again suggested for providing more and more tree plantation and regular maintenance of waste water treatment facility.

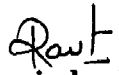
Shri V.P. Shelke, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna & Convener of Public Hearing Panel stated that during the public hearing some suggestions are received and also the suggestions are received at MPCB office through e-mail as per the notice published in the newspaper in which there is one objection. He stated that most of the suggestions are replied, however, he requested the Project Proponent to clarify the same in brief again. **Shri Soni** reported that all the suggestions received will be followed by the company definitely. He reported that there is one objection from Panthers Republican Party, Jalna for not giving permission to the said project due to air pollution. In this regards, he reported that company is taking necessary care about pollution for which MPCB suggests and guides from time to time which are followed by them. He further reported that industry means employment generation and through which progress of Nation and more preference shall have to be given for such things, hence he requested not to raise such objections which will affect the working people. **Shri Shelke** again asked that still if anybody is having any question regarding pollution, they may ask the same. However, after observing that nobody is having any question, **Dr. Yogini Balankhe**,

Field Officer from MPCB, Jalna with the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel concluded the Public Hearing with a vote of thanks to all the public participants

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(A.D. Mohekar)
Member.


(V.P. Shelke)
Convener.


(Ravindra Binwade)
Chairman.
9/1/19

