

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF INSTALLATION OF POLYPROPYLENE (PP) UNIT AT RASAYANI, DISTRICT - RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA AND INTERCONNECTING PIPELINES FROM BPCL, MUMBAI REFINERY TO RASAYANI, DISTRICT - RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY M/S BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD.,

Date of Public Hearing - 24-09-2019
Time - 11.00 a.m.
Place - Rasarang Bldg, HOC Colony, Tal. Khalapur, Dist. Raigad, Pin Code - 410207

INTRODUCTION:-

An application for conducting Environmental Public Hearing as per EIA Notification 2006 was received by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from Project Proponent M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for their proposed installation of Polypropylene (PP) Unit at Rasayani, District - Raigad, Maharashtra and Interconnecting Pipelines From BPCL, Mumbai Refinery to Rasayani, District -Raigad, Maharashtra.

The TOR – Terms of Reference for conducting the EIA studies is sanctioned by MoEFCC to Project Proponent on 17-06-2018 for preparation of Environment Impact Assessment Report.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi and amendment thereafter, Member

Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Raigad - **Chairman**
or his representative not below the
rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad - **Member**
(Representative of
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I - **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Navi Mumbai

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local Daily newspaper "Krushival" & "Sakal" in Marathi and in national Daily newspaper "The Indian Express" in edition dted 22/08/2019 (copy enclose as **Annex -1**). The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion of the concerned unit.

Also a copy of Draft EIA report, Executive summary in English and Marathi and soft copy CD were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e.

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, West-East Division Office, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001;
- 2) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 022
- 3) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema Hall, Near Sion Circle, Sion, Mumbai - 4000 022;

- 4) Regional Officer, Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 6th Floor CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai
- 5) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 6th Floor CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai
- 6) District Magistrate Office, Raigad
- 7) Additional District Magistrate Office, Raigad
- 8) Zilla Parishad Office, Raigad
- 9) District Industries Centre, Raigad
- 10) Sub Divisional Officer Office-Panvel, Dist-Raigad
- 11) Tahsil Office-Panvel, Dist-Raigad,
- 12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Dist-Raigad
- 13) Grampanchayat Offices in 10km vicinity & along pipeline route at villages of Panvel Taluka in Dist -Raigad viz. Khalapur, Apte, Turade, Posari, Devloli, Dapivali, Waweghar, Karade, Wadgaon, Vasambe (Mohpada), Parade, Lodhivali, Chowk, Gulsunde, Girvali, Sonkhar, Ulwe, Ohale, Vadghar, Karanjade, Paregaon-Dungi, Pargaon-Inam, Wahal, Kopar, Bambavi, Turmale, Nandgao, Vadavali, Shirdhon, Somatane, Chambharli,
- 14) Website of MPCB, Mumbai.

The Public Hearing meeting was conducted in Rasrang Hall in HOC Township at Rasayani, Tal - Panvel, Dist -Raigad. The attendance sheet is enclosed as **Annex - 2**. The entire proceedings were video recorded and photographs were taken as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and same are enclosed as **Annex - 3**.

Minutes Of The Public Hearing :-

Shri Dattatraya Navale, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that this Public Hearing is called as Project Proponent M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (BPCL) proposes to install Polypropylene (PP) Unit at Rasayani, Dist-Raigad and Interconnecting Pipelines from BPCL, Mumbai Refinery to Rasayani. This hearing will be completed in three phases. First, Project Proponent will inform the details about project and Environment Impact Assessment report by presentation. In 2nd Session, the participants can raise their objections and suggestions and in the third phase, the answers will be given by the Project Proponent or Project Consultant or if required, by Public Hearing Committee and then the meeting will be concluded. He appealed all to keep silence. Shri Navale, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee requested Project Proponent to give presentation regarding the project and Environment Management Plant.

Representative of the Project Proponent, Shri Narendra Patil gave a presentation giving salient features and background of proposed Polypropylene & pipeline project, its process details, environmental and safety aspects, the baseline environmental studies carried out and the environmental impacts and the proposed environmental management plan. He stressed that the Polypropylene project will be located fully within the HOCL factory premises.

Afterwards, the Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise their suggestions or objections if any.

Followings have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant :-

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2) Shri Kashinath Kamble, Secretary, Rasayani Project Affected Shetkari Sangathana:-

The Convener for Public hearing (i.e. MPCB) and the Project Proponent were aware that for this meeting, the public of eight villages will come. Here there is insufficient place as the meeting hall is small. There are not enough chairs. Most of our colleagues are sitting the hall without chair and number of people are standing outside the hall. We feel ashamed that some of colleagues cannot sit on the chair. This meeting could have been arranged on a large hall or on the open ground. Hence, most of the project affected persons could have raised their grievances.

It was informed that MPCB has sent the letter of public hearing to all the Grampanchayat offices. But all the Grampanchayat offices did not receive the same. The Grampanchayat office at Savale and Vasambe did not receive the letter. How can they raise the objections? Secondly, the letter sent by MPCB has difference in subject and text. In the subject, it is mentioned as Polypropylene project and in the text, it is mentioned that this public hearing is for LPG Bottling plant. This is total cheating of project proponent and common people. The truth is purposefully trying to hide.

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He further objected that as per the directives, the public hearing should be conducted under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate or the Officer, who is at par with District Magistrate Post. This is not followed here. Hence this public hearing is not in order.

Also, due to this pipeline project, there will be Project Affected Persons (PAPs). The local people and local farmers do not know in which area, this pipeline project will be installed, in which survey number/gut number, the pipeline will be installed. Further, we all know that Code of Conduct came into existence after declaration of Maharashtra Assembly Election, 2019. Previously, while there was Code of Conduct, most of the social organizations were not allowed to attend this type of meeting. Here now, nearly 1000-1500 local people are attending the meeting. The local people think that something is hidden here. It is informed in the presentation that job opportunities will be increased. But it is not mentioned in which categories and how many jobs will be created.

He informed that few days back, when there was blast at ONGC, the people residing in the 2 k.m. were evacuated. He read out the news item published in the local papers regarding Mahul project of this Project Proponent only.

Shri Kamble further raised the objection that in the presentation, nothing is shown regarding Security System of the project. If this type of disastrous projects are developed here which is a threat to our mankind, everything will be ruined. While developing the Nation, State and the Region, the life of local people should not be put in danger. At present, in Anegaon village, the drinking water supply is at every alternate day. The huge quantity of water will be required for the projects like this. Hence, the water supply which is released at every alternate day will be totally stopped.

All the villagers from 40 k.m. distance will be affected due to this pipeline project. Hence, separate/another public hearing should be conducted for the pipeline project. This should be noted. As this is one of the disastrous projects, local people are opposing, though it is for development. The Environment Public Hearing Committee should note the same.

3) Shri Dattatraya Kano Shinde, Project Affected Farmer:-

The information regarding this disastrous project is understood. Then why this is planned here? Whether mankind is not staying here?

4) Retired Professor Ranade:-

Shri Ranade, supported the objections raised during the meeting. He said that as per the presentations made, this project is not just of Pipelines Project. The Pipelines which will installed from the area and the pipelines where it will go, there will be restrictions of 68 meters. No awareness is made in local farmers for the restrictions. What will be the loss of the agriculturists due to 68 Meters should be informed them. Hence demand of another public hearing for the Pipelines Project is definitely the right demand.

Here this to bring to the notice that the public notice was published in the local newspaper for Marathi and also in English. But the subject was different and the text was different. Hence there is misunderstanding amongst the local people.

Recently, there was a blast at ONGC. As per the policy in Oil & Natural Gas Projects, if the fire does not come under control within 10 minutes, it is called as "Major Fire." It is reported in the local newspaper that there was no competent/capable machinery at ONGC to control the fire within 10 minutes. Whether the modern machinery which is essential to control the fire within 10 minutes is available with BPCL, is not known as it is not shown in the presentation.

Govt. of India has issued certain directives for the preparation of Environment Impact Assessment Report. It is mentioned that while commissioning any new plant, an alternate site also be considered. Here there is no mention of an alternate site.

The aim and principles for establishing Hindustan Organic is totally forgotten.

He said that we object on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, as it is directed that EIA should be "Comprehensive." Though this project falls under "Most Dangerous Category," how can just three months' study be carried out for preparing EIA? The distance shown in the EIA of the villages from the project site are also wrong.

He said we are not against the development. But security should be given top priority in the project.

Project Proponent has not informed in detailed the "Onsite Disaster Management Plan." In the EIA report, nothing is mentioned regarding No Objection Certificate and statutory permissions from the Forest Department. There is no mention regarding status of permission and No Objection Certificate for mangroves area as pipeline will be installed/passed from there.

The Sanctuary is just 2.5 k.m. away from the project. In such cases, though it is mandatory to obtain prior approval/NOC, from Forest department, it is not done. Hence, doubts arises that whether Engineers' India has undertaken the study and prepared the report?

5) Dr. Palnitkar, Resident – Panvel, Dist-Raigad.

He informed that he is a Medical Doctor and resident of the area. The Reliance Gas Pipeline Project commissioned in the area. At that time, no compensation was given to any farmers. At that time, the farmers were not aware like today. This should not happen.

Most of the time, big promises are made, but nothing the done further. When there was commission of Hindustan Organic Corporation, promises were made. One promise was made that HOC will develop social welfare facilities in the project affected area. It has taken more than 30-40 years to complete the projects. This time it should not happen.

6) Shri Ramesh Babu Patil, Dy. Chairman, Project Affected Shetkari Sanghatana :-

He said that this Public Hearing is conducted for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. We all are aware that the Code of Conduct for the Maharashtra Assembly election is in existence. He informed that Shri Kamble while starting the meeting asked that why the meeting is called? Shri Ramesh Patil further said that we do not belong to any political party. We are honest workers of Shetkari Sanghatana. We are now expressing our views. Dr. Palnitkar informed that how HOC Company has not fulfilled the promises since 1961. He informed that local farmers gave their land just for negligible compensation. Now BPCCL desires to purchase the property. It means that one Government Undertaking is purchasing the land of another Government Undertaking. The Government has also done the business considering the rate. The land which is handed to HOC belongs to local farmers, who are the real owner. Who has given Authority to Government to sale our land? The rule which was made applicable to Panvel Airport should also be made applicable here also. It is totally wrong to apply two principles for two persons in Panvel Taluka. Rule is Rule.

HOC, the previous project proponent and land owner has promised in 1961 that two persons from the Project Affected Persons will be given job opportunities. They have not followed their promise.

What preventive measures will be adopted for control of pollution is not mentioned in the report. The preventive steps

need to be taken. After Bhopal Tragedy, now so many years have passed. But almost all people says that the most of infants born there have some deformity.

Project Proponent has mentioned in the report that after taking the land, what facilities will be given to the farmers? The Government has cheated the local farmers.

7) Shri Pandurang Ghatade, Project Affected Shetkari Sangatana :-

The village Dapavali is zero distance away from the project. The situation in village is totally worst. Hence, it is requested chairperson and Project Proponent to please take effective steps. We oppose the Project.

8) Shri Uday Ramchandra Tikhe, Grampanchayat Member, Devloli, Dist-Raigad :-

This project falls under Devloli Grampanchayat area and due to letter of MPCB, we understood about the public hearing. But the information in the letter was vague. Now project officials has also given the presentation. The information shown is incomplete. From which area the pipeline will be installed, the survey number/gut numbers, how many agriculturists will be affected, nothing is informed to our Grampanchayat office. Hence Grampanchayat Devloli has submitted an application to Project Proponent i.e. BPCL to inform immediately in which gut number, the pipeline will be installed. No answer is given till todate. We have requested BPCL to provide detailed plan. Nothing is made available.

The local villagers always asks us about the how much area and who will be affected due to this project or list of the farmers who will be affected. Whether the affected agriculturists will get any compensation? If this public hearing is to make aware the local people, then why the incomplete information is made available? Hence, we are unable to provide information to our people residing in our Grampanchayat area. The local people

are of the opinion that after showing the incomplete information, the project will be implemented. This point should be noted in the public hearing meeting.

Hence, on behalf of Devloli Grampanchayat, I request that –

- a) Grampanchayat office should be made available the detailed map of total project – laying of pipeline with survey number, with project affected gut numbers;
- b) Now, the Govt. of Maharashtra has appointed Maharashtra Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (i.e. MMRDA) and Maharashtra State Regional Development Corporation (i.e. MSRDC), the two Planning Authorities for the planning and development of the area. The information should be made available whether the distance criteria of two Planning Authorities i.e. Project Site, Laying of Pipeline is followed of both the Planning Authorities. The map should be made available;
- c) Copies of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from both the Planning Authorities (MMRDA and MSRDC) should be made available to Grampanchayat, which will be made available to local people.
- d) This information in detail be made to Grampanchayat Office, till then this public hearing should be suspended. This request is made here on behalf of Grampanchayat Devloli.
- e) In the meeting with Divisional Commissioner, Konkan Region, the map was shown of the pipeline and project affected farmers. The human settlements and services which will be away from the pipelines was shown on the page number 21 of the report. If the 68 meters will have to be spared from both sides, total 136 meters will have to be spared. This information is asked to BPCL, but nothing is received till to-date. It is our experience that the Project Proponent is purposefully not making available the information to Local Government and Local People. The questions, queries raised during the meeting with

Divisional Commissioner, Konkan Region are not covered in the Environment Impact Assessment Report. Hence, I am again raising the questions –

He remarked that these questions I am raising if at all, the project is agreed / approved by the Affected Farmers -

Whether in the buffer zone (68 meters + 68 meters = 138 meters), the following Central and State Government sponsored programmes can be implemented –

- a) Dairy activities – construction of shed for cows, buffaloes;
- b) Poultry activities;
- c) Installation of Bio-gas (State Govt. Sponsored Programme);
- d) Cold storage activities - (Central Govt. Sponsored Programme);
- e) Plantation of large trees -Mango, Gauva etc;
- f) Plantation of medicinal species;
- g) Keeping goat, sheep in the Shed;
- h) Digging of well for irrigating the field/s;
- i) Conducting Weekly Bazar;
- j) Various schemes sponsored by Government for living of farmers;
- k) Agricultural Process Fruit Project;
- l) Plantation of Forest Trees;

Whether all above activities can be implemented in the Buffer Zone? This information was asked to be produced before Konkan Commissioner, but Project Proponent is not making available the detailed information and misleading the Local Self Government;

The Project proponent further informs that the pipeline will be 1 ½ meters below the ground. Then, whether the agriculturists can cultivate in the buffer zone. As farmers after toiling for many years has made the soil as fertile, the project proponent will use heavy machineries i..e JCB machines,

Pokland machines to install the pipelines, due to which the soil will be again pressed. The land layer in 1 ½ meters depth, which is fertile soil will be removed and will be thrown. It means that the fertile soil will be removed and thrown for installing the pipelines. Due to this, the agriculture fields will be barren. This is not mentioned in the report and no provision is made to avoid this.

Further this is to bring to the notice that due to heavy machineries which will have to be brought on the agriculture fields, the natural water will be totally affected. Due to this, nearby wells, Odha (Small canal) will become dry. No preventive steps have been mentioned.

It will affect the life of birds, life of domestic and wild animals and Nomadic communities. The total bio-diversity of the area will be affected. There is no mention of preventive steps.

The project proponent has not given the detailed information on above points. After making available all the information in detail, the separate public hearing should be conducted.

**9) Shri Gajanan Mali, Resident-Savalegaon, Dist-Raigad,
Ex. Speaker, Panvel Panchayat Samiti :-**

This meeting is illegal, as in the last meeting, all the participants have opposed the project. The objections raised during the meeting are not complied till to-date. Here Sarpanch of eight villages are attending the meeting. The answers are not made given to them also. If there is any public interest, the issue is kept pending in the period of Code of Conduct. Then how this meeting is called? In the 1960, our land is taken. After independence, Govt. of India has established 220 Public Sector Enterprises to become our Nation self-sufficient. BPCL is one of it. The local people have given their land for it. The promises while taking the land is not at all fulfilled by the HOC. With local

representatives i.e. one Member of Parliament; two Member of Legislative Assembly, a meeting was arranged at Chief Minister Office. The local people have given their land for HOC project. Hence, they should get the part of the amount gained by the Government while selling it to BPCL. That is our right. The Environment Public Hearing Committee should convey this to the Government.

All the Sarpanch of eight villages, all the PAPs and all the Shetkari Associations should be taken into confidence. All the Associations have already filed the cases in the court. The matter is sub-judice, even though this meeting is called. This is definitely insult of the Court.

We want development. But the project which will kill the man-kind is not at all required for us. The local people is of the opinion that District Collector could have chaired this meeting. We want sustainable development. The criteria adopted for Panvel Project Persons should be adopted here. The fund from District Collector, Guardian Minister can be made available for this

I totally oppose this project.

10) Shri Vijay Namdeo Kharkar, Rehabilitated Village, Posari, Dist-Raigad :-

When HOC project was planned and commissioned, our Posari village is totally rehabilitated. The Constitution of India has given us Right to Live and Right to Eat. For living, it has granted us Right to Earn. Govt. of India has taken in hand various projects to make our Nation self-sufficient. But if the life of living beings is in danger due to pollution created by the project, what is the use of these projects. As per the directives of Government, 80% job opportunities are ear-marked for the local people. Then local young men and women should be made competent for it. Whether survey of the area is carried in which all the

aspects of population, education, and skilled-development is carried? It is noted that "Socio-Economic" Survey is not carried of the area. It should be taken in hand immediately.

11) Shri Rambhau Patil, Ex.Sarpanch, Devololi Grampanchayat, Dist-Raigad :-

This project is in operation at Mahul. Then why it is necessary to bring the project here? We have conducted a meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister. He remarked that there is need of detailed survey, then only we can come to the conclusion. We have decided to give respect to Hon'ble Chief Minister's wish. It does not mean that we have allowed to commission the project. We have given our land for negligible rate. It is our right that we should get the part of amount earned by the Government. This project has totally opposition all over Maharashtra.

He further appealed all the Associations to come together and expressed the grievances and demand in consensus. We should oppose the project.

12) Shri Yadav, Ex. Dy.Sarpanch, Devloli Grampanchayat, Dist - Raigad:-

Here every participant has opposed the project. I oppose the by my heart. We have given our land in 1960. We local people were sitting near the gate to get our compensation. Nobody asked us. Now it is planned to install the pipeline through our agriculture fields. We did not get the compensation and job opportunities then and now they want to destroy our fields. It means the project officials desires that we should come on the road. This project is not all useful for common people. The project proponent has not used any fund of CSR. Hence for this project and rehabilitation, Hon'ble Chief Minister will take further decision.

13) Shri Uttam Datta Kadavi, Resident-Katoli, Grampanchayat, Dist-Raigad :-

This is to inform that Forest Department has already registered a criminal case against the BPCL. Few days back, there is an incidence. The BPCL-ISRO officers have brought JCB Machines in night buried 31 monkeys and 14 pigeons. Moreover, they tried to hide their act. The information was leaked. If this happens, what about nearby people. In the presentation, it is informed that there will be Zero Pollution. He informed that he worked in the Petroleum industries. When there is heat, there will be emissions. Then it will go anywhere. The Project Proponent should answer about the act of burial of the monkeys and pigeons in the late night. It is observed that BPCL do carry their activities under police protection only. If there is no pollution or any illegal act, why they need always police protection?

I oppose the Project.

14) Shri Dattatraya Jambhale, Ex Member, Panchayat Samiti, Kalapur and at present Dy. Sarpanch, Chambharli, Dist-Raigad

This BPCL project is just adjacent to our Parade Adivasi Wadi. From the beginning, we are affected by MIDC and HOC project and now we are affected persons. These projects have not solved our any problem, neither drinking water problem, nor job opportunities. MIDC has so much polluted the river Patalganga, we are unable to drink the water. Hence, MIDC is providing drinking water for 3-4 months. But everybody knows the water scarcity in Rasayani area. MIDC has already decreased the water supply. There will be protest. The LPG gas pipeline will be near our wadi only. Hence, now we are staying in the gas chamber only. Like Bhopal and ONGC, here there will be havoc. There will 100% destruction of man-kind. The, Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) is increased, the project falls in

the ESZ area. In front of project, there is Matheran Hill Station. BPCL projects is adjacent to Karnala Bird Sanctuary. Then who sanctioned the project, we cannot understand. The BPCL officials came yesterday and informed that they will develop our Vasti. In the presentation, they have shown that there will be increase in direct and indirect job opportunities. But it is not mentioned how many job opportunities will increase. The project is just adjacent to Parada Vasti. The MIDC road passes through the Parada Vasti only. This project is disastrous we have been made compulsory as PAP. Hence I oppose the project. Secondly, when there is Code of Conduct, arranging this Public Hearing is totally illegal. How can Govt. officials i.e. Project officials can inform the beneficiary steps in Code of Conduct period.

After this, Shri Nawale, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that suggestions, objections raised during the meeting be answered by the Project Proponent.

15) Shri Samir Keshav Khane, Active Member of The Project Affected Shetkari Sangathana :-

As per EIA Notification and as per the directives of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, the public hearing should be conducted under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate. If District Magistrate are not here, how can Public Hearing be arranged? Already the issue of Code of Conduct for Election is already raised.

He said that he is objecting that –

- 1) Whether Environment Impact Assessment is prepared as per the guidelines?
- 2) It is informed that this BPCL project will be commissioned on HOC land only. The Karnala Bird Sanctuary is just 100 meters away. As per Government Notification, 2000, in the eight kilometre radius of "Eco-Sensitive Zone" installing of brick kiln is not allowed. Here so much large project in

which there will be processes of using high temperature equipment.

- 3) The distance is not shown of villages from the project site in EIA report;
- 4) Though the Karnala Bird Sanctuary is adjacent, it is not in the report. But it is mentioned that pipeline is going 1 ½ k.m. away.
- 5) Recently, there is news in the Times of India that one ISRO scientist and one BPCL officer have been arrested, for burying dead monkeys.
- 6) In 1960, the farmers have given their land for very negligible rate. As per the policy, the chemical industries used to purchase raw material from the local area only. Now the land dispute is already with Maharashtra State and at Court. It is not mentioned in the EIA report. Only "Not Applicable" is written.
- 7) There is no Social Impact Assessment Report;
- 8) As per the Point no.4 – ToR Page no.3 and 4 and 7 and 8, everywhere the information given is totally false and misleading and moreover it's a cheating.
- 9) In the EIA report, there is no information of domestic animals, birds and others. On 15th December, the monkeys died in the project. But in the EIA report, totally false information is mentioned. Hence, whether monkeys have been brought from outside? Here the project is just adjacent to bird sanctuary. Like monkeys, birds may die.
- 10) Social Impact Assessment Report is not given. It is necessary that all the aspects of 10 k.m. should be studied;
- 11) It is mandatory to look after three sites for the project. But it is not mentioned that whether alternate site is considered. It is not mentioned.
- 12) This project has created havoc in the Mahul area, hence Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and Hon'ble Supreme

Court of India have issued strict guidelines against the project. There was a Bharat Gas Cylinder blast at home. We are aware that the victim is paid Rupees Five lakh for the damage. The project proponent has not considered this policy here. Also nothing is mentioned regarding threat to animal life in EIA report. If there is any disaster, who bear the insurance of surrounding people, whether BPCL, MPCB or Govt. of Maharashtra? Nothing is mentioned in EIA report.

- 13) Central Pollution Control Board has declared Patalganga as "Polluted River". It is desired that plan and budgetary provision could have been made for the restoration of Patalganga River. But in the EIA report, it is mentioned as "Not Applicable." It is mentioned that there was no flood to Patalganga since last 30 years. We all are aware that there was flood in 1965, 1989 and in 2016. The EIA report should be Comprehensive. Here just three months survey is carried and EIA report is prepared.
- 14) The EIA report, there is no mention of important species and zoology. Few days back, the monkeys have died in the project itself.
- 15) In the Enclosure-3 of the EIA report, it is totally misleading information. The submitted map if anybody can read, please read it. The total Rasayani area is covered, but totally incomplete information;
- 16) It is not mentioned in the report that whether the pipeline is passing through the mangroves and whether prior permission is sought from Hon'ble High Court.

Shri Khane said that he has submitted 115 questions in writing and copy of the same is handed over to MPCB and Project Proponent.

17) As per directives of MPCB and Central Government in 2006, it is essential to have Comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment Report;

Hence, it is requested that all the answers should be given for the questions raised. The Environment Impact Assessment Report should be modified accordingly.

On 8th August, 2018 at 3.10 afternoon, there was a blast at BPCL, Mahul Plant. Its intensity was severe, it is experienced by all. There was blast of Hydraulic Cracker unit. Whether project proponent has given any compensation for the damage?

Project proponent should present an EIA report which is truthful & based on facts.

He said that the as per Clause 15 and 21, Constitution of India has given Right to Live. We are not against the development. But we are opposing the establishment of Disastrous Projects. We do not know here the pipeline is going. Hence, separate Public Hearing for the Pipeline Project is essential.

Hence, detailed information please be made available. Next time, while conducting the public hearing meeting, the meeting should be conducted at a large place.

I oppose the project personally.

16) Shri Anant Namdeo Dalvi, Project Affected Farmer:-

BPCL has purchased 442 acres of land from HOC. We are opposing for the sale deed only. Though matter is sub-judice, how can public hearing be conducted? Hence we oppose this Public Hearing, In Raigad District at Nagothane, IPCL Reliance PP project is in operation. There are always complaints of radiation. The obnoxious emissions are released in the environment. Every day there are processions/morchas of

affected people at Collector Office. In the EIA report, nothing is mentioned regarding radiation and obnoxious emissions.

I personally oppose the project.

Shri Salunkhe, Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad and Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee here remarked that it can be concluded that all the questions, objections have been raised listened and some answers on behalf of Environment Public Hearing Committee is as under:-

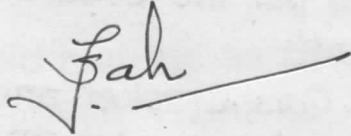
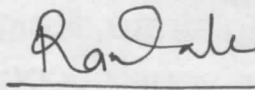
- 1) First question is as per the directives of EIA Notification and Government, the meeting should be held under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate only. This public Hearing is being conducted as per the Orders of District Magistrate, Raigad, Dist: Raigad;
- 2) For your second question of Gas Cracker and the 115 questions raised by Shri Sameer Sir, the MPCB office will see & direct Project Proponent for same i.e. air pollution aspects.
- 3) For third question, I express my apology for the mistake carried by MPCB concern officials while publishing the Public Notice in the newspaper. But the document / report as submitted by the Project Proponent at all places are as per rule. He informed to Project Proponent for explanation in respect to source of water supply for the project, steps to be taken if there is gas leakage, where the pipeline will be installed, how the soil will be disposed of and other issues.

The Environment Public Hearing Committee has heard all the objections raised by the participants.

Shri Salunkhe, Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee here remarked that the participants have asked number of questions covering issues regarding the project.

Shri Salunkhe, Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that this Committee does not take any decision. The opinions, suggestions, oral and written objections, regarding the project raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting and sent to MoEFCC. The final EIA report will be submitted to the Expert Committee of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The Expert Committee will take further decision for the same. The Member, Convener declared that this Public Hearing is concluded. The written objections received during the meeting are enclosed as **Annex – 4**.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

	
<p align="center">(J. S. Salunkhe)</p>	<p align="center">(Dattatray R. Nawale)</p>
<p align="center">Regional Officer Raigad, and Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee</p>	<p align="center">Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee</p>