

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED NEW PROJECT IN API & API INTERMEDIATES PROPOSED BY M/S. CANPEX LIFE SCIENCE LLP, SURVEY NO. 165/A/1, AMBHORA VILLAGE, TQ. ASHTI, DIST:BEED, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 30/10/2019 AT 11.30 A.M. AT M/S. CANPEX LIFE SCIENCE LLP (PROPOSED SITE) SURVEY NO. 165/A/1, AMBHORA VILLAGE, TQ. ASHTI, DIST: BEED, MAHARASHTRA.

An environmental public hearing in respect of proposed **New Project in API & API Intermediates** proposed by M/s. Canpex Life Science LLP, Survey No. 165/A/1, Ambhora Village Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed, Maharashtra was conducted on 30/10/2019 at 11.30 a.m. at M/s. Canpex Life Science LLP (Proposed Site), Survey No. 165/A/1, Ambhora Village, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed, Maharashtra.

Following Panel members were present during the public hearing :

1. **Shri Prakash A. Patil,**
Additional District Magistrate, Beed,
Dist: Beed. Chairman.
2. **Shri Anil D. Mohekar,**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Aurangabad. Member.
3. **Dr. Yogini A. Balankhe,**
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 **Dr. Yogini Balankhe**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna & Convener of Environmental Public Hearing Panel and started the proceedings of said public hearing with the permission of the Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel. She stated that the said Environmental Public Hearing has been organized as per the MoEFCC, Government of India, New Delhi Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 and amended Notification No. S.O 3067 (E) dated 01/12/2009 for the proposed New Project of **API & API Intermediates having production capacity of 2394 TPA** proposed by M/s. Canpex Life Science LLP, Survey No. 165/A/1, Ambhora Village, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed. Then, she 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 alongwith Environment Impact Assessment Report submitted by the Project Proponent through Environmental Consultant (NABET Accredited), M/s. Goldfinch Engineering Systems Private Limited, Thane for conducting Environmental Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the newspapers Daily Times

of India (English) dated 29/09/2019 and Daily Sakal (Marathi) dated 28/09/2019. She stated that the proposed project of New Project of **API & API Intermediates having production capacity of 2394 TPA** falls under '**5 (f) Category-A**' of said Notification, which requires Environmental Clearance from the Government of India, New Delhi, hence it is necessary to conduct the public hearing for the said project. The Expert Appraisal Committee, MoEFCC, Govt. of India has already issued a TOR vide letter No. IA-J-11011/355/2018-IA-II(I). She 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 concerned Grampanchayat Offices, like Ambhora, Dhanora, Ambewadi, Pimparkhed, Waghluj, Daulwad, Salewad, Nandurgaon in Ashti Tehsil as well as various Government Offices like, Collector Office, Beed, Tehsil Office, Beed, Zilla Parishad Office, Beed and DIC Office, Beed and MPCB Offices, etc. for study 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 and accordingly, no any representation is received at Sub-Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna till date. She stated that if anybody would like to record their suggestions, objections, etc., they may record the same here today either orally or in written. She requested that the questions related with the environment only may be asked which will be clarified by the Project Proponent satisfactorily and same will be recorded in the minutes and be submitted alongwith Video Shooting of said public hearing to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi for further necessary action. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel, she requested the Project Proponent to brief the presentation of the proposed project.

Then, **Shri Vishal Jasal**, the representative of Project Consultant from M/s. Goldfinch Engineering Systems Private Limited, Thane (NABET Accredited) started the power point presentation of proposed project including the details of project, environmental pollution, plans, devices and control measures to be taken thereof and stated that M/s. Canpex Life Science LLP has proposed a new project for manufacturing of **API & API Intermediates** at Survey No. 165/A/1, Ambhora Village, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed, Maharashtra. The main reason behind selecting this site is that the Beed district is declared as an industrially backward district as category "**B**" under sub-section (5) of Section 80-IB of the Income Tax Rules, 1962. The said factory is not located in notified industrial area, hence it is classified under Category-A as per EIA Notification, 2006 for which it is necessary to conduct the public hearing and it would be appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee, Delhi. He briefed about the project site and stated that as reported earlier, the project site is located at Ambhora village, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed. The nearest Railway Station is Ahmednagar at a distance of 27 km, the nearest highway is SH-142 connecting to Ahmednagar-Jamkhed Road at a distance of 1.4 km and the nearest Airport is Aurangabad at a distance of 110 km.

He further briefed about the salient features of the project and stated that as per the EIA Notification, 2006, the said project falls under **5(f) Category-A**, the proposed production capacity is **2394** TPA. Total plot area is **16388** Sq.m., out of which **5429** Sq.m. area is reserved for Green Belt development and **1665** Sq.m. area is reserved for parking, which is as per the Government rules. The total water required for the said project will be **363** CMD and after recycling the treated waste water, the fresh water requirement will be **148** CMD. During the course of presentation, one of the public participants asked about the CMD, upon which **Shri**

Jasal told that it is as Cubic Meter per Day. He further stated that the power required for the said project will be 1200 KW, total manpower requirement will be 128 Nos., 2 Nos. of boiler having capacity of 3 TPH (each), 1 Thermopac of capacity 2 Lacs kcal/hr. and 1 D.G. Set of 500 KVA capacity will be provided in the said project and the fuel used for the boiler will be coal/briquettes, LDO for Thermopack and HSD will be for D.G. Set. A common stack of 30 m height will be provided to both the boilers, a stack of 30 m height will be provided to Thermopack separately and a stack of 5.5 m will be provided to D.G. Set. The total effluent generation from the said project will be 191 CMD, i.e. Industrial Effluent – 185 CMD and Domestic Effluent – 6 CMD, which will be treated in effluent treatment plant and after treatment it will be recycled due to which the said project will be based on Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and no any effluent will be discharged outside the factory premises. The capital cost of said project is Rs. 24.18 Cr. and Rs. 48.52 Lakh, i.e. 2% of total project cost will be for the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER). He showed the layout of said project including the area for Green Belt and Parking.

As reported earlier, he again stated that the total water requirement for the said project will be 363 CMD and after recycling the treated waste water, the water requirement will be 148 CMD and the total effluent generation will be 191 CMD. For the treatment of effluent, the effluent treatment plant consisting of primary, secondary and tertiary treatment facility will be provided, after that the treated effluent will be passed through Reverse Osmosis (RO), the RO permeate will be recycled and the RO reject will be fed to MEE by means of which Zero Liquid Discharge will be achieved. He showed the flow diagram of ETP.

He further stated that for knowing the atmospheric condition in the surrounding area they had carried out the air, water, soil and noise quality monitoring within the radius of 10 km. from the project site and observed that the atmospheric condition in the surrounding area is very good and there will be negligible impact on the surrounding environment due to the proposed project.

Air Quality : For knowing the air quality in the area, they had selected various locations viz. Bhatodi Pargaon, Dhanora, Ambewadi, Chincodi Pati, Pimparkhed, Athwad, Ambhora and Project Site and observed that the air quality in the area, i.e. PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and NO_x is within the standards prescribed by NAAQS.

Surface Water Quality : For knowing the surface water quality in the area, they had collected the water samples from various locations like Dhanora, Bhatodi, Jam, Undarkhel, Salevadgaon and Athwad and observed that permissible limits set under the criteria are not exceeded and hence the water bodies in the area can be said to be suitable for their designated purpose (CAT Class E) as per the Inland Surface Water Standards guidelines.

Ground Water Quality : To know the ground water quality in the area, they had collected the ground water samples at various locations like Ambhora, Waghluj, Chincholi Pati, Daulawadgaon, Athwad, Nandur, Salevadgaon and Ambewadi and based on the observations, it can be stated that the water samples collected from the above locations found to comply with most of the guidelines of IS10500 : 2012. However, TDS marginally exceeds the acceptable limit at some place, hence it is advised to use the ground water after preliminary treatment and disinfection.

Soil Quality : To know the soil quality in the area, soil samples were collected from various location like Pimparkhed, Salevadgaon, Chincodi Pati and Athwad and observed that the soil quality in the study area is good.

Noise Quality : The noise level monitoring was carried out in the surrounding area at a distance of 100 m, 150 m and 300 m from the project site and observed that the noise level in the area is within the prescribed limit.

Summary of Biodiversity Study : The proposed land for the said project is barren and there is no any conserved area within the study area. No any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary observed within the area of 10 km. radius of the project site. No any rare or threatened flora and fauna observed within the 10 km. radius of the proposed project site.

Green Belt Development : Total 800 Nos of trees will be planted at the proposed project site and pollution resistant/tolerant and native species will be selected for the Green Belt Development.

Socio Economic Study : The total population of Ashti Tehsil of Beed district is 243607 as per the Census 2011, out of which 5% people live in urban areas and 95% people live in rural areas. The literacy rate in Ashti Tehsil area is 75.3%. The people in the area will get employment opportunity due to the proposed project. The village interaction pointed out to the needs and requirements in the village will help in planning the activities under CSR and CER, which is mandatory for the company.

Shri Vishal Jasal further briefed about the CER Plan and stated that they have made the provision of Rs. 48.52 Lakh for various CER activities to be undertaken in the surrounding villages like Awareness creation for Rain Water Harvesting – Rs. 5 Lakh, Technical and financial assistance for building small check dams on streams/rivers, deepening of wells, cleaning of ponds – Rs. 15 Lakh, Provision of ambulance with basic medical facility, mobile dispensary and free medicines – Rs. 18 Lakh, Educational sponsorship for 12th passed students for various vocational courses – Rs. 10 Lakh and Reporting & Documentation – Rs. 0.52 Lakh, etc., likewise, the company will expend Rs, 48.52 Lakh under the CER.

During the course of presentation, one of the public participants asked about the people to be employed in the proposed project and percentage of the local people to be employed, upon which, **Shri Jasal** reported that about 100 to 150 people will be employed in the said project and preference will be given to the local people.

While briefing about the **Risk Mitigation Measures**, he stated that use of highly flammable hydrogen gas in hydrogenation process is avoided and in place of it iron and acid will be used, leak detectors equipments and scrubbers will be provided for HCl, HBr, SO₂ and Ammonia and during this process, necessary care will be taken so as to avoid any contact of chemical with environment, flame proof electrical will be provided at solvent/gases handling areas and necessary arrangement will be provided to avoid accumulation of static charge to dangerous level, company workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipments (PPE),

safety showers and eye wash fountains will also be provided, the Disaster Management Plan (DMP) is prepared as per the MSIHC Rules, 1989 and the identified Risk Mitigation Measures will be implemented.

He briefed about the **EMP Budget** and stated that the company has made budgetary provision for various aspects to reduce the pollution such as Air Pollution Control (Multi Cyclone Dust Collector followed by Bag Filter, Stack and Scrubber) - Rs. **50.00** Lakh, Water Pollution Control – Rs. **760.00** Lakh, Noise Pollution Control – Rs. **5.00** Lakh, Occupational Health – Rs. **16.00** Lakh, Green Belt – Rs. **2.00** Lakh and Hazardous Waste Storage & Disposal – Rs. **10.00** Lakh. i.e. the provision of total capital cost towards Environment Management made by the company is Rs. **853.00** Lakh and the recurring expenditure for the same will be Rs. **25.54** Lakh per year.

He further briefed about the impact due to the proposed project and mitigations measures to be taken thereof and stated that during the construction phase water spraying will be carried out on the ground to reduce dust emission, working will be avoided during night time to avoid noise pollution and trouble to the people in the area, etc. During the operational phase, proper care will be taken and as reported earlier, he stated that Multi Cyclone Dust Collector followed by Bag Filter, Stack and Scrubber will be provided for the control of air pollution, hazardous waste will be sent to CHWTSDF at Ranjangaon, for control of water pollution, the effluent will be treated in ETP, RO & MEE and after treatment, it will be recycled and no effluent will be discharged outside the factory premises, complete care will be taken for control of noise pollution, green belt will be developed in **5429** Sq.m. area so as to maintain ecology, employment will be made available for the socio-economic development, necessary safety system and alarm will be provided so as to avoid accidents and all the precautions will be taken as per the Factory Act.

Lastly, **Shri Vishal Jasal** stated that M/s. Canpex Life Science LLP considers safety and health of all the stakeholders and the protection of the environment in the sustainable measure to be one of their core values. The ultimate vision of the company is Zero Accident, Zero Injuries and Zero Harm to environment. He stated that after the implementation of the Mitigation Measures and Environmental Management Plan of Canpex Life Science Unit, there will be negligible impact on environment and it will benefit the country and then he concluded the Power Point Presentation of the proposed project.

After concluding the power point presentation of the said project by the Project Consultant, **Dr. Yogini Balankhe** requested the public participants to tell their own name and village name before asking any question.

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

- (1) **Shri Bhausaheb Nanasaheb Latpate**, the Shivsena Upjilha Pramukha stated that he is having this constituency to him, the farmers in the area have called him during the said public hearing and he is also having one NGO which works regarding environment. He

stated that he has heard the presentation carefully, which is given by representative of M/s. Goldfinch Engineering Systems Pvt. Ltd, and he would like to point out politely that most of the things have been hidden purposefully in the presentation from the said public hearing and citizens, which are as under :

In the Executive Summary prepared for the said project available with him, it is clearly mentioned that the soil quality at the proposed project site is slightly alkaline and is not suitable for germination and crop cultivation, means it is the opinion of the Project Consultant that the said soil is not suitable for cultivation. The land selected for the site of chemical manufacturing unit of M/s. Canpex is located in non-MIDC area, which is okay and it is not the subject. Then, he took some time to point out other things and after taking some time, he stated that some issues are not mentioned or whether hidden the same purposefully, for which he would not like to blame, but certain things have to come before the people, which are not come and he is having a reference of a short booklet, but he has not found the issue. He pointed out that it is clearly told in EIA Report at Page No. 244 and read the same as "Possible Impact : Plants – Plants can be affected through direct poisoning, Soil acidification through pH diminution by chemical contamination can also lead to a decrease in species number. Contaminants can modify or disturb microorganisms, thus modifying nutrient availability, causing a loss of vegetation in the area. Some tree roots avoid the deeper soil layer in order to avoid the contaminated zone, and thus miss anchorage and might be uprooted by the wind when their height and shoot weight increase. In general, root exploration is reduced in contaminated area compared to non-polluted ones. Plant species diversity is lower at polluted soils than in undisturbed areas. Crops – Agriculture crops may get affected due to water and soil pollution. Most crops can grow on weakly contaminated sites, but yield is general lower than it would have been in regular growing conditions. Plants also tend to accumulate heavy metals in their body parts, possibly leading to human intake through fruits and vegetables. Regular consumptions might lead to health problems caused by long-term exposure to contaminants" and stated that the said project is not suitable in the area from environmental point of view.

He suggested to solve the complaints first which are due to the adjacent unit which is in operation. He asked about disposal of effluent, upon which **Shri Jasal** stated that effluent will not be sent anywhere and it will be treated in the plant only and whatever the hazardous to be generated from the said project will be sent to Ranjangaon for safe disposal. He reported that he has come from Dhanora village, but the booklet (documents regarding public hearing) is not sent to Grampanchayat, Dhanora, Salegaon, etc. 8 Nos. of Grampanchayat, however, the public participants reported that they have received such booklet. Hence, he requested that the MPCB shall understand his feelings and stated that the proceedings of said public hearing is not legal because they have received the public notice, but booklet means the Executive Summary of the project is not received and it is not written anywhere that booklet is received, upon which **Dr. Balankhe** showed him the receipt of booklet and stated that the concerned person have given the receipt only after taking the booklet, after that **Shri Latpate** stated that they have placed their say before the MPCB officials and it is their issue as to whether to agree or not. He further reported that the adjacent company has not taken the measures

for environment and there is no entry to the citizens at the gate of said company. He stated that he is having information that the company has discharged the water into ground through bore well which will affect the people on a large scale. He also stated that a plant shall be installed in such a way that the treated water shall be used for drinking purpose or to read what is written in the booklet, upon which **Shri Jasal** reported that the treated water will be used for cooling tower completely and not for drinking purpose. He said that it is mentioned in the report about ground water, which can be used for drinking purpose after preliminary treatment and disinfection and the treated effluent is not used anywhere for drinking purpose, even it is not used for tree and it will be used only for cooling tower. **Shri Latpate** again read the detail about ground water aspect mentioned in the report as "The quality of ground water is good and can be considered fit for domestic purpose. In case the water is intended to used for drinking purpose a basic primary treatment is advised prior to its use. The water sample after treatment is suggested to be treated and compared with the IS standards so as to ensure the quality" and stated that he is an advocate, he suggested to brief about the impact of said project to the people. He again repeated that the booklets have not reached to the people actually, and only three pages are given purposefully, i.e. one page of MPCB, one English advertisement and one Marathi advertisement, *Dawandi* is not given for the public hearing but the most of the public participants told that people have been already informed about the same. **Shri Latpate** further stated that the public hearing shall have to be organized in front of the Ambhora Grampanchayat Office, but it is organized at the proposed site of company, which is very long from the village, Hence he requested to give time of one month and again to conduct the hearing and the RDC and Environment official shall take decision by taking into consideration the above things.

Shri Prakash Patil, the Additional District Magistrate, Beed and Chairman of Public Hearing Panel requested the public participants that only one person shall speak at a time and stated that it is mentioned in the report that if care is not taken for safety, there may be impact on land or crop. Second thing is that MPCB is having the receipt of the booklet and if required, it may be asked to the concerned Gramsevak whether the booklet is received to them or not. **Shri Sukhdev Khakal**, Ex. Member, Zilla Parishad reported that the booklet has been received to Ambhora Grampanchayat and same has been taken by the Gramsevak by signing it. After observing that number of people present during the public hearing are speaking at a time, **Shri Patil** again requested to speak only one person at a time.

- (2) **Shri Sachin Amle**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed asked whether only the Sarpanch and Gramsevak can decide these things because there are farmers in the surrounding area, there may be side effect on their crops, and it is not limited upto the Sarpanch and Gramsevak, but it shall be known to all the people and farmers in the area. He pointed out that as per the report, it is assumed that the agriculture land in the area is infertile and asked about the reason for the same because there is agriculture land in the surrounding area, which is fertile where the people undertake horticulture and other crops production. **Shri Patil** clarified that there is no objection to anybody for the agriculture land of Shri Sachin Amle, however, the information given is related with the Gat Number of the proposed project and the owner of the land is having

authority to utilize the same, then **Shri Amle** said it is Okay and he further pointed out that the fruit farms in the area affects due to the percolation and water from the adjacent company containing the TDS of 1000 – 2000, hence he asked that who will pay the compensation to the farmers for the same. **Shri Patil** asked him whether he has given any application in this regard. **Shri Amle** reported that he has given the application to Environment Department/MPCB, Collector Office as well as company from time to time. He further stated that the company does not permit the outside people to enter in the company, upon which **Shri Patil** clarified that it is the issue of their safety. While **Shri Amle** was again speaking about the adjacent company, **Shri Patil** suggested that the subjects of adjacent unit will be taken separately and requested to talk about the issues related with the proposed project. **Shri Amle** reported that it will be of no any use to speak these things after completion of the plant and if the existing situation is remain as it is, then how they will encourage for the proposed project. If the earlier company implemented all the rule, all the people including farmers, workers, etc. in the area are ready to work because the development will be in their names, which is agreed by him, but he stated that the decision shall have to be taken by considering the adverse effects. He requested to guide in Marathi language regarding the proposed project because most of the people in the area are illiterate, upon which the Project Consultant reported that total information is translated into Marathi language.

- (3) **Shri Sukhdev Khakal**, the Ex. Zilla Parishad Member and a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed suggested that if there will be minor mistakes of the adjacent company, such mistakes shall be rectified by the proposed company. He stated that the adjacent company has given employment to about 60 to 70 persons in their village, the company gives the payment to the workers depending upon their qualification like ITI, non-ITI, etc. and same is regularized. In the middle period, there were few complaints against the adjacent company by the villagers and Grampanchayatthe, Ambhora regarding water pollution problem like well water is having bitterness, etc., the water samples of said well water were collected and tested by calling company representatives. While he was speaking at the same time somebody was talking something simultaneously, but **Shri Khakal** requested him to stop talking and talk after or first. After that **Shri Khakal** stated that his agriculture land of about 30 – 40 acres is located in the survey number near to the proposed project and his wells are also located at the downstream as well as upstream, but no any bitter water or waste water is observed in that direction. There are one to two wells and bore well are located at the downstream of their village, where some effect was observed and accordingly, the water samples of said well and bore were were collected and tested and it is the duty of company to communicate the said reports to the concerned farmers. He further stated that it is not true that only one or two persons are allowed to enter in the company, but if anybody is having a work with the company, such person goes to company, take the required gate pass and then enter into the company. He stated that the payment of every worker is regular, his agriculture land is located adjacent to the company at a distance of 250 to 400 ft. and no any adverse effect is observed on his crop. **Shri Patil** asked him that from when the said company is in operation, then **Shri Khakal** reported that the said company would have been in operation from about 20 to 25 years, i.e. from the year 2002. **Shri Patil** stated that when the company is in operation since last 25 years and about 60 to 70

persons from their village are working in the said company, then the said workers would have some idea about the operation of the said company, upon which **Shri Khakal** said yes, the workers are having good idea. He pointed about air pollution problems due to adjacent company and requested them to improve the stack air quality and smell nuisance. He further stated that the report of water of well located in near area is told as okay, which is necessary to be verified, but, there are the wells containing no water located at a distance of about 5 – 6 km. from said company and also at some places the well is not located of which there are the samples and the information of all things is available with him, hence, it has no meaning for such false report and information. He suggested that if the water is polluted actually, it is the duty of company owner to take care of the same, but the person who has no well, no bore such reports are preserved by him at Grampanchayat office, hence he asked how the name of such person is given and stated that the reason for such things may be politics at village level or somebody has not given employment, etc. He stated that employment is made available here due to the said company. He pointed out that if the children of the farmers in rural area have to go at a distance of about 100 to 200 km. for employment is a very bad situation, there are the MIDCs, big plants, factories and agriculture land at Waluj, Ranjangaon and in this rural area such project has been established due to which thousands of people are surviving and in future also will survive. He stated that likewise others, he is also having horticulture, fruit farm and jowar, toor crops, etc. hence if those crops are affected actually, he requested to verify the same and ensure and then decide accordingly. He further gave the reference of Shri Bhausahab Latpate, who is Shivsena Adhyaksha is not a local person. He stated that there is no industrial area in Beed district of Marathwada area and the adjacent unit is the only industry located in the area due to which some people have got employment and people are surviving, hence he does not agree for the false information given by Shri Latpate. He said farmers including himself having agriculture land, well, bore well, etc. have not worried. He further stated about the water pollution, zero liquid discharge system will be followed, etc. and requested the Director Body of proposed project to carry the management for the proposed project as reported in the presentation, to employ the people from their village depending upon their qualification and also to give employment to the uneducated people as helper, etc. He also requested that if there will be pollution or any adverse effect to the said project, the company management shall take care of the same.

- (4) **Shri Subhash Mutha**, Director of adjacent company stated that Beed and Gadchiroli districts are centrally backward area. **Shri Patil** asked him to brief about ETP. **Shri Mutha** stated that they are having ETP, some reports of some wells were also received by them and he has given samples every time, they are manufactures of Guanidine Nitrate & 50% Hydrogen Cyanamide Solution. The ETP is provided for treatment of effluent generated from floor washing activity, but at present, they have stopped the washing activity. He stated that being a backward area, there may be some problems and he agree for the same, but all the complaints made by those people are false. **Shri Patil** asked about the discharge of effluent into bore as reported earlier by one of the public participants, upon which **Shri Mutha** stated that there is no any bore in the factory premises and he said that he will show their plant right now, earlier, when ETP was installed at that time, floor washing was being carried out by them, but due to discharge

of effluent because of bio culture, they have stopped the floor washing activity and it can be confirmed from any worker of their company. He further stated that they have installed the ETP by expending Rs. 14.00 Lakh in the year 2001 and now its cost is about Rs. 50.00 Lakh. **Shri A.D. Mohekar**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Panel Member suggested him to upgrade the existing effluent treatment plant by providing Reverse Osmosis (RO) followed by Multi Effect Evaporator and to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and also to provide scrubber to the boiler as air pollution control system. **Shri Mutha** stated that he is the Director of adjacent company and not of the proposed company, he was knowing that questions will be asked about their company, hence he has been called for the public hearing and one of the Director of the proposed company is **Mr. Jitendra Jain** and another Director is **Mr. Jedhe** having Doctorate from Taiwan, who will handle the proposed project.

- (5) **Shri Bhausahab Latpate**, a resident of village Bawi Kapsi, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that he is a Shivsena Upjilha Pramukh having this constituency to him, he is an advocate and he is having one NGO which works for environment; He stated that **Shri Sukhdev Khakal** has commented by taking his name. In this regard, he stated that if the company is having any objection for him, the company shall tell him and no third person shall speak. He stated that it is mentioned in the advertisement that NGOs related with environment and project affected persons shall come for public hearing, hence he has come for the public hearing and therefore any third person shall not talk and if anybody is having displeasure, same shall be expressed, which will be clarified by him. He stated that first of all he does not oppose for the proposed project, but regarding environment, technically the booklets have not reached to the people and presence of people is negligible and it is his objection that the said hearing shall be organized in front of the village Grampanchayat. He stated that number of issues are there, but same are not reached to the people.
- (6) **Shri Rameshwar Thorat**, Retd. ACP, resides at Ambhora as well as Aurangabad stated that the adjacent plant is in operation since 2002, but here there is communication gap between Company Management, Grampanchayat officials and local people due to which the minds of people are seen to be disturbed. He stated that whatever the booklet, information, etc. of the proposed project shall be briefed to the local people and the Dawandi shall be given by the Grampanchayat authority definitely or it should be told by the Gramsevak or Sarpanch to their village people about the public hearing. He stated that as reported by the Project Consultant, the project is good and he also said that the said project is actually good, but it is good when all of them done all the things by deciding together and the company shall take the care for various issues regarding pollution like the yield of jowar, bajra, etc. in the farm of farmers is not good or it becomes black, water gets polluted, etc. As reported earlier by one public participant, he stated that who shall go or not go in the company is not the issue because it is the internal matter of the company, but what the villagers want, how many people are employed, etc. are the important things and oppose should not be done only as oppose but it shall be seen that how many losses are there and how it will be recovered and suggested the public participants to demand to the company about their benefit, to give employment to the persons from their village having qualification of M. Pharm, B. Pharm, B.Sc., etc. He

also suggested that the company shall also brief the villagers that there will be no any loss to them from the company. He stated that the company will provide necessary pollution control system and if it is not operated, the question of effluent, solid waste, etc. will arise as it happened in the past is the saying of the villagers. He pointed out that the company shall tell to the villagers that they have taken the water samples from the area of 8 Nos. of nearby Grampanchayat and whatever the reports of the same received are sent to MPCB, but same are not known to the villagers, which is the communication gap, and therefore only giving paper and obtaining receipt is meaningless and they do not agree the same. Hence, he requested that the project shall definitely be established, but implementing all the rules because almost all the people in the area are poor, only 4 to 5% people like them are from outside, the company requires labour. so employment shall be given to the people, shall reduce the communication gap, permanent letter shall be given to the workers in the company since last 10 to 15 years and it shall also be seen that there shall not be any trouble to the people.

- (7) **Shri Subhash Mutha**, the Director of adjacent company briefed the reason for establishment of their project in the area and stated that he has studied the area as well MIDC area and observed that the site of their project is at a distance of only 30 km. from Ahmednagar, here there are some benefits, and he gets full co-operation from the villagers as per his experience, he is operating their plant since last 17 years, but except some minor issues, no major problems arised. He stated that there is no any other industry or chemical industry in Beed district, he is having qualified staff like B.Sc., M.Sc., etc. and such staff reach at their plant within half an hour whereas in the MIDC area, it requires 40 minutes. He stated that earlier in the year 2002 when their unit was established, the issue of E.C. was not there. **Shri Patil** stated that Aurangabad was one option for establishment of plant, upon which **Shri Mutha** reported that yes, but, basically, he is from Ahmednagar and now actually from Pune and he felt that instead of establishing the plant in MIDC, it is better to establish the plant in rural area from development point of view. As far as the complaint is concerned, he stated that he manufactures Guanidine Nitrate and 50 Hydrogen Cyanamide Solution and if the contents of the same observe in the water after testing anywhere, he will take care for the same. He further stated that he has installed ETP and RO at his plant. **Shri Patil** stated that **Shri Mutha** has briefed the details of his plant very transparently, although, he suggested to test the water as per the choice of concerned and if the contents of products of adjacent company observe in the report, **Shri Mutha** is ready to take care of the same.
- (8) **Shri Babasaheb Khakal**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that his fruit farm of 12 acres is located at a distance of 500 mtr. and asked who will pay the compensation if it is affected due to pollution, upon which **Shri Jasal**, the Project Consultant clarified that there will be pollution due to the proposed project, however, to control air pollution, they have proposed to install multi cyclone separator having 90% efficiency, bag filter and scrubber to control gaseous emissions and necessary care will be taken due to which there will be no any effect of air pollution and for the treatment of effluent, ETP will be provided and care will be taken so as not to discharge any effluent outside the factory premises, the solid waste to be generated will not be treated at the project site and same will be sent to CHWTSDF at Ranjangaon and

till compliance of all these things, they will not get the Environmental Clearance. **Shri Babasaheb** again asked if something is happened, upon which **Shri Jasal** reported that they have taken complete care, hence nothing adverse will be happened. **Shri Babasaheb** further stated that there is a well near the proposed project site of which the water is bitter in taste and asked the company management to drink the water of said well.

- (9) **Shri Sandeep Nanasaheb Amle**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that he is having a demand since a long days to test the said well water in the company and to show the reports of the same to villagers, but the company has not shown any report. He further stated that he is having well since 60 years, which is closed from last 10 years and before establishment of company all the people in surrounding area were drinking the water of said well, but after commissioning of company nobody is drinking the water of said well, he used the said well water for his agriculture purpose by providing pipeline at a distance of 2 km. and he has to take water from his home for drinking purpose, but the company has not taken any care. As far as politics is concerned, he stated that it is discussion in the people that some company officers have assured some persons to give them permanent order in the company after Grampanchayat elections only after voting by them to specific candidate and accordingly the company has given permanent orders to such persons after the said Grampanchayat elections. He said that he will tell the name of such candidate later on. **Shri Patil** asked his own name, upon which he told that his own name is **Sandeep Nanasaheb Amle** and he also told that all such record of the elections is not available because it was oral. He further pointed out that the farmers in the area are illiterate, if they would like to point out something to the company management, the Personnel Manager, **Mr. Surwase** restrict them.
- (10) **Shri Sachin Amle**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that the adjacent company has not constructed compound wall at the back side due to which the wastage from the company spreads in farm of farmers in the surrounding area whenever the wind flows and it causes trouble to the villagers in the evening during Summer season, which shall be seen. He asked that if the work of the company is transparent, then show him a single candidate who is permanent in the said company. He further pointed out that company does not give confirmation letter to the workers even after completion of more than seven years period, the technical work is being through non-technical person by giving less salary due to insurance issue and asked who is responsible if any accident happened, he also asked about the number of technical and non-technical persons employed in the company and the reason for not constructing the compound wall during the period of 15 years. He stated that as reported in the presentation that about Rs. 2.0 Lakh will be spent for tree plantation, but asked that what developmental works carried out for the village. He again asked to show a single candidate who has received a confirmation letter,
- (11) **Shri Bhausaheb Latpate**, stated that **Shri Sachin Amle** shall apply in the company and to take receipt of the same, then he will see that how the company will not employ him, because there is G.R. of the Government to give employment to the local people. He stated that the employment shall be given 70% to local people. He further stated that

there is also G.R. under which the company shall give training to the local persons those do not have degree or required qualification, hence he suggested the local people to apply to the company for employment and the company shall give the payment as per the Minimum Wages Act and there is also judgement passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the same. He further stated that if there is threat to anybody from company, he suggested to approach the local police station, otherwise, the Samna and Shivsena will take care of them.

- (12) **Shri Amol Amle**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that non-agriculture land is required for the company and asked the details of agriculture and non-agriculture land available with the company, upon which **Shri Patil** asked him to tell his say. **Shri Amle** stated that the land of the company is agriculture, upon which **Shri Patil** asked about any problem to him due to agriculture land and suppose a land is taken for industry and if trees are planted in such land then what is the problem? **Shri Amle** said no problem but he was saying about area, upon which **Shri Patil** clarified that the land taken for industry shall be used for industry is true, but if it is used for agriculture purpose, then what is bad because agriculture can be done anywhere in the country for which permission is not required and permission is required for industrial purpose. **Shri Amle** stated that after 06.00 p.m. after rain there is problem, hence he requested to verify the same by visiting the said site in the evening. He also pointed out that total sky becomes black at the time of charging of boiler, the land as well as farm of one farmer in the area also becomes black. As far as issue of environment is concerned, **Shri Sachin Amle** stated that there is no percolation from the said industry, which they agree, but the water which they drink shall drink the same water by the company officers for two/four days continuously. As far as polluted water of well is concerned, **Shri Mutha** clarified that if the contents of their product detected in the said water, he will agree for the same, however, he told that there was a complaint of one person regarding pollution of his well water and as per his request **Shri Mutha** has provided a bore for drinking water purpose to the said person by spending Rs. 40000/- at his own, but the said person told that the said bore has not received the water. Some people were talking about drinking of polluted water, upon which **Shri Mutha** again repeated that if the contents of their products detected in the said water, he will be responsible for the same, however, he further stated that the total matter is being handled by his Personnel Manager and he will brief the same in detail. While **Shri Surwase**, the Personnel Manager of the company was briefing about the said well water issue, **Shri Patil** clarified that it is not the issue and the issue is that to drink the polluted water of the well by company officers which those people drink and asked **Shri Surwase** whether he can drink the said water, upon which **Shri Surwase** said yes, he can drink the said water. **Shri Patil** further asked that whose wells are located in the area of half km./one km., upon which the people reported that their wells are located at a distance of more than half km. **Shri Surwase** requested the people to give the reports of well water by checking it at good place which he will submit to the company and will request to stop the use of such well water if it is found polluted, upon which the people asked that where is the good place for checking the water?. **Shri Surwase** stated that he will give the name and address of good laboratory by enquiring, but **Shri Sachin Amle** stated that it is not the work of farmers, upon which **Shri Surwase** said that the charges towards testing of well water sample will be paid by

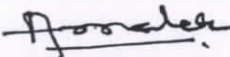
the company, but **Shri Sachin Amle** stated that the company representative shall remain present for said work.

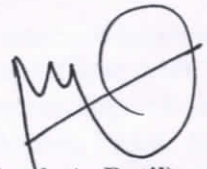
- (13) **Shri Sukhdev Khakal**, the Ex. Zilla Parishad Member and a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that their Grampanchayat will collect the water of well of the complainant farmers in presence of company representative, panchanama will be carried out at the site, same water will be tested at the laboratory and whatever the report to be received shall accept by the company owner and if such water is observed polluted, then he requested that the company owner shall dispose the same.
- (14) **Shri Sandeep Nanasaheb Amle**, a resident of nearby village Ambhora, Tq. Ashti, Dist: Beed stated that as reported by the villagers regarding employment given to **80 – 90** local people, it is okay, but **80 – 90** people can employ anywhere outside village, however about **200** farmers reside in their village, which is important thing. He stated that water of his well is polluted, but it is not the issue that a person from company pours the acid bottle, etc. in his well, but the well water gets polluted due to percolation in the half km. area and it means not only the well water but the underground land is also getting polluted. He stated that before last four to five years he had carried out video shooting, taken photographs and observed that waste water was being discharged outside and company has not operated the ETP and if operated, he asked to show the daily record of ETP since the year 2002. He stated that the height of stack may be less, which he don't know and the indication at the stack observed as off, which is important thing. **Shri Mutha** stated a person who had made complaint regarding blackness on jowar, he had went to the home of said person for meal and had taken the jowar, which was very good to eat, but **Shri Patil** stated that it is not the subject and suggested to take necessary precautions for control of pollution like to increase the height of stack, do not dispose the waste anywhere, etc. and it is agreed by **Shri Mutha**. **Shri Sandeep Amle** pointed out that a proposal was given by **Shri Mutha** to provide LED lights at both side of the road from Ambhora Phata to Ambhora village for their village, but no further progress is observed for the same, upon which **Shri Mutha** clarified that he had given the proposal for providing electric pole, lights with electricity connection upto **2 km.**, but the MSEB had told him that other than the industrial purpose, if the electricity is given to the village, same will be disconnected, the issue of paying bill was also discussed, upon which **Shri Patil** suggested the option of Solar Energy, but **Shri Mutha** reported that it is not viable. **Shri Sukhdev Khakal** reported that **Shri Mutha** had assured to provide electricity and he was also ready for the same, but the area is rural and the Grampanchayat does not have money to pay the electricity bill, hence instead of electricity he had suggested to construct a Mangal Karyalaya with all the infrastructures for conducting marriage functions of their children and the expenditure towards construction of Mangal Karyalaya will be **50%** by the company and **50%** by the Grampanchayat and it was agreed by **Shri Mutha**. **Shri Patil** asked about another issue, upon which **Shri Khakal** suggested to provide tree plantation at their Grampanchayat area for development and environment as per the rules, as they have already planted the trees recently. **Shri Patil** asked that who will protect the trees, upon which **Shri Khakal** reported that Grampanchayat will protect, but **Shri Patil** asked that Grampanchayat means who is actual, etc. and suggested that a specific list of persons shall be prepared and the responsibility of protection and

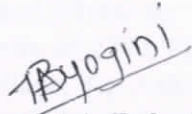
survival of such and such trees shall be fixed on respective person as per list. **Shri Khakal** stated that they have planted 3200 plants in their area in co-operation with Panchayat Samittee and the said plants are survived. **Shri Patil** pointed out that there are schemes at Agriculture Department for fruit bearing trees and other saplings made available at free of cost from Social Forestry Department. **Shri Khakal** stated that the company has provided water tanker and also paid the money for digging the pits for plants. **Shri Patil** suggested to take responsibility by the people instead of depending on Grampanchayat, company, etc. for tree plantation and its protection. **Shri Mutha** stated that they have planted trees at both the side of road in the area, but **Shri Khakal Pradeep**, a resident of village Ambhora asked him to show that where the trees are planted, upon which **Shri Mutha** agreed for the same. **Shri Khakal Pradeep** requested to show drainage of company, tree plantation as well as street lights. As far as street light is concerned the company officials clarified as reported earlier for construction of Mangal Karyalaya instead of street light. After observing the subject is being changed, **Shri Patil** advised to conduct meeting of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) separately. **Shri Pradeep Khakal** asked about drainage system, upon which **Shri Mutha** reported that they have provided septic tank and there is no drainage. **Shri Pradeep Khakal** stated that as reported by all the farmers, their wells are receiving the waste water, which is because of there is no drainage at the company, upon which **Shri Surwase** stated that the water samples of all the wells will be collected in presence of villagers, panchanama will be prepared and said water will be tested. **Shri Khakal Pradeep** suggested to provide drainage line with its discharge point at highway side. **Shri Surwase** stated that they have installed R.O. Plant through which after reducing the TDS, the treated effluent will be used for plantation.

Thereafter, **Dr. Yogini Balankhe** with the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing concluded the environmental Public Hearing of the proposed project 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.


(Prakash A. Patil)
Chairman.


(Dr. Yogini A. Balankhe)
Convener.