

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING PRODUCTION FROM 1000 TPD SPONGE IRON, 1000 TPD BILLETS, 1000 TPD TMT BARS WITH 50 MW CAPTIVE POWER PLANT TO 1000 TPD SPONGE IRON, 3000 TPD BILLETS, 3000 TPD TMT RODS WITH 50 MW CAPTIVE POWR PLANT PROPOSED BY M/S. OM SAIRAM STEEL & ALLOYS PRIVATE LIMITED, PLOT NO. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, ADDITIONAL MIDC, PHASE-II & ADJACENT GUT NOS. 46 & 63, VILLAGE DAREGAON & PLOT NO. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, ADDITIONAL MIDC, PHASE-II, JALNA, DIST: JALNA, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 10/02/2020 AT 11.00 A.M. AT M/S. OM SAIRAM STEEL & ALLOYS PRIVATE LIMITED (PROPOSED SITE), PLOT NO. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, ADDITIONAL MIDC, PHASE-II & ADJACENT GUT NOS. 46 & 63, VILLAGE DAREGAON & PLOT NO. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, ADDITIONAL MIDC, PHASE-II, JALNA, DIST: JALNA, MAHARASHTRA.**

An environmental public hearing in respect of **proposed Project for Expansion of Existing Production from 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 1000 TPD Billets, 1000 TPD TMT Bars with 50 MW Captive Power Plant to 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 3000 TPD Billets, 3000 TPD TMT Rods with 50 MW Captive Power Plant** proposed by M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited, Plot No. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, Additional MIDC, Phase-II & Adjacent Gut Nos. 46 & 63, Village Daregeaon & Plot No. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, Additional MIDC, Phase-II, Jalna, Dist: Jalna, Maharashtra was conducted on 10/02/2020 at 11.00 a.m. at M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited (Proposed Site), Plot No. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, Additional MIDC, Phase-II & Adjacent Gut Nos. 46 & 63, Village Daregeaon & Plot No. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, Additional MIDC, Phase-II, Jalna, Dist: Jalna, Maharashtra.

Following Panel members were present during the public hearing :

1. **Shri Ravindra Paralikar,**  
I/c Additional District Magistrate, Jalna,  
Dist: Jalna. Chairman.
2. **Shri Dilip Khedkar,**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Aurangabad. Member.
3. **Dr. Yogini 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 said Public Hearing Panel and started the proceedings of said public hearing with the permission of the Chairman of said Public

Hearing Panel. She stated that the said Environmental Public Hearing has been organized as per the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and amended Notification No. S.O. 3067 (E) dated 01/12/2009 for the **Proposed project for Expansion of Existing Production from 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 1000 TPD Billets, 1000 TPD TMT Bars with 50 MW Captive Power Plant to 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 3000 TPD Billets, 3000 TPD TMT Rods with 50 MW Captive Power Plant** proposed by M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited, Plot No. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, Additional MIDC, Phase-II & Adjacent Gut Nos. 46 & 63, Village Daregeaon & Plot No. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, Additional MIDC, Phase-II, Jalna, Tq. & Dist: Jalna. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 their Environmental Consultant, M/s. Pollution & Ecology Control Services, Nagpur for conducting Environmental Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the newspapers Daily Sakal (Marathi) dated 08/01/2020 and Daily Times of India (English) dated 09/01/2020. She stated that the **Proposed project for Expansion of Existing Production from 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 1000 TPD Billets, 1000 TPD TMT Bars with 50 MW Captive Power Plant to 1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 3000 TPD Billets, 3000 TPD TMT Rods with 50 MW Captive Power Plant** falls under **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. She further stated that as per the said Notification, the copies of Environment Impact Assessment and Executive Summary of the proposed project in English and Marathi were placed at concerned Government Departments like Collector Office, Jalna, Zilla Parishad Office, Jalna, District Industries Centre, Jalna, MIDC Office, Jalna, Tehsil Office, Jalna, Grampanchayat Office, Daregaon, MPCB offices at Jalna, Aurangabad & Mumbai and MoEFCC/CPCB Office, Nagpur, etc. for study and people were requested to record objections, suggestions, notes, if any regarding the said project within **30** days from the publication of notice of the said project in the newspapers and accordingly, no any note, suggestion, objection, etc. is received at Sub-Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna till today. 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 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 recording 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 said Public Hearing Panel, she requested the Project Proponent to brief the presentation of the proposed project.

Then, **Shri Mohan Rahangdale**, the Project Consultant from M/s. Pollution & Ecology Control Services, Nagpur started the power point presentation of the proposed project including the details of project, environmental pollution, plans, devices, control measures to be taken

thereof and stated that the existing project of M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Ltd. is of **1000 TPD Sponge Iron, 1000 TPD Billets, 1000 TPD TMT Bars with 50 MW Captive Power Plant** and the proposed expansion will be as **3000 TPD Billets, 3000 TPD TMT Rods**. The site of said project is located at Plot No. F-1,2,3,8,9,10, Additional MIDC, Phase-II & Adjacent Gut Nos. 46 & 63, Village Daregeaon & Plot No. D-53/1, D-52/6 & D-52/7, Additional MIDC, Phase-II, Jalna, Tq. & Dist: Jalna, Maharashtra. He stated that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change always works for proper use of natural resources in the country. As per the MoEF & CC Notification 2006, every industry requires Environmental Clearance for their Enhancement in Production/Modernization/Renovation. Primary approval has been given for the proposed project on 05/09/2019 in the 26<sup>th</sup> Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC-Industry 1) meeting held on 26/06/2019. The information about environment in the surrounding area of the proposed project has been included in the Environment Impact Assessment Report as per the EAC- Industry 1 norms and the information regarding adverse impact to be occurred on the environment due to said project and the mitigation measures to be taken thereof are also described in detail in the said report.

He stated that the production of the said project will be Sponge Iron, Billets, TMT Rods and Electricity for which the required raw material is Iron Ore, Pellets, Iron Scrap, Pig Iron, Silico Manganese and Dolomite. The water required for the said project will be **832 CMD** and source of water will be MIDC, requirement of electricity will be **58 MW** and the source of the same will be MSEDCL. Total project area is of **6.86 hectares**. At present **400** workers are employed and **210** workers will be required for proposed project, i.e. total manpower required in the said project will be **610**. The total cost of the project is **Rs. 103.75 Cr.**

He showed the map of project site, topo sheet map of the 10 km. radius of the project area, Google map and lay-out plan of said project. He further showed the table showing the environmental information of the project area and stated that the name of the project is M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited, Mean Sea Level is **529 m**, the nearest city – Jalna at a distance of **0.6 km. (S.E.)**, nearest Railway Station – Jalna, there is no any sensitive places like Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park, Reserved Forest within the area of 10 km. radius of the project area, nearest highway – Nagpur-Aurangabad-Mumbai at a distance of **1.5 km.**, nearest river – Kundaika River – **4.0 km. (E)**, Moti Talav – **2.0 (S.E.)** and Mukteshwar Talav – **3.0 km. (S.E.)**.

He briefed about the existing and proposed production capacity and stated that the existing Induction Furnace is of **1x25T & 1x30T** capacity, **2x500 TPD** Kiln for Sponge Iron and **1000 TPD** for Rolling Mill. The unit will be installing upgraded APCS and also doing upgradation in existing induction furnace which is compatible and justified for this expansion proposal as per EIA report submitted. After expansion and modernization, the capacity of Induction Furnace will be **2x40T & 3x60T**, the production of Sponge Iron will be as it is, Captive Power Plant will be of **50 MW** and the capacity of Rolling Mill will be from **1000 TPD** to **3000 TPD**. The raw material required for the said project will be as DRI – **330000 TPA**, Pig Iron – **105000 TPA**, Scrap – **665000 TPA** & Silico Manganese – **10000 TPA** and the output will be as Hot Metal – **1029600 TPA** & Slag – **80400 TPA**. For Rolling Mill, the raw material required will be Hot Metal – **1029600 TPA** and the output will be TMT – **990000 TPA** & Tellings – **39600 TPA**. He showed the process sheet of the said project and stated that the Scrap,

Sponge Iron, Pig Iron and DRI will be heated in Induction Furnace, then liquid metal through caster Billets will be prepared and from Billet, TMT Bars will be prepared in Rolling Mill, different scale will be used in reprocess and smoke through scrubber will be dispersed from stack.

He showed the map showing the water, air and noise study area and locations from where the samples collected. He briefed the details of air and water monitoring in the study area and stated that they have collected the ambient air samples from various locations viz. Near Project Site, Chandanzira Village, South Side of Jalna City, Dawalwadi Village, Jawasgaon, Rahman Gunj, Bhilpuri (Kh) and Gundewadi; surface water samples from Moti Talav, Mukteshwar Talav, Dawalwadi Talav, Ghanewadi Talav, Daregaon Talav, Kundalaki River Upper and Lower Flow and ground water samples from Haldola, Jawasgaon, Rajewadi, Jalna and Chandanzira.

**Air Environment :-** He stated that air quality is monitored at 8 places during the period from December, 2018 to February, 2019, which includes wind direction, sensitive areas and human habitation and the air quality observed in the study area is as  $PM_{10}$  – 42.4 to 62.2  $\mu g/m^3$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  – 18.1 to 27.9  $\mu g/m^3$ ,  $NO_x$  – 11.0 to 28.4  $\mu g/m^3$  and  $SO_2$  – 10.0 to 18.6  $\mu g/m^3$ , CO – 0.1 to 0.4  $\mu g/m^3$  and Ozone (O) – 6.7 to 7.6  $\mu g/m^3$ .

**Noise Environment :-** He stated that the noise level monitoring is carried out in the buffer zone of the project area and it is recorded as 36.4 to 72.6 dB(A) and as the more works are done during day time the higher noise level is recorded during the day time.

**Water Environment :-** He stated that 7 Nos. of ground water samples and 5 Nos. of surface water samples, i.e. total 12 Nos. of samples are collected and analyzed in the project area and the water and waste water samples analysis system is carried out as per the certified procedure of American Public Health Association (APHA).

He further stated that due to the proposed project, approximate increase in ambient air will be 0.004  $\mu g/m^3$  near the project area and 0.200  $\mu g/m^3$  at Chandanzira village. He showed the details of approximate increase in Sox &  $NO_x$  due to the proposed project.

**Shri Rahangdale** briefed about the Air Pollution Control measures and stated that for control of air pollution the raw material required for the production will be stored in shed, dust suppression/control system will be provided during the loading and unloading of raw material, checking of vehicles transporting raw material will be carried out regularly, ambient air and stack emission air will be monitored and controlled as per CPCB guidelines. Cyclone, bag filter and ESP will be provided for control of dust/air and acidic fumes will be controlled through scrubber, moveable suction hood will be provided to furnace for control of air pollution to be emitted from induction furnace and air pollution will be controlled by planting trees in the project area.

He briefed about the Noise Pollution Control System and stated that the main sources for generating noise are D.G. Set, Compressor, Crusher, Screen, etc. and to reduce noise, noise resisting covers will be provided to the equipments, thick green belt will be developed at the boundary of project area and noise will be stopped by using physical barriers. The ambient noise

level will be less than 75 dB(A) during day time and less than 70 dB(A) during night time and as the nearest inhabitant area is at a distance of 1.5 km. there will be no any adverse impact due to noise spreading.

While briefing about the proposed Water Pollution Control Process, he stated that the water requirement for the existing as well as proposed project is about 832 KLD (fresh water) and the recycled water from process is 9910 KLD. Closed Circuit Cooling System is envisaged in existing as well as proposed expansion project. Out of total 832 KLD water, the effluent generation will be 105 KLD which includes 25 KLD domestic effluent and 80 KLD effluent from cooling tower blow down. The domestic effluent will be treated in septic tank, besides this, sewage treatment plant will be provided and the treated water will be used for development of green belt. The effluent generated from cooling tower blow down will be treated in effluent treatment plant and the treated water will be recycled and used in DRI, Captive Power Plant and Rolling Mill by means of which Zero Liquid Discharge System will be used. He showed the process flow of water and briefed about the waste water generation and management. He stated that the total effluent generation from the project will be 2.5 CMD, the domestic effluent will be treated in sewage treatment plant of 25 CMD capacity, i.e. tertiary treatment which includes multi grade filter and charcoal filter. Zero Liquid Discharge will be achieved by using the treated effluent for gardening purpose in rest of the seasons other than the monsoon.

He briefed about the proposed Solid Waste control and stated that the STP Sludge generation from the said project will be 1 kg/day which will be used for green belt development. The office waste and packing generation will be 50 kg/day (each), slag generation will be 236 TPD and disposed by sale/use. The oil used in induction furnace, and metal dust generated from the process will be sold, being the metal dust generated from induction furnace equal to sand, it can be used for land filling, the waste water from canteen and office toilet will be sent to soak pit, the waste water generated from canteen will be treated in effluent treatment plant in which Oil & Grease Trap, Settling Tank, Anaerobic Treatment System and Gravity Filter are included.

He further briefed about the Disaster Management Plan and stated that the Disaster Management Plant will be prepared and developed with the help of Senior Officers, Disaster Control Cell with well equipped equipments will be constructed and be kept under the control of Senior Officers, officers and workers will be divided in teams and training will be given to them for disaster situation, firefighting and safety, Safety Health and Environment Plan will be prepared and it will be implemented for the welfare of workers.

He briefed about the ESH Budget and stated that it includes Material Handling Yard, Hot Metal Taping Area, DM Plant Area, Rolling Mill Area, DRI Plant and General Safety for which the company has made a temporary provision of Rs. 5.40 Lakh per year. He further briefed about the funds required for environment control and stated the capital cost for the same as Emission Control Engineering – Rs. 1140.00 Lakh, Water & Solid Waste Management – Rs. 65.00 Lakh, Solid Waste – Rs. 22.50 Lakh, Green Belt – Rs. 16.50 Lakh, Monitoring – Rs. 15.00 Lakh, Environmental Cell & PR – Rs. 06.00 Lakh, Rain Water Harvesting – Rs. 22.00 Lakh and Safety & Occupational Health – Rs. 25.00 Lakh, likewise the total capital cost towards environment control will be Rs. 1325.00 Lakh and the recurring expenditure for the same will be Rs. 509.40 Lakh per year.

He briefed about the details of tree plantation and stated that they have proposed to plant 3622 Nos. of trees of various species like *Babhl*, *Neem*, *Gulmohar*, Mango, etc. in the project area. The Project Proponent has decided to develop the Green Belt on 33% area of total acquired area and the tree cultivation will be carried out as per the advice of Forest Department. He stated that Rain Water Harvesting Project will be provided and about 6592.6 cu.m. of water will be collected.

While briefing about the benefits of the proposed project, he stated that employment and business opportunities will be available due to commissioning of the project and total requirement of employees for the said project will be 610, people residing in the nearby villages will get the direct benefit regarding various activities in the project and employment. M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited knows about the total social and economic development where they will be in operation.

He briefed about the Annual CSR Budget and stated that the Project Proponent has spent Rs. 45.50 Lakh (2016-17), Rs. 61.6 Lakh (2017-18) & Rs. 61.0 Lakh (2018-19) towards health, education, roads, drinking water, cultural/awareness programmes, sports/yuva development, tree plantation, rural development/basic infrastructure, etc. under the CSR activities. He further briefed about CER Budget and stated that the Project Proponent has made a provision of Rs. 102.88 Lakh towards various activities under the CER like construction of roads in villages, construction of general toilet, rain water harvesting structure, construction of toilets in schools, playground facility in schools, skill development programmes, facility for animal husbandry, facility of medical centre & ambulance and tree plantation programme, etc.

**Shri Rahangdale** stated that the Environment Management Plan is the prime thing (*Gabha*) of this project for which primary starting to get Environmental Clearance has been 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. He stated that M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys 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 presentation of the proposed project.

Then, **Dr. Yogini Balankhe**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna & Convener of Public Hearing Panel requested the public participants that if anybody is having any question, suggestion, etc., same may be asked by telling their own name and their village name.

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

1. **Shri Ganesh Tukaram Dhavle**, the Ex. Sarpanch, Daregaon, Tq. & Dist: Jalna suggested to spend 25% expenditure under the social work for Daregaon village as the project is located in Daregaon area. Secondly, he stated that the company

will plant 3600 trees, hence he suggested to plant 1000 trees with tree guard in Daregaon village, upon which the Project Proponent/Project Consultant clarified that 3600 trees will be planted in the factory area, however 1000 – 1500 trees can be planted with tree guard in Daregaon under Social Tree Plantation Programme during rainy season after receipt of such proposal. **Shri Dhavle** pointed out that the company had planted 500 Nos. of trees with tree guard in Daregaon before 4 years for which he congratulated the company and likewise he suggested to plant the trees with tree guard in this year and it is agreed by the Project Proponent/Project Consultant.

2. **Shri Kisanrao Tiruke**, the Sarpanch, Grampanchayat, Daregaon, Tq. & Dist: Jalna asked whether employment will be given to maximum people in their village as the company is located in their village area. **Shri Rahangdale**, the Project Consultant stated that as reported earlier, preference will be given to the local people depending upon their eligibility in the proposed project and then and then only the employment will be given to the outside people.
3. **Shri Ravindra Vitthalrao Dhavle**, a resident of nearby area in Jalma district stated that his agriculture land is located in Gat No. 93 & 94, near MIDC and his father has given application to MPCB office and Collector Office regarding trouble due to pollution to them because of heavy black smoke in their agriculture farm during the period from 06.00 p.m. to 09.00 a.m. and they also do not see anything in front of them in such heavy smoke, hence he requested for taking control measures for the same. **Shri Dilip Khedkar**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel reported that the said public hearing is regarding the proposed expansion project. He asked **Shri Dhavle** whether he has made any complaint to MPCB regarding the pollution problem reported above and whether a copy of the same is available, upon which, **Shri Dhavle** said 'yes' and handed over the copy of same to the Panel Member, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that the said complaint will be investigated by MPCB and accordingly necessary action will be taken against the nearby industries and directions will be issued so that industries shall control the maximum smoke emission. He further stated that if there is industry, then smoke will be emitted, but the concentration of pollutants in the smoke shall be as per the MPCB norms. **Shri Dhavle** again told that there is black layer on his agriculture land for which something shall be done, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that the issue raised by **Shri Dhavle** is not related with today's hearing, however, said complaint has been recorded and action will definitely be taken on the said complaint. He further stated that the people get trouble due to smoke and therefore today's public hearing is organized and such project or expansion project is being established, hence, he suggested the public participants that if they are having any suggestions, objection regarding environment, same shall be expressed on a large scale so that the views of all the people will reach to the Expert Committee; and while granting permission for the expansion project, it will be seen by them that how pollution will be reduced by imposing maximum terms and conditions and once again he

pointed out that maximum questions, suggestions, objection of the people shall be related with environment only.

4. **Shri M.B. Korke**, the Gramsevak, Grampanchayat, Daregaon, Tq & Dist: Jalna expected that the stack to be provided for control of pollution shall of good quality, the work of rain water harvesting shall also be good so that their village will get the benefit and also they will get water, hence he suggested to give proper attention towards pollution and rain water harvesting. **Shri Rahangdale** stated that they have already told for providing the rain water harvesting. He stated that the pollution control equipments are to be provided according to the pollution and production norms and there are certain specifications for the same, however necessary care will be taken.
5. **Shri Subhash Jalnardan Tiruke**, a resident of nearby village Daregaon, Tq. & Dist: Jalna stated that only 3 to 4% people from Daregaon are present for the public hearing, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that MPCB publishes advertisement in the newspaper, which is open for all, the total report, notice, etc. about the said project are placed at the nearest Grampanchayat Office and it is the duty of the Grampanchayat to circulate the same and to tell to all the villagers and to remain present maximum people those are having interest. And the MPCB or industry can not make arrangement for bringing the people from their village to the public hearing place, everybody has to come himself. **Shri Tiruke** stated that the Grampanchayat has to give *Dawandi* for the said programme, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that it is a part of said Grampanchayat and it is their internal issue. MPCB has a receipt of such documents as the documents are being served by hand delivery and MPCB has followed total procedure. He stated that it is willings of MPCB that maximum people not only from Daregaon but from other villages in 5 to 10 km. area shall attend the public hearing because it is a open forum and they may express their views, questions, suggestion, objections, which are recorded in the report and submitted to the Environment Department for further action. **Shri Tiruke** stated that he feels that the said programme has to be organized at Daregaon, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that it is mentioned in the Notification that said programme shall organized at the project site and the purpose of conducting the programme at the project site is that it is possible to the maximum people in the surrounding radius to reach for such programme. **Shri Tiruke** further stated that he and his relative are having their agriculture farm of about 20 to 25 acres at Gat No. 6 and Gat No. 3 behind the Railway Line in the area in which there are about 20 – 25 Nos. of mango trees, but the said trees do not have the situation of mango fruit yield and secondly, if anybody took a round of his farm, a carbon/black layer observes on the body. **Shri Khedkar** stated that therefore the public hearing is organized in which suggestions, experience shall be placed by the people. Secondly, he stated that whatever the complaint is there, it is not necessary to make the complaint here, because it can be made earlier also, however, the complaint will be investigated by MPCB and accordingly action will be taken. **Shri Tiruke** further pointed out that not only this company (M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited), but the work of another company is in

progress at a distance of 300 ft. from his farm which emits smoke and it causes black layer on the body while passing through the area. He also stated that one of the device regarding pollution control observes not in operation. **Shri Khedkar** stated that the point of Shri Tiruke is cleared, but now the MPCB & CPCB has started Online Continuous Monitoring System which is installed at stack and connected directly to the MPCB & CPCB Server due to which smoke emission level is seen in the MPCB and CPCB office and the record of the same is kept permanently, technology is being improved and therefore there will be definitely improvement regarding the issue. **Shri Tiruke** further stated that Daregaon will not appear even standing on a hill during night time between 09.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. due to black smoke and there is totally black in his farm and if anybody goes to work in his farm, has to use waste cloth due to black smoke, the vegetable (Methee) also can not yield in his farm. **Shri Khedkar** stated that the issue is cleared, MPCB officers will visit and monitor the area, the Agriculture Officer will also be requested to monitor the same and accordingly action will be taken.

6. **Shri Dnyaneshwar Dhavle**, a resident of nearby village Daregaon, Tq. & Dist: Jalna stated that personally, he has no any complaint against the said company, however, they had started the *Reshim Udyog*, but it is not succeed because of pollution problem as the larvae are too sensitive that they could not formed the cocoons due to pollution. **Shri Khedkar** asked whether there is any suggestion about the proposed project and stated that the issues and feelings of the people are noticed. He suggested to express suggestions, objections, to take certain care so as to reduce the pollution or to take certain measures to maintain the environment as per their experience specifically for the proposed project instead of general issues in the area. **Shri Dhavle** stated that they had conducted strike when Shri Munde Saheb was Collector, Jalna and Shri Bhaskar Munde Saheb was Divisional Commissioner, accordingly, Sub-Regional Office of MPCB established at Jalna and at that time stacks were provided by the factories, but they are not operated actually during night time and therefore their village people get trouble due to smoke emission from industries, hence he stated that it is necessary to give attention by the MPCB on the said issues. **Shri Khedkar** again stated that their issue is noticed and asked to tell about specific issue, if any regarding the proposed project. **Shri Dhavle** requested that efforts shall have to be taken for maximum control of pollution.
7. **Shri --- Dhavle**, a resident of nearby area stated that MPCB shall take cognizance of any complaint raised by him. He pointed out that his father had committed hunger strike in the year 2008, accordingly a monitoring machine was installed, but proper cognizance of the same was also not taken, the MPCB officials had discussed in the company and he was not allowed in the company, but he didn't know till today that what is happened in the discussion. **Shri Khedkar** clarified his question that Shri Dhavle has made complaint, committed hunger strike, but no improvement is observed in the situation. **Shri Khedkar** further clarified for all that this is air polluting industry and though number of scrubbers or other systems installed, smoke will emit, but we have to control the concentration of

pollutants in smoke for which the systems are installed. But no guarantee will be given that no smoke will be emitted, generally black smoke is emitted, but from the MPCB point of view, the smoke contains SPM, which is measured and if it will be within the norms, it is said that it does not cause pollution. **Shri Dhavle** stated that there are small particles in his farm, and further while he was speaking about pollution in Delhi, **Shri Khedkar** suggested him not to change the subject and speak specific or express suggestion, objection, if any about the proposed project because the public hearing is being conducted for the said project. **Shri Dhavle** again repeated the issue regarding pollution his farm, etc., upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that his complaint is recorded, his say is heard and asked him to express the suggestions, etc. regarding the said project only. **Shri Dhavle** requested to take control measures for pollution and also to take cognizance of his suggestions. **Shri Rahangdale** stated that the pollution control equipments costing Rs. 1325 Lakh will be installed in the proposed project and care will be taken so as not cause any trouble due to the said project. **Shri Subhash Tiruke** stated that the machinery shall have to be in operation and shall not remain closed. He further stated that the people in their village have no any good job or contract and the good job is given to the outside people, upon which **Shri Khedkar** stated that it has been reported initially that preference will be given to the local people, but **Shri Tiruke** stated that till date no preference is given to local people. **Shri Khedkar** stated that it is being recorded. **Shri Rahangdale** stated that 400 workers are employed in existing project out of which 200 – 240 people are local and they are not only from Daregaon but from the surrounding villages also, hence preference will also be given to the local people in the proposed project.

8. **Shri Dnyaneshwar Dhavle**, a resident of nearby village Daregaon, Tq. & Dist: Jalna stated that there is misunderstanding between the owner of company and the people of Daregaon as the owners are feeling that the people of Daregaon are the gangsters and if they go to the company gate for any work, the owners drive them away. He again repeated that not a single person from their village is on higher post. He stated that he would not like to speak against the company, but he has willings that the person from his village shall on higher post. He requested the officers of M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited to take a note of this and also suggested that if any culprit from Daregaon observed in the company, such person shall be terminated directly from the company. As reported earlier, **Shri Rahangdale** stated that preference will be given to the local people as per their eligibility. **Shri Dhavle** asked about the labour contract with said company. He also stated that they will co-operate the company, upon which **Shri Rahangdale** stated that they also expect co-operation from the people and whatever the misunderstanding is there between the company owner and people of Daregaon will be solved by arranging a meeting with the representative from Daregaon/Sarpanch, representative from HR department of other steel industries. **Shri Dhavle** pointed out that there is no road from Daregaon to go to MIDC due to which it finds difficult for common man to go to MIDC. **Shri Khedkar** stated that feelings and issues both the things are noticed and it is the policy of

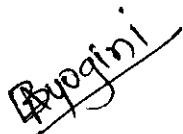
Government to get the employment to the local people, but today's public hearing is only for environment, hence it is expected to express the problems, questions, suggestions related with environment only. He further stated that Public Hearing Panel does not suggest any thing about other issues, but it shall be seen that how to solve the issue by discussing together with the people in Darogaon village, Government Department, etc.


**Dr. Yogini Balankhe** again asked whether anybody would like to ask any question, but after observing that nobody is remained to ask questions, **Shri Ravindra Paralikar**, I/c Additional District Magistrate, Jalna & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel stated that the public hearing was organized for expressing discrepancies, views, if any regarding the production and expansion of M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited and whatever the problems raised are recorded by the MPCB Officers and taking efforts to solve the same. He stated that if there will be any problem of pollution while carrying out the expansion and accordingly, it was expected that the people shall express their problems, but the people have expressed some problems like *Tutee* cultivation (*Reshim Udyog*), agriculture land, crop damage due to pollution, excess gases emission which can affect the health, hence as a Chairman of Public Hearing Panel, he suggested the MPCB officers to take cognizance of the complaints, if any and to guide the people suitably by conducting hearing. Likewise, he suggested to M/s. Om Sairam Steels & Alloys Private Limited to take care that how employment will get to the local people. He also suggested that whatever the funds are reserved for control of pollution shall be utilized properly under proper control. He stated that as we are going to 21<sup>st</sup> Century and hence balance of environment will not be maintained by keeping the factory closed so, it shall be in operation. He expected that developmental sight shall be kept and the Project Director, common people present during the public hearing and MPCB officials shall take efforts by taking proper cognizance for further progress of said project.

**Shri Dilip Khedkar**, the Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel stated that a report alongwith the minutes of the public hearing including views of public participants will be submitted to the Government. He stated that whether permission is to be given to the proposed expansion project or not and if it is to be given, the permission can be given by imposing the conditions for installation of modern system and he ensure that the new technology will definitely help in controlling the pollution. Then, with the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel, he 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**.

  
(Dilip Khedkar)  
Member.

  
(Dr. Yogini Balankhe)  
Convener.

  
(Ravindra Paralikar)  
Chairman.