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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MANUFACTURING OF M.S. BILLETS FROM 1,84,500.0 TPA TO 3,50,000.0 TPA BY REPLACING EXISTING 10 T INDUCTION FURNACE WITH 15 T INDUCTION FURNACE AND BY INSTALLING ADDITIONAL 1 x 30 T INDUCTION FURNACE AND PRODUCTION OF TMT BARS THROUGH ROLLING MILL FROM 72,000.0 TPA TO 3,50,000.0 AT GUT NO.73,74,76,78, 79,80, 179 & 180, VILLAGE – LAKHMAPUR, BHIWANDI-WADA ROAD, TAL-WADA, DIST – PALGHAR, MAHARASHTRA STATE BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S JAIDEEP METALLIC & ALLOYS PVT. LTD.

The Public Hearing for proposed expansion of manufacturing of M.S. BILLETS FROM 1,84,500.0 TPA To 3,50,000.0 TPA by replacing existing 10 T Induction Furnace with 15 T Induction Furnace and by installing additional 1 x 30 T Induction Furnace and Production of TMT Bars Through Rolling Mill From 72,000.0 TPA TO 3,50,000.0 TPA at Gut NO.73,74,76,78, 79,80, 179 & 180, Village – Lakhmapur, Bhiwandi – Wada Road, Tal – Wada, District – Palghar,

Maharashtra State by Project Proponent M/s Jaideep Metallic & Alloys Pvt. Ltd., was conducted on Thursday, the 21st July, 2022 at 11.00 a.m at project site Gut No.73,74,76,78,79,80,179 and 180, Lakhamapur village, Bhiwandi-Wada Road, Taluka – Wada, Dist – Palghar.

Shri Devidas Koparkar, Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Dilip Gutte, Additional District Magistrate, Palghar and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Babasaheb Kukade, I/c Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Member ,of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Dr. Udhav Kadam Tahsildar of the Wada Taluka, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that the meeting is called in the background of Covid-19. Hence, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Office Memorandum dated 14-09-2020. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the pandol and now it is compulsory to wear a mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons in the meeting hall.

Convener further informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Jaideep Metallic & Alloys Pvt. Limited for proposed expansion of manufacturing of M.S. BILLETS FROM 1,84,500.0 TPA To 3,50,000.0 TPA by replacing existing 10 T Induction Furnace with 15 T Induction Furnace and by installing additional 1 x

30 T Induction Furnace and Production of TMT Bars Through Rolling Mill From 72,000.0 TPA TO 3,50,000.0 TPA at Gut NO.73,74,76,78, 79,80, 179 & 180, Village – Lakhmapur, Bhiwandi – Wada Road, Tal – Wada, District – Palghar, Maharashtra State.

The Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B-1 schedule 3 (a) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

Project Proponent had submitted prescribed application alongwith pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai on 24.03.2022 and it has been considered and given approval on 25.04.2022.

After sanction of District Collector, Palghar to conduct the Physical. On Thursday, the 21st July, 2022 at 11.00 morning, and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 45 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 220630-FTS-0131 dated 30-6-2022 :-

- 1) District Magistrate-Palghar **Chairman**
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra **Member**
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Kalyan,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Kalyan
- 3) Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Kalyan

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan in the Local Newspaper in

Daily Sakal for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily Free Press for English on 20th June, 2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices –

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
- 2) District Collector, Palghar;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Palghar;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Palghar;
- 5) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Mumbai;
- 6) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai;

- 7) Sub Divisional Officer-Wada, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 8) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3rd Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 9) Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Sub Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3rd Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 10) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 11) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Tal-Wada, District – Palghar;
- 12) Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat, Lakhamapur, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 13) Website of MPCB;

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project. MPCB is in receipt of few objections in writing and by email which have been noted.

Convener informed that participants can raise their views, suggestions/objections for the proposed project in environmental angle only orally as well as in writing also.

Convener informed that this Committee is constituted to know the views, opinions, suggestions or objections of the local people and it does not take any decision of sanction, recommendation or rejection of the project. The suggestions/objections raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The video shooting of the meeting as it is alongwith minutes of the meeting and Final EIA report will be submitted with the approval of Chairman of the Committee through Head Office MPCB to Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for further decision. An Expert Committee at Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt of Maharashtra will take further decision.

Member, Convener requested Chairman to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Project Officer made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He informed about the geographical location of the proposed project, possible impact on the environment due to the proposed project, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for it, details

regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund.

After the Presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed the participants to raise views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed plant in environmental angle only. While raising the suggestions or objections, full and name of the village should be informed.

FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN BY PROJECT CONSULTANT/PROJECT PROPONENT/ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri Vaibhav Sharad Dohale, Residing-Kinaipada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

Our village is just 200 meters away from the project. We suffer due to this project. At a distance of 200 meters, there is a Zilla Parishad school from 1st to 5th standard. Similarly, there is Anganwadi. There are seven other companies along with this company. Due to the pollution from all those companies, the people in the area are suffering from respiratory problems, constantly getting sick. The job opportunities are not provided to local people by this company.

**2)Shri Devendra Dinesh Wagh, Residing-Kinaipada,
Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-**

The villages in the area are taken in the presentation and our village Kinaipada is just 200 meters away from the project and it falls under Lakhmapur revenue village. The people of Kinaipada village do not know when and where the environmental survey was carried by this company. If Lakhmapur is 800 meters away, Kinaipada village is just 200 meters away from this project. However, in our village too, it was necessary to carry a survey and support of the local people. Whether we are not local? The notice of this meeting was sent to each other by the local people, otherwise the people of the village had no idea of this meeting. This company's pollution is causing us a lot of trouble. An additional furnace would have to be commissioned for the expansion, so the smoke would rise and mix with the air, which will cause us great trouble.

3)Mr. Nitesh Baban Patil, Residing-Kinaipada,

Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

Our Kinaipada village is just 200 meters away from the project. The companies here generate a lot of smoke and cause a lot of trouble to the local people. The company's expansion will only add more trouble. We have small children who already have respiratory problems. They are also suffering a lot due to this smoke.

In the project report, Kinaipada village is not shown, Kinaipada and its surrounding schools are also not shown, but Pavlipada village at 350 meters is shown. Also, there are other companies operating here, but they have not been mentioned in the report. Local people are not given priority in employment in the project.

4)Mr. Dinesh Patil, Residing-Kinaipada,

Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

I have five acres of farm land adjacent to this company. It is difficult for us to live because of the smoke of this company. There is no smoke here as the company is closed today. Due to the problem of this smoke, the local farmers are not ready to work in the fields. Hence, the

treatment for control of smoke should be carried immediately.

Here the Environmental Consultant of the project replied that the construction of the project is taking place in Lakhmapur village. The impact of this project can be up to 500 meters. Since Lakhmapur village is 500 meters away, a survey was conducted in Lakhmapur village and its area and water and air samples were collected there and other villages in the area have been mentioned in the report. Chandoli village, indicated by the participants, has also been mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

5)Shri Sunanda Reddy,

Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

I am the first Environmentalist in India who supports industrial development. According to me, unemployment is the biggest pollution in India. I congratulate project management for expanding and giving employment to two hundred persons. According to me, nearly 2, 000 persons will get indirect employment opportunities. About one lakh people will be indirectly benefited due to the production to be produced in the project.

Shri Reddy further said that the Project Environmental Consultant has prepared a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report after conducting water, air survey. Many environmentalists in India blame companies for people's health problems. But fertilizers and pesticides are causing the most pollution. About 40 crore vehicles in India are the biggest polluters.

Pollution is increasing due to changing lifestyle and food habits in India. In India, only 15% people live around companies and mines. However, companies should not be held responsible for health issues. I am requesting the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi to grant Environmental Clearance to the said project.

Similarly, the project management is requested to follow all pollution control norms. The Environmental Consultant has carried the survey of 10 km radius from the project site of water, air, soil.

I request that the study of health status, crop pattern and current status, current status of underground water, ecological balance should be carried in the radius of 10 k.m. Similarly, trees should be planted in the villages around the project and

trees should be planted on both sides of the road. Medicinal plants, fruit bearing trees should be planted. This activity can be implemented with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund.

The project promoters should constitute a Co-ordination Committee and include local people's representatives, local pollution control officers and implement social activities required by the people. Skill development programme should be undertaken for local youth and women. If the concerned do not get employment in this project, they can get job opportunities in another company

He said that Corona has taught the World a new lesson. Along with health camps, everyone needs to boost their immune system. Public awareness is necessary for that. The suggestions made to the locals should be implemented.

In response to this, the Project Officer said that health insurance has been taken out for everyone in the project after Corona. After a certain period (6-8 months) the doctor is called and a medical examination is done. Everyone's health card is made. We have set up a training center for skill development. All are being developed gradually.

6)Shri Vijay Vilas Patil, Residing-Lakhmapur, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

I am a citizen of Lakhmapur village and I am talking as a citizen of Lakhmapur. Many people have given their suggestions about the project here. Thanks to them. This project is operational since 2009. But I didn't think I had asthma myself. Some people have raised objections that the project causes environmental damage.

Suppose this is accepted, my shop is 100 meters away from the project. 100 meters further I have my own 16 acres of land on Gut No. 107. We grow rice there. Rice crops have not been affected. So how did the environmental damage happen? We grow crops there. No one in our village has suffered from this company. I am saying this voluntarily. Here some objected that the company is not doing anything for the village. If the school needs anything, the company provides it.

Water is provided if needed and every village is developed. The company has provided drinking water and paver block to the school of Kinaipad. Some objected that the project did not provide employment to local people.

So, the answer is that the people of Kinaipada are working in this project. All the record is available at the company.

At this time the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested Mr. Vilas Patil to present his opinion. Do not respond to suggestions, objections made by others.

Shri Vilas Patil said that I have my own Mango Garden at Gut No. 106. The mango garden is not at all affected.

7) Shri Pundalik Sridhar Patil, Retired Teacher, Residing-Lakhmapur, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

Since this company has come, the local people here have got an employment opportunities. Therefore, there has been a decrease in the number of people migrating for jobs in this area. Katkariwadi here used to go out 100% for brickwork. Now they live here. It should not be forgotten that this project is providing livelihood to thousands of families.

The company has provided paver blocks here and in the school and provided drinking water. I am a farmer and my farm is located at a short distance from the project. When these companies came here, the production of my farm

did not decrease. Whenever there is a public function here, the project officer makes a mandatory visit. The project officers work to encourage the local people here.

8) Shri Nitesh Patil, resident of Kinai Pada, who was raising the objections, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said here that as per the instructions of the Chairman, you should register your opinions, suggestions, objections, and not criticize the suggestions and objections made by others.

Objection was registered by Shri Nitesh Patil and he said that I am a shareholder of Gat No. 106 and no one has cultivated grain on that land for the last 5-6 years. Also, we are local and all the local people are present here should be asked about the problem of smoke. The said project emits a lot of smoke at night. The video has been taken down. Especially children and elderly suffer a lot. However, no action has been taken against the company.

Here the Project Proponent replied that it is suggested to plant trees in the meeting. So, we have planted trees in many villages in the area. As much as

possible, fruit bearing trees are planted there. We have detailed information about it.

The Project Officer further said that primary and secondary air pollution control systems have been implemented in the project to control air pollution. Bag filter system is operational. The panel is fitted with an electricity meter and is fully operational.

He further said that all the advanced systems essential in the expansion project will be put into operation. So all the smoke and dust will be collected in the chimney. Villagers will not face any problem. He said that we have complete data on the pollution control achieved by bag filters. We are also going to develop 33% green belt in the expansion project.

Here the Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee opined that even if the air pollution control system is in operation as per the consent conditions, there is a need for immediate implementation of Secondary Emission System/Fume Extraction System on the roof top for smoke control. If this system is put into operation, the smoke will come under control and the people of the area will not suffer.

At that time, the Project Proponent promised to implement the Secondary Emission System in the project and to implement the pollution control system which is required to be implemented in the future.

9)Mr. Nitesh Balkrishna Patil, Residence- Lakhmapur, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

I have land some distance from the project and I have planted trees. So far no side effect has been seen on those trees. He further said that the company has helped a lot during the Corona period. Local people got employment. The company has co-operated every time. My village has no problem with this project.

During the construction of the last furnace, we demanded tree plantation, which they have completed. He further demanded that if any problem arises, the company management should come up with new options and co-operate with the local people. If there is a problem of pollution as per the objections raised by the locals, then the company management should plan remedial measures for the same.

10)Shri Sachin Haribhau Patil, Residing-Jamghar, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

Local people have no opposition to any project and will never have any. But it seems wrong that the project destroys the environment and adds to the income of the people. Measures should be taken to prevent pollution. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) was mentioned here. The presentation showed that the survey was conducted in the month of December-January. But the level of pollution increases in summer, so it is necessary to conduct the survey in summer.

He said that in the Presentation, pH is shown between 5.4 – 6.4. But not so. Because pH of rain water is also 5.4. So, it is suspected that what is shown in the presentation is not in reality.

Air index shown later. PM10 is measured as 0.50 for 24 hours. That's good. But after commissioning of these companies here, variation started coming, even if we don't feel the effect now, the far-reaching effect on the health of the people here will be 100%. So, for that the company needs to plant trees. So, the

plantation work done by this existing company has not reached the people.

Similarly, the ratio of SO_2 and NO_x was shown to be 13:9 and 9:18. How will that happen? When having the same natural condition at a distance, how will the ratio change over distance? In the industrial sector, it can be done by the manufacturers who are producing the products. In Khupri village, SO_2 and NO_x ratio is 20:3 and 16:5. That raises our doubts. We are not against the company. The company should be successful and be expanded.

In the presentation, it is showed that rain water harvesting will be used in the project. So, the question is whether rain water harvesting was done in the previous working project. If it does, why not have your own water storage? Why do they have to pump water from the village? If 1,90,000 liters of water is required per day, if the production is increased in the future, more water will be required, then naturally the water level in the neighboring villages will also go down. The result will be in the future.

It was further stated, employment, activities CER and use of CSR funds. While preparing the proposal for project expansion, it was pointed out that CSR funds should be utilized in advance. For that, one village should be taken every year and the CSR fund should be used for the development of the respective village.

The presentation showed that 33% green belt will be developed in the expansion project. So there was a forest on the hill. For the project, they have destroyed only the trees on the hill. Instead of cutting trees, you could have make alternative arrangements.

Local people have been looking at those trees for the last 20-25 years. Secondly, the trees cut down in the month of May, when the breeding season of the tree birds is on. The trees were cut down during the breeding season, thus destroying the eggs that the birds had in the nest. So, there are no birds to eat the insects in the local paddy field, which means loss of crop. Therefore, local farmers use pesticides in their fields. Pesticides also cause water and air pollution.

So we do not believe in the future promise of the expansion project. Due to our deforestation, birds have died. So who will eat the insects in the food field? This is the question. Tree plantation should be done by everyone, it should be the priority of Gram Panchayat.

Further it is mentioned in the presentation that you opened a school/centre for skill development. Then, how many local people got employment in the project through that skill development? Similarly, how many people have benefited from this skill development in other projects?

He further objected that the 30% expansion of the project is going to do, resulting waste called slag will be used to construct the internal roads of the project. So, what is the next plan after making it out of a month's waste? Is there an option for that? It is not mentioned in the presentation.

1,90,00 liters of water per day will be used in the production process. It was only said that it will be recycled. It is not known what process will be done for it, which plant is there for it, and how waste which

is generated from recycling will be treated? What to do with it? This information has not been given in the presentation.

However, if you work with everyone in trust, the native will not oppose you. Everyone wants employment. If the company does not give concrete assurances and plans regarding pollution control, employment, CSR funds, CER funds, then this process should be put on hold.

Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the Project Proponent to respond to each issue.

The Project Proponent replied that Shri Sachin Haribhau Patil has registered an objection regarding cutting of trees. So 2-3 trees may have been cut, but we have planted thousands of trees with other charitable organizations of the village, Lions Club, Gram Panchayats have been taken into confidence for tree plantation.

The Project Management has openly assured the Gram Panchayat that water system, toilet block in

girls school will be provided. The project will fully support the environment.

It has been spent in the past and will be spent in the future. The Project Proponent said that the company has spent more on CSR than what was allowed last year.

We have constructed toilet blocks in all the villages in the area - Lakhmapur, Kinaipada. It has also been audited. At that time, those present started to speak collectively and expressed their dissatisfaction. The Project Proponent suggested to ask the Sarpanch. At that time, the Project Officer said that there are names, bills and photos of the villages worked.

At that time Sarpanch said that 21 toilets have been constructed in Tiphala Jamghar, Kakdepada Jamghar and Sipaidara Jamghar. It is built in Katkariwadi.

On this occasion, Member appealed to the participants to raise environmental issues peacefully. He said that the project officer and Gram Panchayat will decide where to spend the CSR funds.

11)Shri Vijay Balu Jadhav, General Secretary,

Labor Union Maharashtra:-

For the development of this area, local farmers gave their fertile lands at a very negligible price. Our dream is that all the youth of rural areas will get employment in the project. Industry needs to be set up here. In spite of the rule of the government to provide employment to at least 90% local people in other companies including this company, not even 5% of the employment opportunities have been given to the local youth here and in other companies.

It means that instead of benefiting the local people, there is a loss. Moreover, these companies like Jaideep Metallic brought pollution in this area. The oxygen we get is toxic oxygen. The objections raised by the participants here are correct that the company works only for the benefit of 2-4 people. These companies are doing the work of spreading poisonous gas to 95% people. They say they have planted trees. It's all lies.

He objected that last year he had complained to the Tahsildar that the company's waste was being taken under the Neroli drain. That means the company has not set up a system to process its waste. Companies producing iron/ingots here consume a large amount of water. Due to this, water scarcity is created here. People don't have water to drink, tankers are brought for drinking water. That means water scarcity has increased here, pollution has increased one km from the project itself. Schools that are spaced apart, as a rule, are made of ingots, so the surrounding area is heated. Therefore, the need for AC, cooler has increased. All these results are of these companies. There is a sanctuary right next to the settlement. The rules of the forest department have not been followed while setting up the company here.

Hence, these destructive companies should not be allowed to expand. Otherwise, the local people here will raise their voice against these companies. This company should not be allowed to expand unless the company does the right thing about stopping

pollution, not making the right decisions about employment for the locals.

Members urged the participants to raise any new issues.

12)Mr. Ranjan Raghunath Patil, Resident-Neroli, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-

In the meeting, it was seen that issues were being raised from both sides. Companies started coming here from last 30 years. D Zone was announced and companies came all over the Talukas.

Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that only environmental issues should be raised at this time.

Shri Ranjan Patil said that these companies started coming and we neglected agriculture. Pollution was neglected for companies. There is no doubt that the companies have provided employment to the local people. However, the companies should follow the pollution control rules strictly and only then permission should be given to these companies.

Everyone has a health issue. Both sides are seen here.

70-80% job opportunities here is due to these companies. There has been a huge increase in indirect employment due to companies. However, the Pollution Control Board should force these companies to follow the pollution control norms and the companies should be given permission only later.

Member, Environment Hearing Committee said that the said committee does not approve the project. This meeting is only to record the environmental suggestions, objections about the proposed project as raised by you.

The suggestions and objections raised by you have been recorded and minutes will be prepared and it will be submitted after approval of Chairman to State Government through the headquarters of the MPCB. The Expert Committee there will take further decision. He said that he has taken note of all the questions raised by the participants.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked the participants if they had any suggestions or objections. He appealed to report the new issues, if any.

13)Shri Ajay Atul Ghode, Residing in Tansa,

Taluka Wada, District Palghar

I have given written complaint. Information about what the Environmental Consultant has done should be given. The Tansa sanctuary has been declared here. Part of the project is located in the "Eco-Sensitive Zone" of Tansa Sanctuary. They have not shown it in the Presentation. Similarly, the furnace of the company is 10 tons. They are going to make 15 tons. Due to this, the temperature in the area will increase.

The company has destroyed the forest resources. There were many trees on the hill. It is cut illegally. Prior permission of Forest Department has not been taken for that. Therefore, a case of "culpable homicide" should be filed against the company management. However, action should be taken on Project Management as per Forest Rules 1962 (A). Trees were cut down, so the birds died.

However, a case of illegal hunting should be filed against the concerned Project Administration. At that time,

the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee promised to reply in written form on the written issues.

Shri Ghode further objected that the environmental consultant had wrongly indicated the direction of the wind. Wind blows from west to east. While the environmental consultant has shown the wind direction from east to west. I have 12 acres of land at a distance of 200 meters and 6 acres of that land is under cultivation.

They have not shown the nallas there. All the water from the project will come to my farm. The migrants living in the project, the water bottles and things thrown by them drift into my field. Four km from there, there is a river in the distance. Adivasi brothers live there. They do fishing. If that water goes to the river, fishing will stop. Schools, villages, Padas near the project are not shown. They have submitted a wrong proposal.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee told the participants that we have come here to register your suggestions, thoughts, objections. You pointed out the errors in the presentation. It has been noted. Video shooting is also done. Minutes of the meeting are will be prepared and submitted to the Government alongwith the

Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and written complaints and suggestions as received.

The Expert Committee examines all the matters and takes a decision regarding it. This Committee is not concerned with recommending, denying permission or granting permission for the project. This Committee does not have the right. Mandatory measures for pollution control are prescribed by the Government. This public hearing process is very transparent. However, if there are any new environmental issues, they should be raised. For the rest, there is District Administration.

**14)Shri Chandrasekhar, Environmentalist,
Hyderabad:-**

The suggestions given by the locals should be considered for project expansion. Locals should be given priority in employment in the project. CSR funds should be used for social projects. Support the project.

**15)Shri Balkrishna Vishnu Bhagwat, Residence-
Dongarpada, Taluka-, District-Palghar:-**

Wind blows from west to east. Dongarpada, Kinaipada are not mentioned in the project. Zilla Parishad

schools are not shown. There is a video showing how much this company is affecting the life of human beings. It should be allowed to show.

**16) Shri Suresh Bhaurao Patil, Resident-Neroli,
Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar:-**

My land is in Lakhmapur village. The company does not have water management. A public hearing was held in 2018. There has been no implementation of the issues and promises therein. So will the promises in today's public hearing be implemented?

Similarly, this area is an "Eco-Sensitive Zone". So, can the said project be allowed in Eco-Sensitive Zone? He objected that the Forest Department's permission is for 2018. So, has the permission of the forest department been taken for today's 2022 public hearing? He demanded an explanation from the Convener i. e. MPCB.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that this public hearing has been organized as it is an Eco-Sensitive Zone. The Eco-Sensitive Zone Board of the Government of India gives the permission. Neither this

committee, nor the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board gives permission to the project.

Shri Suresh Patil further objected that 25-30 trucks will come to deliver the raw materials and carry concrete goods/products to the project. At this time. Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked the concerned person to submit their objections in writing. Shri Patil raised objections regarding lack of information regarding CRS fund expenditure.

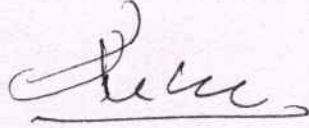
While concluding the meeting, Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, representatives of project promoters, journalists, organizations working in the field of environment and the local people who were present.

He said that as informed by the Chairman, all suggestions, objections have been noted. It will be included in the minutes and submitted to the Government. The Technical Committee there will consider all the suggestions raised by the local people and will take further decision to approve or not to approve the project.

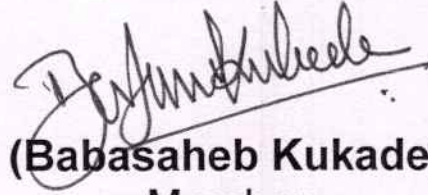
Member thanked all for attending the meeting and raising their suggestions, objections, opinions and on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed written suggestions/objections as received.



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