

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF INSTALLATION OF 2X1,000 TPD IRON ORE PELLET PLANT ALONGWITH COAL GASIFIER OF 26,000.0 m<sup>3</sup>/HR, 2x500 TPD SPONGE IRON PLANT AND 50 MW CPP (25 MW WHRB + 25 MW AFBC), AT PLOT NO.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC DEOLI AND S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, TALUKA – DEOLI, DISTRICT – WARDHA, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S SMW ISPAT PVT.LTD., AT PLOT NO.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC DEOLI AND S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, TALUKA – DEOLI, DISTRICT – WARDHA, MAHARASHTRA -

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Date : 18-08-2023 - Friday  
Time : 12.30 Noon  
Place : Project Site -  
At Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC DEOLI AND S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, TALUKA – DEOLI, DISTRICT – Wardha, MAHARASHTRA

**Preamble:-**

Project Proponent M/s SMW Ispat Pvt. Ltd., At Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC Deoli And S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MoEF & CC) Govt. of India, (Gol), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of production capacity in existing plant of installation of 2X1,000 TPD IRON ORE PELLET PLANT ALONGWITH COAL GASIFIER OF 26,000.0 m<sup>3</sup>/HR, 2x500 TPD SPONGE IRON PLANT AND 50 MW CPP (25 MW WHRB + 25 MW AFBC) at Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC Deoli And S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi (MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi) approved Terms of Reference (ToR) on 16-07-2020 & revised TOR dtd. 16/05/2023. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category A Schedule 3 (a) – Metallurgical Industry (Ferrous & Non-Ferrous) and sub category 1 (d) (Thermal Power), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s SMW Ispat Pvt. Ltd., At Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC Deoli And S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 12/06/2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing.

District Collector, Wardha, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Nagpur Office, approved to hold physical as well as online public hearing on 27-07-2023 at project site at Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC Deoli And S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra. The meeting number and password was made available.

But "Red alert" was declared due to the rain situation in Wardha district, so the public hearing was postponed. It was announced vide letter dated 27-07-2023 of the District Magistrate, Wardha (**Annexure-I**), Then, vide Revised Notification of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi dated 09<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Environmental Public Hearing of the proposed project was again held on 18-08-2023.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Nagpur-2, MPCB Nagpur (30 days before 27-07-2023) in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Hitavad, Nagpur Edition for English on 21-06-2023 (**Annexure-II**). An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Nagpur office till the date of public hearing. Sub Regional Office, Nagpur-II was in receipt of 07 suggestions/objections by hand/email.

Similarly, after the postponement of the public hearing, the public notice of the date of the new public hearing was re-published for public information 03/08/2023 in the local Newspaper Lokmat, Nagpur Edition in Marathi and in the National Newspaper Hitawada, Nagpur Edition in English. (**Annexure-III**).

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summary in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under :-

- 1) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur – 440 0001;
- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 3) Dy. Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion ( E ), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 4) Regional Officer, Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur -
- 5) Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-II, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur -
- 6) District Collector, Wardha;
- 7) District Industries Centre, Wardha;



- 8) Zilla Parishad, Wardha;
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office-Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha;
- 10) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha;
- 11) Panchayat Samiti, Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha;
- 12) Chief Officer, Municipal Council-Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha;
- 13) Gram Panchayat Offices – Chikani / Jamni / Padegaoon / Selsura / Wadad / Dighi, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha;
- 14) Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board;

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.06 to 13 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-55/2023 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B230808-FTS-0170, dated 08/08/2023 as under :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Wardha,<br>or his representative not below<br>the rank of an Additional District<br>Magistrate;            | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra<br>Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -<br>Regional Officer – Nagpur,<br>MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Nagpur | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Nagpur-II<br>MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Nagpur   | <b>Convener</b> |

This office is in receipt of 07 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any. complaints, statements, objections. **(Annexure-IV)**

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-V & VI**.

### Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Atul Satfale, Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Mrs. Archana More, Additional District Magistrate, Wardha and Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Sou. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding expansion of the project and Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi. Following points were explained in the meeting:-

### Detailed Information of the Project -

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;



- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

After the Presentation, participants were appealed to raise any suggestion, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising suggestion, objection, full name and name of the village please be informed.

**Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent :-**

**1) Shri Ananta Madhukarrao Hatwar, Sarpanch, Padegaon, Taluka – Deoli, District- Wardha:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Information in the presentation about CSR fund expenditure and construction of 100-bed hospital during Covid is completely false	Project Proponent replied that the first question was that the company had not constructed any hospital in Deoli village during the Covid period. A Covid center was temporarily set up in Deoli village. A Quarantine Center has been set up for the patients of covid. Hon. Member of Parliament, Hon. Tehsildar, Hon. Police officers were present there and their photos and videos are available. During the Covid period, not only the hospital, but also the oxygen cylinder was provided by the company as a charity. It was made available free of cost in the entire district.
2)	Our village is 4.0 km away from the project site. We are always suffering from pollution.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	Till date, this company has only appointed one employee from our village. It is necessary for the company to plan a strategy to provide job opportunities to the locals in the project.	Another question was about local employment. Company has given job opportunities to local people from each village for some reasons. Even if the persons in a village have not received an

	Locals should be given job opportunities.	employment contract, the waiting list is checked to ensure that every effort will be made to provide them with an job opportunity in the new project.
4)	Similarly, CSR funds must be spent for our village.	Suggestion has been noted.

**2) Shri Mohan Joshi, Residence – Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The presentation shows that the proposed project will provide job opportunities to 2,050 local people. Clarity about this and the agreement to be made for it must be made with peoples of Deoli. Apart from that, there is a project of the company in operation, where the locals have not been provided employment as per the Rules.	If the new project is going to provide employment to 2,050 people, a question was asked whether an agreement can be made for that. There is an agreement with Government of Maharashtra as per the Rules. But local means the resident of the entire State of Maharashtra and the people of all the districts of the State of Maharashtra are included in the definition of local and not only the resident of Deoli or Wardha. 80% of the total employment in the project has to be provided to locals. However, our effort is to get the best employee, because he works well and stays. Also, the proposed project requires three cadres of employees. They are Skilled, Semi -Skilled and Unskilled. According to the educational qualification, maximum employment opportunity will be given to the locals of the project area. We intend to form a "Co-ordinating Committee" for this in the new project and the Company Administration will discuss it with the dignitaries of Deoli.
2)	Apart from that, in the pollution report submitted by the company, the pollution level survey of Deoli village was not shown in the report. Six kilometer from Deoli village, the current situation of pollution is shown, but the villagers of Deoli are not aware of the extent of the pollution and what measures the company has planned for it. Even before this, various representations have been submitted to the Hon.	A further objection was raised that the chimneys in the working project were of less height causing pollution. Whereas, the said chimney is mandatory to be implemented as per the directives passed by the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai and accordingly the chimney has been installed in the project. According to the "Consent to Establish" and "Consent to Operate" as approved by the



	Tahsildar regarding the pollution problem of the said company. But the company completely ignored it. The existing chimney/stack height in the operational project is less Hence, the people of Deoli has to suffer pollution largely due to change in wind direction.	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai, it is mandatory to establish and implement the Air Pollution Control system. Accordingly, the system is operational in the project. Attempts are made to execute it skillfully. However, the notified institutes of the Central and State Governments will be consulted in this regard. Efforts will be made to make the pollution control system more efficient by conducting a survey in this regard in the next three months. Depending on the direction of the wind, the direction of the smoke may sometimes change. So the company tries to ensure that the level of pollution should be within the standards laid by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
3)	It is necessary for the company to organize health camps from time to time as per requirement. It has not been implemented. However, it is necessary for the company to conduct a free health camp for the people of Deoli once every three months.	Now in terms of health , there is a hospital in Savangi and Sevagram in Wardha district. There was no demand for organizing the health camp from the local people. Blood donation camp is organized by the company. Similarly, many health camps have been organized in the company for the officers and employees of the company. Earlier the local district hospital did not have cold drinking water facilities but we provided coolers. Coolers have been installed in Deoli, Pulgaon Hospital when coolers were demanded in summer. Also R.O. (Reverse Osmosis) system has been implemented. Also, if some health facilities are required in future, they will definitely be fulfilled
4)	Also, in the presentation, a statement has been made regarding the plantation of the company. The company has not actually planted any trees in Deoli village	The next objection was plantations and tree guards. So, objection was registered that how many trees were planted and how many trees were conserved. However, the tree conservation done by us has been recorded and all the Orders directed by the Government are fulfilled from time to time. We are carrying out tree plantation as our responsibility. Also, a CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) Committee will be formed in the project and if there is a specific demand in the village, it will be fulfilled
5)	He further said that no one is against development. If the company is going to start a new project here, it will definitely have the support of the	Suggestions have been noted.

<p>people of Deoli. But this does not mean that the company should ignore the concern for the health of the people of Deoli due to the pollution in the company, but the company must take care that the health of the people of Deoli is not harmed</p>	
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Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the project promoters to respond promptly to the objections raised.

Project Proponent replied accordingly.

**3) Shri Rahul Chopda, Deoli, Dist-Wardha:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>He objected and said that as per the issue raised by Shri Mohan Joshi in the meeting regarding the monitoring of air pollution, Deoli village is only one and a half km from the project. Deoli village is prone to air pollution as it is close to the project. So why air pollution of Deoli village was not taken in the air pollution survey? This should be explained</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
2)	<p>Similarly, big figures were given in the presentation regarding tree plantation. It was said in the presentation that one lakh trees have been planted here. We do not deny that, but the plantation has not been done as seriously as it should have been. For this, I have many times suggested that participation of local people, local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) should be implemented along with green belt development programme. Many local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) demanded tree guards, but they were not provided by the company</p>	<p>Tree conservation done by us has been recorded and all the Orders directed by the Government are fulfilled from time to time. We are carrying out tree plantation as our responsibility. Also, a CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) Committee will be formed in the project and if there is a specific demand in the village, it will be fulfilled.</p> <p>If the trees were planted, how many survived and how many stayed. For that, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee would like to say that there is no permanent water system in Deoli MIDC and its area. They provide temporary well water and we nurture the trees with that. It causes damage. We have filed a complaint in MIDC for it</p>



3)	<p>Another topic is Deoli, a project-affected village. The land of many people here have been acquired for developing this MIDC. I am also P.A.P. (Project Affected Person). Peoples of Deoli is not against the project. I also say that the project should be done. We are not against development. Here we want to co-operate with the company. But the CSR has not been used as expected in our area. The project is in Deoli village and area, but the CSR funds are largely used in Wardha area. There should be no harm from the project in the future.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted. Many participants have been asked about the CSR fund. So, even though the operating company is making losses, Project management has utilized maximum CSR funds in the local area. We have not kept any demand pending. However, if there is any demand of the village, it will definitely be tried to fulfill it as per the directives of the government.</p>
4)	<p>Also, social activities should be implemented with the people of Deoli. Although in the Presentation, it is said that the expenditure is in the field of sports, but in reality it has to be admitted that this is not the case.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
5)	<p>Similarly, employment will be provided to 2,050 persons. You have explained that local people means resident of entire State of Maharashtra. However, my request is that a "Co-ordination Committee" should be constituted with the Deoli villagers at the company level to increase the participation of the Deoli villagers in the project, so that the anger of the Deoli villagers should be reduced. Similarly, various measures should be taken regarding labour health and safety.</p>	<p>80% of the total employment in the project has to be provided to local people. However, our effort is to get the best employee from Wardha district only because he works well and stays. Also, the proposed project requires three cadres of employees. They are Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Unskilled. According to the educational qualification, maximum employment opportunity will be given to the locals of the project area. We intend to form a coordinating committee for this in the new project and the company administration will discuss it with the dignitaries of Deoli.</p>
6)	<p>Project Proponent raised the issue regarding the health camp. In the future, the power plant and electricity generation here will be done from coal. It will affect the villagers of Deoli. However, the company should pay special attention to health.</p>	<p>Project Proponent replied that we have demanded that Deoli MIDC is a notified "Industrial Zone" of the Government of Maharashtra. However, N.A. permission within one kilometer of Deoli MIDC should not be given, so that the locals do not suffer from any pollution. Since Deoli MIDC is a notified industrial zone of Maharashtra government, we are paying taxes to the Government.</p>
7)	<p>Here in the meeting, it is informed that hostel will be developed, green belt will be developed on 13,000 sq.ft. You have also told the proposed budget for that.</p>	<p>Suggestions has been noted.</p>

	But it is experienced that it is not done properly. Hence, the Local District Administration is requested to check and monitor this from time to time.	
8)	Company should create harmony with the villagers and residents of Deoli. Deoli villagers have co-operated with the said project and MIDC. In the meeting, the villagers have complained about the chimney. I have also complained about the height of the chimney with proof. Due to my complaint, the company has been penalized at the government level. It is necessary for the Company Administration to work seriously in this regard.	Suggestion is noted.
9)	Company Administration gave information about the direction of the wind. But many people including me have seen smoke coming out of the company when it gets dark at night. Why do the stacks have been kept idle/close at that time? Company Administration look into the matter seriously. Special care should be taken for the health of Deoli villagers. District Administration should monitor this. You made a statement about public participation in the presentation, it is only on paper. People will also give support in future. But I feel that the necessary work should be carried.	Objections were raised in the meeting that the air pollution control system in the working project is not efficient. We have implemented pollution control system in the project by spending Rs.25 crores. The structure of the shed also changed. However, if anyone has any complaints regarding this, we will definitely resolve them. Now Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) have made it mandatory to implement Continuous Online Monitoring System in the project and one of the connections is at the New Delhi office of the CPCB and at the Mumbai office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. So, if the level of pollution exceeds the prescribed limits, the concerned person/factory is immediately notified/send message online. If we have to implement Continuous Online Monitoring System in the project, how can we shut down our pollution control system?



4) Shri Kiran Thakare, Residence – Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>For the past few years, we some people have been working on the subject of pollution. When we are working on the subject of pollution, some people assume that these people are against the company. Mahalakshmi, the Goddess of wealth is happy with those handful of people and they are playing with the health of Deoli villagers. We are not opposing the project. Our protest is against pollution. In the Executive Summary made available by the Project Environmental Consultant, the said project will bring prosperity to the area. So, the people of the village should stay alive to see that prosperity. I am of the opinion that this project should not be allowed because of the pollution in the working project. Because the presentation shows the cost of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the proposed project. But the question is what has been done about pollution control in the working project. It is demanded in the meeting to increase the height of the chimney in the working project.</p> <p>But that is not the point, because the Company emits less smoke from the stack and more from the project shed. If the promises made regarding the working project for the last ten years are not kept, there is no confidence that the promises made regarding the new project will be kept. They have not installed the emission control system in the working project for the last ten years. The smoke emitted from the working project spreads over the entire village of Deoli and the entire village of Deoli is in the form of fog. However, the Environmental Public Hearing</p>	<p>Objections were raised in the meeting that the air pollution control system in the working project is not efficient. We have implemented pollution control system in the project by spending Rs.25 crores. The structure of the shed also changed. However, if anyone has any complaints regarding this, we will definitely resolve them. Now the Central Pollution Control Board and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board have made it mandatory to implement online monitoring system in the project and one of its connections is in the New Delhi office of the Central Pollution Control Board and in the Mumbai office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. So if the level of pollution exceeds the standard, the concerned person/factory is immediately notified online. If we are required to implement online monitoring system in the project, how can we shut down our pollution control system</p>

	Committee is requested to monitor the situation continuously for a week.	
2)	Deoli village is one to one and a half km from here. Whereas the hostel for backward class students, located 400 meters from the project, but it is not mentioned in the executive summary report. Here one km from the project, a Rural Hospital at a distance is not mentioned. This should be explained.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	On the way to Wardha, there is an information board of historical plantation on the left side. But there is no tree.	Suggestion is noted.
4)	The issue of CSR fund was raised in the meeting. So how much has been spent for Deoli village from the CSR fund, the presentation said that the local educational level will be raised, but no information has been given about how it will be raised. It is not known whether you have introduced any digital technology in any of the Municipal Council school of Deoli village, whether you have repaired and maintained the school building. First the pollution in the working project should be stopped. Then it will be the level riser for us.	Suggestion is noted. This issue is already answered.
5)	We always maintain that only local people should get job opportunities. Local means even if the entire State of Maharashtra comes, the people of Deoli village where the project is standing due to the land given, then the priority in employment should be given to the people of Deoli and the surrounding area. Then give an opportunity to the people of another district. But according to our observations, all the skilled cadre employees in the project are from other States only. Then, whether people in this area are not skilled?	Answer is already given on this point.
6)	However, in the proposed new project, the skills of the local people should be checked and employment contracts should be given to them. However,	Project Proponent replied that the question was raised as to how many local persons were given job opportunities. Whereas, Deoli needs about 10-12 thousand jobs in



<p>when people from Deoli and surrounding areas come to apply for jobs, they should be given respect. Also, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is requested to give strict warning to the said working project to control the pollution.</p> <p>I have personally sent the videos of the company's pollution to the District Collector, Wardha. Such terrible pollution is happening in the working project, just like the smoke that came out after dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the dust is coming out of the working project. Although we are not against the company, pollution must be brought under control.</p> <p>People from the local area/project area should be given priority in project employment. I am of the opinion that the new project of the company should not be approved due to the pollution in the working project of the company. Because no one has given you the right to play with our lives. Most of the participants who came to the meeting live in Wardha, but we Deoli villagers and people in the area are suffering from the pollution. In the future, everyone will have to suffer the consequences of this pollution</p>	<p>the entire MIDC. But no industry has come here since last ten years. So, the ratio here is 1:10, i.e. ten people apply for one post. However, there is a table of how many local people/residing near the project were employed in our working factories -</p> <p>In the project, a total of 825 local persons were given job opportunities in the project viz - Deoli – 441, Wardha – 331, Selu – 27, Aarvi – 8, Hinganghat – 13, Karanja – 04, Samudrapur – 1. If anyone wants a copy, it will be made available.</p> <p>Hence, the social workers of this District are appealed to request various industrial organizations to set up industries in Deoli. If social organizations support this, I will personally support them and we will bring new projects.</p>
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5) Shubhangi Khurjekar, Residence -, District – Wardha -

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1)	I also have a question, that is dust pollution. My village is one to one and a half kilometer away from the working project. If we stand outside, we cannot even see the person in front of us. We are suffering from so much pollution, but the company administration is never asked about this problem.	Suggestions have been noted.

2)	Many women in the village suffer from eye problems. The biggest problem we face is pollution. It is our observation that smoke does not come out of the chimney of the company, but is emitted from the surroundings. Many times, there is a problem of smell, sometimes there is noise coming from the project. Along with the male residents of the village, we women of villages have also become aware of the pollution.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	As demanded in the meeting, 100% priority should be given to the boys and girls of Deoli village and its surrounding areas for job opportunities in the project. If the local youth come to me and say that they (project management) are not giving me employment in the company, mistakes are made in my application, then I will come with them to meet the company management, I will try to give justice to them.	Suggestions have been noted.

6) Dr. Narendra Malangkar, Former N.P. Deoli, Dist-Wardha-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearii Committee as per discussion
1)	All those present here said that we are not against this new project, but the company must strictly follow all the prescribed standards passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The people of the local area are worried that the problem that is being caused by the old factory and if the new factory is started, it will also add more problems. Project Promoters should take care that it does not happen. Another point mentioned in the executive summary report is that 2,050 people will be employed in the new factory. This is a very good thing. But as a local, if you are going to think of all Wardha, then	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p> <p>Project Proponent replied that the question was raised as to how many local persons were given employment contracts. Whereas Deoli needs about 10-12 thousand jobs in the entire MIDC. But no industry has come here since last ten years. So the ratio here is 1:10, i.e. ten people apply for one post. However, there is a table of how many local people were employed in our working factories.</p> <p>- In the project, a total of 825 local persons were given job opportunities in the project viz - Deoli - 441, Wardha - 331, Selu - 27, Aarvi - 8, Hinganghat - 13,</p>



	<p>Vidarbha and then entire Maharashtra, I mean the land is ours, we have given the land of our farmers to MIDC, we are giving the water here. If we are suffering from pollution, let's take people from other districts, then my request is that the people of project affected Deoli and Deoli area should be given priority in the employment contract. Various works required by the company should be done by local contractors. Similarly, priority should be given to the young boys and girls of Deoli village and surrounding areas in the technical/skilled workforce required for the project.</p>	<p>Karanja – 04, Samudrapur – 1. If anyone wants a copy, it will be made available. Hence, the social workers of this District are appealed to request various industrial organizations to set up industries in Deoli. If social organizations support this, I will personally support them and we will bring new projects.</p>
2)	<p>He further said that the Project Management helped a lot during the Covid period. However, as mentioned in the executive summary report, attention should be paid to reduce pollution of the project and to minimise the sufferings of the peoples of Deoli and Deoli area.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
3)	<p>He added that the company has fulfilled its responsibility of planting trees very well. However, emphasis should be placed on how long those trees survived. The local people and the company should jointly carry out the responsibility of planting trees in the waste and open spaces in Deoli village and its surroundings.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted and answer on this point is already given.</p>
4)	<p>There are municipal schools, primary schools, junior colleges in Deoli and the surrounding areas. Skill Development Programmes should be undertaken there. No one is against the factory. Similarly, my only request is that the company should work as per the directives passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

**7) Shri Nilesh Tidke, Residence – Deoli, District – Wardha -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	If more companies come in this area, the people of Deoli and the surrounding area will not oppose the companies. Because people need work. But the company which says that it will employ local people is completely wrong. Because not everyone will like to work here, but the company does not employ locals here. But first the pollution in the working project should be brought under control.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	Similarly, several representations have been given to the local administration regarding the pollution in the working project. No action has been taken on it. However, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is requested that the pollution in the company's working projects be controlled.	Suggestions have been noted.

**8) Shri Krushankant Shende, Residence – Deoli, District – Wardha -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Here, the sentiments expressed by the people of Deoli and Deoli area are very important. All expressed the feelings that the said company is taking time to control the pollution. Everyone feels that this new project should be established, the youth and young women of the area should get employment opportunities. If Local means whole State of Maharashtra, then Bhoomiputra should be given 50% employment opportunity in all skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres of the company. So in the indirect business in the area, pan shop, tea shop, mobile repairing shops etc. There will be a huge increase	Suggestions have been noted. Answer is already given regarding Air Pollution.



2)	At the same time, it is important for the company to take care of the health of the local Devli village and the people in the area. However, we support starting a new company, but the company should strictly follow all the norms passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.	Suggestions have been noted.
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9) Shri Anil Kshirsagar, Residence – Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have no objection to the company. But in terms of health, the patients should be surveyed/informed by the local doctors here. From children to the elder person, asthma patients are the most here. Because the smoke is spreading everywhere due to the low height chimney in the working project. After making repeated representations and complaints to the District Administration and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, no action is taken against the company by them.	Suggestions have been noted. Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the company's bank guarantee of Rs five lakh was recently seized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for violation of norms. Show Cause Notice is issued to the company in May, 2023. So the implementation of pollution rules and all subsequent processes after that is a continuous process
2)	The officers of the company reside in Wardha. Therefore, they don't know the trouble caused by the company's smoke to the villagers of Deoli. Find out what happens to the children and old people of Deoli village due to the smoke of the company. He also requests the Environment Committee to stay and see for the next one to two months. A white shirt, if kept outside, it turns black in the morning. The pollution that is happening in the working project should be brought under control first. I have no objection to the company. The unemployed will get employment due to the company. Jobs should be given to the people of Deoli village and surrounding area.	Project Proponent informed that answer is already given regarding air pollution control.

10) Shri Ajinkya Tambhekar, Residence – Deoli, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Company Administration said that the project has provided employment opportunities to locals. How many local people have been given employment contract in the existing project, how many local people will be given employment opportunity in the new project, this information should be given.	Answer is already given.
2)	In the presentation, it was claimed that one lakh trees were planted. It does not invalidate it, but the people living there should at least see those trees. Company said that the project required skilled workers. So how many skill development trainings have been conducted by the company in the last 10-15 years? Attention should be given to conducting skill courses from time to time to develop skills among local youth.	Suggestions is noted. Answer is already given on this point.
3)	Also, local youth should be informed about the next steps after applying for a job in the company. It is also requested to pay attention to the issues raised in the meeting.	Suggestion is noted.

11) Shri Pravin Katare, Deoli, District – Wardha:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Although the issue of getting employment for the local people is important, still since this is an environmental public hearing, it is expected that the environmental suggestions, objections of the proposed project, and speaking on	Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that as per Environmental Impact Assessment Report, 2006, public notices were published in one local newspaper in Marathi and in one national newspaper in English language 30 days prior to the public hearing date. Moreover,



<p>those topics only. But I have objection to this public hearing. Because public means people, people here are not aware that this hearing is going on today. People have not been informed by putting loudspeakers on rickshaws from the village. A small advertisement is given in the paper, if that paper does not fall into the eyes of the citizens, they don't even know about it. We work in the social sector, so some people like us got information, so we came. But those who are suffering due to the pollution in the working project Those people are not aware of today's meeting, so they could not come here. 3-4 small children from the colony adjacent to the company are suffering from asthma due to the smoke of the company. Even the people of that colony are not aware of this public hearing.</p>	<p>even after the change in public hearing date, its public notice was published. Similarly, the concerned Gram Panchayat Offices as well as the notified Government Offices had been made the complete document of the project for public inspection and the concerned departments and Gram Panchayat Offices had been informed about this. The directives of EIA Notification were strictly followed.</p>
<p>3) Also there is a rural hospital on the other side of the road near the company, which is also not mentioned in the executive summary report. Many patients are coming there. They are also suffering from the smoke of the company. However, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is requested that the ongoing project be given warning first to stop pollution from the old project, only then the new project will be approved. The Environmental Management Plan for the new project presented should be implemented first in the old project. The presentation was given so fast that many of the people present did not understand anything. Many things in the presentation are clearly false. It is completely false that green belt is developed. It is a lie that a hospital was built in Padegaon during the Corona period, it was not a hospital but a temporary shelter system. It was a quarantine center.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

4)	<p>He objected that the project does not provide employment to locals. Government of Maharashtra has a rule that 80% employment in the project should be given to locals. Locals here are the people of Devli village and Deoli area. Locals are the natives of the land, whose lands were acquired for the project, Locals are the people of the project area who are affected by the pollution caused by the project. So we have to fit these people in the phrase local, even though a local of Maharashtra state means a resident of Maharashtra.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that the answer is given on this point.</p>
5)	<p>Observations of the locals is that during government hours i.e. 11 to 5 hours, the amount of smoke emitted by the company is less. But after 5 pm i.e. when government offices are closed, on festival holidays, Saturdays, Sundays huge amount of smoke is released from the company.</p> <p>Due to this, the local people are suffering from asthma, eye diseases, skin diseases in and around Deoli and according to doctors, there has been a 30% increase in these diseases due to the pollution of this company. A camp was held a few months ago, in which 40% of the people were suffering from asthma, asthma, eye diseases, skin diseases. It is because of the pollution of this company. If three boys from a neighboring colony would have come to the hearing, the local people would have known what they were suffering.</p>	<p>Objections were raised in the meeting that the Air Pollution Control (APC) system in the working project is not efficient. We have implemented pollution control systems in the project by spending Rs.25 crores. The structure of the shed is also changed. However, if anyone has any complaints regarding this, we will definitely resolve them. Now the Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board have made it mandatory to implement Continuous Online Monitoring System in the project and its one connection is at Central Pollution Control Board office in New Delhi and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office in Mumbai. So if the level of pollution exceeds the prescribed standard, the concerned person/factory is immediately notified online. If we are required to implement online monitoring system in the project, how can we shut down our pollution control system.</p>
6)	<p>The smoke from the company has affected crops in hundreds of acres of land in the area. There has been a 50-60% reduction in the yield potential of agricultural land here. On the leaves of the crop, dust falls on the crop, so it does not get oxygen, and it does not grow.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
7)	<p>The water required for production in the company is brought from different places through 15-20 tankers throughout the day. Throughout the</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>



	day, the tankers of the company are bringing this water it here. Therefore, the water level in the area has decreased. Tanker Owners have become rich by selling this water.	
8)	However, I request that orders be given to control the pollution in the existing projects first, then there is no problem in allowing the new projects.	Answers on this point is already given.

**12) Shri Amol Aakhod, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Chikani, Taluka – Deoli,  
District – Wardha -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The survey number 46/2 belongs to my brother, so 7/12 belongs to my brother. It has been 10-12 years since the project is installed, but my village has not received the tax yet. Explanation about this.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	CSR funds from new projects should be made available to the village. Similarly, 50-60 children of my village should be given employment contracts in new projects	Suggestions have been noted

**13) Shri Pranay Kadam, Rashtravadi Yuvak Congress District President,  
Wardha-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have two points. So far the meeting only talked about air pollution. However, an explanation of how to process, handle and dispose of water pollution and hazardous solid waste generated due to the production process. Only after that, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should give permission to the said project.	Suggestions have been noted.

14) Shri Sachin Kale, Sarpanch, TenturaGram Panchayat, District – Wardha:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	50-70 people from my village are working here. I am not against this project. However, the company should ensure that the people of the area are not affected by the pollution caused by the project. The CSR fund of the project should be made available for development work and generate employment for 50-60 children in the village.	Suggestions have been noted.

15) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>My best wishes to the project management and villagers. I am the first environmentalist in India to support industrial development. As a practical environmentalist, I am 67 years old and one of the healthiest environmentalists in India with my 40 years of experience in the environmental aspect.</p> <p>In my opinion unemployment is major pollution to the Society. I am congratulating Industry's Management for providing 2,050 employment with the expenditure to 394 crores. I have observed all over India, one employment gives unemployment to 4-5 crores expenditure, here one crore expenditure giving six persons employment, I am appreciating. Also it is providing indirect employment 4-5 thousand.</p> <p>Due to production of this industry 13000 people, distance indirect employment to 35,000, whatever the material is used. I am giving few suggestions to the industry.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.



2)	<p>The Management has planned to establish the industry on MIDC area. In many cases, the industrial segments outside the MIDC is facing lot of problem. This is good chance for selection. And also this is industry providing the employment.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
3)	<p>I am requesting Govt. to plan for collection of the waste material. In cities, municipalities, Nagar Panchayat, garbage is collected by the local institutions. If the garbage is collected from the industry, there is largest scope of the industry to give employment in daily wages.</p> <p>Now for environmental aspect – your industry area receives 30-40 cuses rain water in one year. Please construct water harvesting stores to improve ground water levels, which is most important, not to bring water from outside. Water harvesting is very important.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
4)	<p>Corona has given us very good lesson. Plantation is very Important. 33% is mandatory. With the help of government departments, plan plantation outside the project of 50%. In plantation, please plant medicinal value plants and fruits bearing plants which are most important.</p>	<p>While developing the green belt, there was a demand to plant medicinal plants and fruit trees there.</p> <p>In this regard, we have recently received a request from a local hospital that they need certain species of trees and should make them available. However, in the next 3-4 months, medicinal plants will be supplied by the project to his clinic at Deoli.</p>
5)	<p>Also Skill Development is also very important. Skill development training to the local youth, skill developed youths can get job in this industry, remaining will get in other industries. With the help of Government, Skill Development Programme should be implemented. Whatever expenditure you are going to incur, for CSR Budget, please form a Co-ordination Committee comprises of the industry representative, villagers, MPCB officials etc. The demand oriented work for the villagers than target oriented work.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

6)	<p>I am congratulating your consultant for carrying detailed environmental survey. Finally I requesting for environmental safety and industrial safety.</p> <p>I am first environmentalist to appeal to give Unconditional consent to the industry.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
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Convener, appealed to the attendees to register any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project.

**16) Shri Sandeep Kite, President, Wardha Rashtravadi Youth Congress -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant. Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Since our Wardha district is a backward district and since this is Mahatma Gandhiji's district, big companies do not come here. Therefore, employment is not created in the district. I have no opposition to projects. But personally there is opposition to this Mahalakshmi project. Because the company does not follow the prescribed standards as laid down by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Here many complaints and objections have been registered by the participants about the pollution of the working project. Participants here objected that due to the dust from the project, the prevalence of asthma, skin diseases, eye irritation has increased by 30%. Chimney height is much less than the guidelines. Mahalakshmi is the most polluting company in Wardha district.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	<p>However, the operating Mahalakshmi Company should first comply with the standards passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. After that the new project should be approved. We are not opposed to the project in any way. Here is the college on the side of the project. Children there suffer. Due to the company's smoke, the residents are suffering. However, first the pollution in the existing project should be stopped and then the new project should be approved.</p>	Answer is already given. Other suggestions have been noted.



**17) Shri Gajanan Dutare, Residence – Dahegaon Station, District – Wardha -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My only question is that the people of my village should get employment. Also CSR funds should be made available to our Gram Panchayats.	Suggestions have been noted.

Here, Convener appealed to the participants that if there are issues that are different from those raised in the meeting, they should be raised. So that a consolidated reply can be given to the project promoters.

**18) Shri Chandra Sekhhar, Environmentalist, Telanga -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In public hearing on environment of Smw Ispat company I suggest that company should develop green belt, CSR funds should be used for social activities in local villages. The people of the project area should be given employment in the project. The ETP in the project should be upgraded from time to time. Safety of workers should be taken care of. I request the Government of India to grant environmental clearance to the said project.	Suggestions have been noted.

**19) Shri Haridas Dhop, Correspondent, Lokmat, Dist-Wardha.**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	MIDC Deoli is set up in 750 acres of land. The foundation was laid 29 years ago. In these 29 years, 108 plots have fallen here. Many industrialists have just acquired plots. Land worth lakhs of Rupees of farmers has been taken. Some are under construction. This MIDC was set up in order to bring	Suggestions have been noted.

	industries to this area, to get employment for the people here, to make the area healthy and prosperous.	
2)	The request is made to the Government, Environmental Public Hearing committee to grant the Environmental Clearance with strict terms and conditions for the said project. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should pay special attention to prevention of pollution due to this project. Collector-Wardha office should keep an eye on this.	Answer is already given.
3)	Many people said that we are not against this project. People here should get employment. We request that the project affected people whose lands have been acquired in and around Deoli village should be given employment contracts on priority basis in this project.	Answer is already given. .

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, said that the company's bank guarantee of Rs five lakh was recently forfeited by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for violation of norms. A Show Cause Notice has been issued to the company on May, 2023. So, the implementation of pollution rules and all subsequent processes after that is a continuous process. Convener said that the secondary emissions control system of the existing project should be improved/developed.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that the said factory is a "notified industrial zone" of Maharashtra Government and the factory needs to do more in terms of green belt development. Planting of local species plants should be done on a large scale by distinguishing between industrial areas and residential areas. Similarly, all the directions of the District Planning Authority must be followed by the company and MIDC.

So the company must keep the pollution control system in operation very carefully and efficiently and follow the directives as passed by the Government of India and Government of Maharashtra from time to time. It is necessary for everyone to follow the rules regarding the buffer zone and keep an eye on it.

Convener appealed to the participants to register their suggestions and objections, and also directed to submit written suggestions and objections. There was no response from the participants. He requested Chairperson to conclude the meeting.



Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting informed that we have gathered to attend the Environment Public Hearing of Project Proponent M/s SMW Ispat Pvt. Ltd., At Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 and R3, MIDC Deoli and S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka – Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra for their proposed expansion of production capacity in existing plant of installation of 2X1,000 TPD IRON ORE PELLET PLANT ALONGWITH COAL GASIFIER OF 26,000.0 m3/HR, 2x500 TPD SPONGE IRON PLANT AND 50 MW CPP (25 MW WHRB + 25 MW AFBC) at Plot No.B-1/2, B-1/3, B-1/4, R2 AND R3, MIDC Deoli And S.NO.SR-46/2, 562, 564, 565, Taluka–Deoli, District – Wardha, Maharashtra.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting said that although the said public hearing was an environmental public hearing, still in the meeting locals have registered suggestions and objections regarding employment, similarly, local people's anger has been found regarding CSR fund.

She said that while starting the meeting, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee already informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, asserted at the very beginning of the meeting that this Committee is only to record public opinion, suggestions, objections and does not have the authority to approve, reject or recommend the project. The views, suggestions/objections raised by you in the public hearing are noted and it will included in the minutes.

Similarly, the video recording of the said meeting as well as the Revised Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the Project promoters taking note of the suggestions and objections raised in the meeting will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi with the consent of the Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. An Expert Committee there will take further decision.

Chairperson again asked participants whether they have any doubts, suggestions or objections. There was no response from the participants.

Chairperson announced that as there is no reply from the public, it seems that nobody desires to express suggestions/objections. She declared that the meeting is concluded.

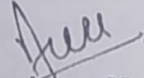
Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



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