

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 11.03.2024 AT BACHAT BHAWAN, COLLECTOR OFFICE, AMRAVATI IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT OF PM MITRA TEXTILE PARK IN AMRAVATI DISTRICT FROM THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MAHARASHTRA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AMRAVATI.

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) has received a proposal from the Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Amravati, to conduct a public hearing on environmental issues to obtain environmental clearance for the PM Mitra Textile Park project in Amravati. The public hearing was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the notification dated 14.09.2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Government of India). The public hearing was conducted on 11.03.2024 at 12.00 pm at Bachat Bhawan, Collector Office, Amravati, as per the provisions of the Office Memorandum dated June 09, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Department of Impact Assessment, Government of India, New Delhi. For this public hearing, Hon. Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai passed the order vide Order No. E-114 of 2024 Letter No. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-240213-FTS-0140 dated 13.02.2024 for constituting public hearing committee.

The Public Hearing Committee was as follows:

1. Shri. Anil Bhatkar, Resident Deputy Collector, Amravati – Chairman
2. Shri. S. D. Patil, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati – Member
3. Smt. Dhanashree Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati-1 – Member Convenor.

The notice regarding the public hearing was published in the daily newspaper Lokmat (Marathi) and The Times of India (English) on 06.02.2024 and 07.02.2024 respectively. Accordingly, the public hearing was held on 11.03.2024.

The environmental public hearing commenced with the permission of Resident Deputy Collector Shri. Anil Bhatkar, Chairman of the public hearing committee. In the beginning, the Member Convenor of the Public Hearing Committee, Smt. Dhanashree Patil, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati-1 welcomed all the attendees and gave the inaugural address. She further briefed about the requirement of conducting Environmental Public Hearing of the said project.

She further stated that the Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Amravati submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA), Executive Summary (English and Marathi) to the MPC Board. The said documents were made available at following offices for the people residing in the project area / environmental groups in order to obtain suggestions / objections, if any, from the concerned.

1. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Government of India), Red Cross, Sadar Road, Nagpur.
2. Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Amravati Division, Old Bypass Road, Amravati - 444607.
3. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floors, opposite Cine Planet, near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022.
4. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Co-operative Surbhi Bapatwadi near Vivekananda Colony, Amravati – 444606.
5. Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Co-operative Surbhi Bapatwadi near Vivekananda Colony, Amravati – 444606.
6. Collector Office, Amravati
7. Zilla Parishad, Amravati
8. District Industries Centre, Amravati
9. Sub-Divisional Office, Amravati
10. Tehsil Office Amravati
11. Gram Panchayat offices: Digargavan, Shivangaon, Pimpalviher, Savardi, Mahuli Jahangir, Shendola Bu., Salora Bu. Nandgaonpeth, Kekatpur G. Amravati.

Smt. Dhanshree Patil, Sub Regional Officer Amravati-1, MPCB requested the Project Coordinator to make a presentation on the PM Mitra Textile Park project. The environmental consultant gave a presentation on the project on behalf of the project proponent.

Smt. Dhanshree Patil, Sub Regional Officer Amravati-1, MPCB said that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has received one written notice / objection regarding the PM Mitra Textile Park project. She also requested the attendees to raise any suggestions / objections to the proposal accordingly.

Shri. Nandkishor Patil, resident of Nandgaon Peth, District Amravati asked if any arrangements have been made for cold storage facility in Nandgaonpeth

industrial area. Has MIDC prepared a plan for those who have lost their farms and those who cannot carry out farming activity and who have passed the age of employment?

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC, said that for affected farmers whose farms have been subsumed to Nandgaonpeth industrial area, they can carryout business on the plots provided by MIDC.

Shri Praveen Bajare, resident of Digargavhan, District Amravati suggested that speed breakers should be provided on the Digargavhan village road with a view to avoid accidents as the road passes through the industrial area and there is a lot of traffic on the road in the industrial area. Also, the streetlights on this road are not working and they are to be repaired.

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said speed breakers will be provided wherever necessary with a view to avoid accidents. Streetlights will also be repaired.

Shri. Dnyaneshwar Bagde (Retired Manager, District Industries Center, Yavatmal), resident of village Mahuli Jahangir, District Amravati asked that his land has been acquired as protected forests in MIDC area and handed over to Forest Dept. However, the given compensation was less. When questioned on this plot allotment, there was no proper response from MIDC. If we get plots near our land, we can do something in future for the children.

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said the land acquisition was done in the year 1992 and 285 hectares of land was allotted to the Forest Department in the year 1998-99. However, once the land is given to the Forest Department, it cannot be acquired again. However, it will be possible to provide plots from the layout of the MIDC area. He asked the concerned to contact the Regional Officer, MIDC, Amravati.

Shri. Manish Kalbande, a resident of Nandgaonpeth, District Amravati said that according to the Government's plan, only 1000 acres of land out of 10000 acres has been acquired. He further asked that according to the Notification issued in the year 2019 regarding the acquisition of land adjacent to 8 villages in the area, what is the policy of the government regarding the acquisition of the remaining land?

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said that as per the notification issued by the government, till date, 410 hectares of land is acquired by MIDC for the proposed PM MITRA Park project and it is the policy of the government to acquire the land in a phased manner in future.

Shri. Abdul Sheikh, resident of Mahuli Jahangir, District Amravati said that his land is now under the MIDC area. The first phase of land compensation has been received but the second phase is yet to be received.

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said that his agricultural land has been acquired as per the notification of the year 1992. The compensation was given as per the prescribed provisions at that time. However, the office of the Regional Officer, MIDC, Amravati should be contacted in this regard.

Shri. Manoj Hatwar, a resident of Nandgaonpeth, District Amravati said that proposed PM MITRA Park is going to be in MIDC area. In the year 1992, we have received Rs 28,000/- as compensation and we are yet to receive the complete compensation for 6 acres, so how can MIDC set up a project there if the rest of the money is not received yet.

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said that if you have lost your land in the proposed PM MITRA Park, proposed to be situated on an area admeasuring 410 hectares, you must be compensated. However, if the land is acquired in the year 1992, you will have to approach the Regional Office, MIDC, Amravati for enhanced or remaining compensation.

Shri. Ashok Bagde, a resident of Mahuli Jahangir, District Amravati said that compensation for his land of 4 acres located in Bhujalgaon has not been paid properly. He said that though his land was fertile, it had wells, mango trees it was not properly compensated & he received just an installment. Also, his neighbours were given less compensation. Some people did not get both installments. We have filed a case for enhanced or for remaining compensation. The case is ongoing. In the said case, sometimes Hon. Judge is present and sometimes he remains absent, thus the case is pending. When will be the judgement announced?

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said that is an environment related public hearing. Therefore, you will have to approach the Regional Office, MIDC, Amravati to resolve your grievances regarding the land.

Shri. Nandkishor Patil, a resident of Nandgaonpeth, District Amravati requested all the dignitaries that the problems of the farmers should be resolved. A meeting should be convened to resolve the issues of the farmers. Every one is optimistic towards development. Everyone is of the view that industrialization should take place and employment should be provided.

Shri. Chetan P. Wankhade, resident of Digargavhan, District Amravati said that his farm having survey no. 121 has been acquired under PM MITRA Park and survey no. 114 is yet to be acquired. Now, if we undertake farming in survey No. 114, what will be the impact of pollution on it, is there any plan to prevent pollution.

Shri. Sudhir Amrutkar, Deputy Engineer, MIDC said that at present, the Textile projects have been developed on the additional Amravati industrial area admeasuring 1080 ha. Most of the textile manufacturing projects are in operation. At present, the common effluent treatment plant is being run on a zero liquid discharge basis as per the condition prescribed in the consent to operate issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Therefore, the impact of pollution on agriculture in the rest of our area will not be observed.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, the Public Hearing concluded with vote of thanks.



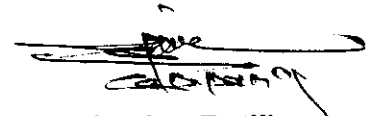
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MPCB, Amravati.



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Member,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And I/c. Regional Officer,

MPCB, Amravati.



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Chairman,

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