

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED SETTING UP 70 KLPD MALT DISTILLERY AND MALT SPIRIT MATURATION PLANT ALONG WITH 6MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT OF M/S. PERNOD RICARD INDIA PVT. LTD., PLOT NO. E-1, ADDITIONAL BUTIBORI INDUSTRIAL AREA, TAL.NAGPUR(RURAL), DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 08/04/2025.

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. M/s. Pernod Ricard India Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. E-1, Additional Butibori Industrial Area, Tal.Nagpur(Rural), Dist-Nagpur has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed setting up 70 KLPD Malt Distillery and Malt Spirit Maturation plant along with 6MW Co-generation Power Plant. The Public Hearing was held at Project site M/s. Pernod Ricard India Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. E-1, Additional Butibori Industrial Area, Tal.Nagpur(Rural), Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Residential Deputy Collector. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur attended as a member of the public hearing panel, and Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 12.00 noon with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the citizens present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I.**

BACKGROUND :

Pernod Ricard India Pvt. Ltd. is Setting up 70 KLPD Malt Distillery and Malt Spirit Maturation plant along 6 MW Co-generation power plant. The proposed project will be located at Plot NO. E-1, Additional Butibori Industrial area, MIDC, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist-Nagpur, Maharashtra-441122.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

Public Hearing procedure was initiated with the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing panel. The Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II welcomed the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens and others.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and the same will be communicated as it is to the Government. Chairman also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision regarding accordance of approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestions orally or in writing.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Lokmat' (Marathi) on 05/03/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II.**

Copies of the Environment Impact Assessment & executive summary containing salient features of the project in English & Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public before 30 days in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayats as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing during the notice period of the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-20/2025 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-250318-FTS-0048 dtd. 18/03/2025. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**. One online suggestion through email was received to MPCB in the notice period. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-II and Convener requested the project proponent to give the detail presentation about the project. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in Marathi language. Project proponent explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire-fighting facilities, manufacturing process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impact, Land environment, climate and meteorology, Air Environment, existing water quality, water consumption, biological environment, socio-economic environment, impact on local infrastructure, environment management plan, air emission, preventive maintenance / inspection etc.

After the presentation Sub-Regional Officer & Convener Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod requested the citizens to express their views, comments, concern & suggestion after mentioning their name & name of the village.

FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW;

1) Shri. Saurabh Umredkar, Kinhi, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Will women be given priority in employment?	The project proponent said that the employment will be generated in phases and women will be given priority in bottling plant.

2) Shri. Kripin Bhubade, Butibori, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Will there be employment generation due to project?	Generation of jobs will be 500 to 600 during the construction phase of the project and priority for employment will be given to locals based on the educational qualification.

3) Shri. Jagdish Daberao, Hingna, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	What measures will be taken for the development of this area?	Local skilled and unskilled youth will be trained and suitable measures will be taken regarding development in the nearby villages after carrying out necessary survey.

4) Shri. Sanjay Satyakar, Kanhan, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Procurement of raw material for the project will be from which source? The environmental impact assessment report does not mention this aspect. A road map for the same should be submitted. Also, which fuel will be used in the 6 MW captive power plant, why not use solar power. An agreement should be made with the farmers in the area for procurement of agricultural waste (parhati) as fuel.	We will make agreements with the farmers in the area to procure raw materials and also provide necessary guidance to the farmers in the area. Agricultural waste and 10% coal will be used as fuel in the boiler. Also, Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) will be installed to control air pollution. Also, an agreement will be made with the farmers in the area for procurement of agricultural waste (parhati).
2.	The plantation shall be carried out in surrounding area. There is no mention of social impact in EIA Report. I want to mention here that, I welcome this project and there is no opposition from my site, but necessary precaution should be taken.	Tree plantation will be carried out through local NGO. Social impact of the project is mentioned in the EIA report. Precautions will be taken to ensure that the ash does not cause pollution/nuisance. Also, CSR funds will be utilized to fulfill the basic needs of the area.

5) Shri. Mangesh Mandve, Police Patil, Brahmni, Dist-Nagpur..

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Ground water in the nearby villages gets polluted due to discharge of chemical waste & effluent. Also, smell nuisance is generated due to use of chemicals. Employment should be provided to the local public.	Project proponent replied that, this is a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project & no treated/untreated effluent will be discharged in the Environment. Priority will be given to local public in the employment.

6) Shri. Ranjeet Jivtode, Kanhan, Dist-Nagpur..

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Ground water level is low in this area. What is the source of water supply for the project? What steps will be taken to increase ground water level.	The project proponent said that the water supply for this project will be provided by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation. Rainwater harvesting will be done by collecting rainwater from the project area.

7) Shri. Nana Sontakke, Sarpanch, GP, Mangli, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Employment should be provided to the youth in the 6 KM area. Also, precautions should be taken to ensure that the project does not cause any nuisance in the area.	Priority will be given to local public in the employment. They assured that this project will not cause any nuisance.

8) Smt. Manisha Thoolkar, Sarpanch, GP, Brahmni, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Contaminated water from the project should not be released into the Brahmni area, and employment should be provided to the locals.	The suggestion was accepted with an assurance that no contaminated water generated from the project will be discharged outside the project area. It was also noted that priority will be given to locals in employment.

Smt. Hema Deshpande, Member of Environment public hearing panel and Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur advised the project proponent to make necessary amendments regarding social impact and other aspects in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Convener of Environment public hearing panel and Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II called upon the present citizens to express their objections, suggestions and comments if they had any. Also, if anyone wants to record their views in writing they are advised to submit them to the committee or submit them to the MPC Board, Office, Nagpur/Collector Office, Nagpur by 09/04/2025. It was also reiterated that the issues suggested by the citizens both orally and in writing as well as the responses given by the project proponent have been recorded and the same will be communicated to the Government.

Shri. Anup Khande, Chairman of Environment public hearing panel and Residential Deputy Collector, Nagpur reviewed the questions of the present citizens regarding the project and the answers given by the project proponent. He also suggested that maximum employment should be provided to locals, tree plantation should be done on a large scale in the area, and best in class pollution control systems shall be installed. He also thanked the public present for the public hearing. After that, it was declared that the public hearing was over.



(Sushilkumar Rathod)

**Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
and**

Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-II.



(Hema Deshpande)

**Member of the Public Hearing Panel
and**

Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur



(Anup Khande)

**Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel
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Residential Deputy Collector, Nagpur**