

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED BROWNFIELD PROJECT FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROJECT FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF EXPLOSIVES AND DEFENSE PRODUCTS OF M/S. ECONOMIC EXPLOSIVES LIMITED, VILLAGE SAVANGA, POST-SHIVA, TAL.NAGPUR (RURAL), DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 12/06/2025.**

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. M/s. Economic Explosives Limited, Village Savanga, Post-Shiva, Tal.Nagpur (Rural), Dist-Nagpur has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed Brownfield Project for expansion of Existing Project for the Manufacturing of Explosives and Defense Products. The Public Hearing was held at Project site M/s. Economic Explosives Limited, Village Savanga, Post-Shiva, Tal.Nagpur (Rural), Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pravin Mahire, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Shri. Kishor Pusadkar, Sub-Regional Officer, representative of 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 11.00 a.m. 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**.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 and amended on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Sakal' (Marathi) on 09/05/2025. 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-43/2025 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-250520-FTS-0158 dtd. 20/05/2025. 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.Vilas Digambar Uike, Savanga (Shiva), Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Employment generation by this industry has benefited the surrounding villages and there will be further employment generation for 1500 people. Also, the industry has so far followed the Environmental rules and regulations. I am sure that they will follow them in the future as well. He extended support to the project.	Point noted.

**2) Shri.Chhatrapal Raut, Deoli (Kalbande), Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	This company manufactures explosives and tests the explosives daily. Due to missile testing and burning of waste, dust settles on trees, crops and is also inhaled by the citizens. This affects the health of the citizens. What arrangements will be made for the prevention?	The project proponent clarified that since the products manufactured by the company are used for the security of the nation, it is very important to conduct tests. These tests are conducted on a very small scale and are conducted based on the guidelines provided by the Government of India. Noise pollution is within the prescribed standards. However, measures will be taken to address the same. Also, permissions have been obtained from PESO and MPCB in this regard. The company regularly conducts health camps in villages and if anyone needs emergency health facilities, they should contact the company management.

2	<p>The company has benefited the people but the safety risk has also increased. Recently, there was a war between India and Pakistan. Going forward, Pakistan and China will have their eyes on us and may launch a missile causing heavy damage. Measures should be taken to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>What does it mean to expand by 10 km?</p>	Point noted.
3	<p>Will there be acquisition of farmland? Will there be relocation of Shiva &amp; Savanga Village?</p> <p>The company should adopt these villages.</p>	Land acquisition has been done after obtaining the consent of the landowners and obtaining all the permissions from the Govt. Departments. Efforts will be made to adopt the villages.

### 3) **Shri.Nilesh Bhajikhaye, Savanga, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The expanded TNT plant is adjacent to a slum near the village. The industry has followed the environmental norms till date. But there will be water pollution due to expansion of the company. This could pollute farm wells, drinking water sources and even pose a threat to human health.	The TNT plant generates comparatively lesser quantity of effluent. The company will install Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE) and adopt Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system to ensure that there is no water pollution.
2	The industry should rehabilitate the villages adjacent to the TNT plant. Also, the company should adopt the villages within 10 km radius.	The company representatives will visit the villages and conduct camps. There after decision regarding rehabilitation and adoption of villages will be taken.
3	Does the company require Gram Panchayat No Objection Certificate for the proposed expansion?	Permissions from various departments have been obtained for the proposed expansion, and NOC from the Gram Panchayat will be obtained after the construction is completed.

### 4) **Shri.Sachin Dunge, Kondhali, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The proposed expansion will generate employment for the villagers. The grocery shops and other businesses of the villagers are dependent on the existing employee who are already working in the company. There will be growth of businesses in the villages due to proposed expansion. He extended support to the project.	Point noted.

**5) Shri.Narayan Sarve, Shiva, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	The company has generated employment to the villagers in Shiva-Savanga village and surrounding area within 100 km distance. Also, there is increase in other business such as grocery shops, rent from tenants etc. There has been no loss due to the company. On the contrary, the villages are benefiting. He extended support to the project.	Point noted.

**6) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	He supported the project. He expressed that, the project will generate employment. He suggested to keep pollution under control. A large number of trees should be planted in the area and rainwater harvesting should be installed, collected water should be used for ground water recharge. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds should be utilized in the villages. Training centers should be set up for skill development. This project should be given permission without any conditions.	<p>A committee for skill development will be appointed and further action will be taken by the committee.</p> <p>The company, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), is working on cleanliness, health and education in nearby villages like Bazargaon, Shiva and Savanga.</p>

**7) Shri. Hemant Deshmukh, Savanga, Tal.Nagpur(Ru.), Dist.Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There is no air pollution, but for the past 6-7 years, there has been a decrease in agricultural yield. What are the measures taken by the company in this regard? Even though there is a slight loss, the factory has brought prosperity in the nearby villages. At present there is no water pollution but what is the guarantee that there will be no pollution in the future?	The company will install Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE) and adopt Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system to ensure that there is no water pollution.
2	Employment has been generated, and a means of livelihood has also been provided. The company should support the villages.	Point noted.



**8) Shri. P.S. Bhan, Retd. I.P.S.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	RDX explosive is manufactured in Savanga village. Therefore, this village is sensitive in terms of safety & security. I request the company to support me for conducting disaster management training to the youth of the villages.	The company representative will contact you and further decisions will be taken in this regard.

**9) Smt. Bhagyashree Bhajikhaye, Sarpanch, G.P. Savanga, Dist-Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The company's expansion has generated employment and has brought development in the village. The proposed expansion is located adjacent to the slum area. Hence, the people in the slum will get affected. The company should take preventive measures.	Measures will be taken to ensure that there is no impact in the surrounding area.

**10) Shri. Sanjay Bante, Bazargaon, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.) Dist-Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The company has provided employment to 5000 people and has brought development in the nearby villages. Also, there is no loss due to this company. The expansion should be approved.	Point noted.

**11) Shri. Virendra Pali, Bazargaon, Tal.Nagpur (Ru.) Dist-Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	He extended support to the project.	Point noted.


**12) Shri. Aakash Bhajikhaye, Savanga , Tal.Nagpur (Ru.) Dist-Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Due to increased movement of tigers in this area, there has been a sense of fear in the villagers. Arrangements should be made for wild animals. Assistance should be provided in case of loss.	Appropriate measures will be taken in this regard.

**Shri.Pravin Mahire, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing panel and Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur** He addressed the audience, saying that since this was a public hearing from the environment angle, environmental issues should be raised.

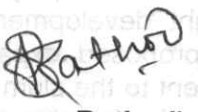
**Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Convener of Environment public hearing panel and Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II** called upon the present citizens to express their objections, suggestions and comments if they had any. It was also reiterated that the issues suggested by the citizens both orally 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.

He also thanked the public present for the public hearing. After that, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, it was declared that the public hearing was over.



(Kishor Pusadkar)

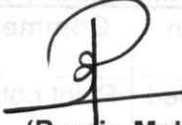
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Representative of Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Nagpur**



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**Convener of the Public Hearing Panel  
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**Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-II.**



(Pravin Mahire)  
**Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel  
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