

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING PROJECT OF M/S. HIMALAYA TERPENES PVT. LTD., JAMGHAR, POST NEHROLI, TAL. WADA, DIST. PALGHAR

As per the provisions of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006, dated 14/09/2006 & the notification as amended by the Union Department of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of India, an application regarding public hearing received at Head Office MPC Board on 06.02.2026 for the proposed expansion of "Synthetic Organic Chemicals (Total production capacity 16476 tons per annum, 5(f) A category)" from M/s. Himalaya Terpenes Pvt. Ltd., Jamghar, Post-Nehroli, Tal. Wada, District Palghar, Maharashtra. Accordingly vide letter no. No./MPCB/JD(WPC)/ENV-PH/B-260212-FTS-0135 dtd. 12.02.2026 has been directed to start process of Public Hearing. Later as per the vide letter No. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-260316-FTS-0149, dated 16.03.2026 Joint Director(W.P.C.) M.P.C.Board has been instructed to Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III to conduct environmental public hearing and following officials were appointed as the panel members.

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| 1) | District Magistrate, Palghar Distict
Or his representative not below the rank of
an Additional District Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) | Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
Regional Officer, M.P.C.B.Kalyan | Member |
| 3) | Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III | Convenor |

As per above directions with the approval of the Hon'ble District Collector, Palghar, Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 10.04.2026 at 03.00 pm under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Shri. Subhash Bhagde, Additional District Collector, Palghar, at premises of M/s. Himalaya Terpenes Pvt. Ltd., Jamghar, Post- Nehroli, Tal. Wada, District Palghar. As per the EIA Notification, one month advance public notice has been published in the local newspaper on 07.03.2026 in Marathi 'Daily Sakal' and in English 'Daily The Free Press Journal'. Copies of EIA report and Executive Summary in English and Marathi were made available at following offices :

1. Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administration Building, 15th Floor, Madam Kama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion (East), Mumbai.
3. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
4. District Collector Office, Palghar District
5. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Palghar District
6. Sub Divisional Officer, Wada, District Palghar
7. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan
8. Tahsildar, Wada Tashil Office, Tashil Wada, District Palghar
9. Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar
10. General Manager, District Industry Center, Uddyog Bhavan, Palghar, District Palghar
11. Group-Grampanchayat office of Jamghar-Lakhmapur, Tal. Wada, District Palghar.

Through the public notice, the basic purpose of environmental public hearing is to give information to public/residentials of project area about the said project, to know impacts of the project and opinions of general public, to inform the general public about the pollution control systems required for the project, consider the suggestions/objections given by them and the public

were appealed by notice to submit their suggestions/objections regarding the above project in oral/writing or by E-mail. Accordingly, 2 suggestions regarding the said project have been received via E-mail at the Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III.

In this regard with prior permission of Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar District, public hearing was organized on 10.04.2026 at 03.00 P.M. at M/s. Himalaya Terpenes Pvt. Ltd., Jamghar, Post-Nehroli, Tal. Wada, District Palghar. The said public hearing started on 10.04.2026 at 03.17 P.M. Total 50 representatives including public representatives, industry representative, representative of local bodies, environmental experts, representatives of social organizations, newspaper and news channel representatives and general citizens were present for the said public hearing, list of the same is enclosed herewith. The following officers were also present in the public hearing.

1. **Hon'ble Shri. Subhash Bhagde, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar.**
2. **Shri. Jayawant Hajare, Member and Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan**
3. **Dr. Seema U Dalavi, Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Kalyan-III**

The Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan-III as the convenor with permission of Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar District has briefed about the public hearing and requested to project proponent to present environmental technical things of the said proposed project. She also appealed to public present for hearing to ask any questions/objections to project proponent with their name and name of the village.

As per this, the project proponent presented detailed information along with a Power Point (PPT) presentation of the proposed expansion project of M/s. Himalaya Terpenes Pvt. Ltd., Jamghar, post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, District Palghar.

Thereafter, Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that the project proponent of the company has made a detailed presentation and I understand that the executive summary of the project report submitted to the Gram Panchayat office has been read by all the citizens present. In accordance with the said summary and the presentation given by the company, if anyone has any suggestions, objections, questions, expectations regarding the said project, the Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar appealed to the public to ask questions. However, it was also instructed to take care that the objections/suggestions raised by one citizen are not repeatedly raised by other citizens. After the minutes are finalized, a copy of the same will be given to the Gram Panchayat Office and it will also be published on the website of the M.P.C. Board, said Hon. Chairman and Additional District Collector, Palghar.

Subsequently following suggestions/questions/objections have been raised.

- 1) **Mr. Janardan Raghunath Thakre, Farmer, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Taluka Wada, District Palghar** - My house is situated 100 meters away. There was a blast in the company earlier, the company caught fire. The company has no solution plan for this; the fire was contained after all the people arrived. If the fire had not been contained, would our nearby houses have been destroyed? The company can be balsted at any time, so my life is in danger. Furthermore, I granted the company access to construct a road across my land, yet to this day, the company has not provided me with any compensation.

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-III said that, said that the objection has been taken into consideration.

- 2) **Shri. Kiran Madhav Bhoje, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** - Requested that the company should answer the question of Shri. Janardan Thackeray and take another question.

The project proponent said that, fire extinguishing arrangements have been made where the red line is visible in the plan provided by the company and the company has arrangements available to extinguish a fire in the event of a fire.

- 3) **Mr. Janardan Raghunath Thackeray, Farmer, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Taluka Wada, District Palghar** - He said that the matter is related to our land ownership and that the answer should be given accordingly.

The company representative said that, the government has done everything regarding the land acquisition by conducting a survey and submitting the necessary documents to them. No one has to pay any money.

- 4) **Mr. Kiran Madhav Bhoje, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**- A

30-foot road was given to the company. The company demanded that the road be widened. The sarpanch, police patil, and gram panchayat members issued a resolution, stating that the road had been provided, but the company had not paid compensation till today. He also told that the company should take note that he could close the road at any time.

The Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Collector said that since this is a public hearing on the environment, only the questions related to the environment should be raised and other questions can be resolved among themselves. He also said that necessary notes will be taken regarding fire control in the company.

- 5) **Shri. Janardan Raghunath Thackeray, Farmer, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**- He said that He is asking the question to the Gram Panchayat as the land has been given by the Gram Panchayat resolution.

The Honorable Chairman and Additional District Collector asked whether the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat etc. was present here?

- 6) **Shri. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – A notice has been published in the Gram Panchayat regarding the public hearing. Shri. Janardan Thackeray belongs to our village and we are of the opinion that his land should be compensated. You can decide what action to take in this regard.

Also, an application from Mrs. Pramila Pandharinath Mokashi has been received by the Gram Panchayat. On the second day of the day the company caught fire, some villagers submitted a request application stating that there was no doubt about what incident took place in the company due to which the fire broke out and the company was able to extinguish it. After that, the Gram Panchayat issued a notice stating what alternative arrangements have been made by the company to prevent such an incident from happening again in the future, and till date, there has been no reply from the company. Immediately after that, it was asked that Mrs. Pramila Mokashi should stand up and pose the second question.

- 7) **Mrs. Pramila Pandharinath Mokashi, Jamghar, Po. Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – I am a widow. My cultivated land is under the company and I cannot cultivate anything in my land, there is a terrible smell, we are suffering losses. Last year, due to acid water coming from the company on the side, the grass in the land died and the paddy field was damaged, a black layer of coal is formed on the mango tree that was planted, last year, while cultivating the paddy field, no one came to work the next day due to burning of the feet, steam comes from the well like bubbles. Our land has been acquired in Survey No. 214 and 215. Therefore, we said that we do not agree with the permission of the company.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that the objection has been noted. She also requested that since this is a public hearing on environmental issues, environmental issues should be raised.

8) Shri. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar

– The issue is of environment and the company has no connection with it, acquired the land of the farmer, took 7/12 of 214 and 215 which is in farmers name and built on it, the land was used in FSI, how was the green belt created after using FSI? The road in the possession of the farmers next door is shown as green belt; how can it be counted as part of the total area? Another thing is that the farmers next door to the company complained that the land is being damaged due to sewage or solid waste, the workers who came to the field to plant rice got itchy and rash on their feet, so they did not come to work the next day, this is due to water pollution. Also, the management said that it is the job of the Gram Panchayat to resolve the complaints that have been received and requested that they move on to the next question only after resolving the issues satisfactorily.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that the complaint from the Gram Panchayat has been noted and asked the project proponent should respond the complaints.

The company representative said that he did not understand Marathi well and apologized for any mistakes in listening and speaking. He also said that the company is completely green and that since there is a zero liquid discharge system, care will be taken to ensure that not a single drop of water goes outside the company.

9) Kiran Madhav Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – Commenting on greenery, he asked if the 80 trees planted by the company still exist? He asked to Public Hearing Panel to confirm if they have them.

The company representative said that 80 trees were planted during the monsoon.

10) Kiran Madhav Gole, Jamghar, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar – It is a complete misconception that trees were planted during the monsoon and now they are no longer there.

The Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that instead of asking questions, you should tell how many trees there are, 10, 15 or 20, so that it is possible to record the facts in the minutes and move forward.

The company representative said that the company has a receipt for purchasing and planting trees from the nursery during the monsoon season and that the company will continue to plant trees in the future.

11) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar

– The company representative said that it is a complete lie that we have planted trees, I can provide proof of this. The company had given a letter to the Gram Panchayat regarding providing trees. People around the company complain to the Gram Panchayat that what is being produced in this company? Which is causing damage to our agriculture? We want to see what is being produced in this company and what waste is being generated, for this we had requested the Gram Panchayat 10 times and given notices, sent letters through post. But they did not accept our request and did not let us inside. Due to holding this public hearing, now we understand that synthetic organic chemicals are going to be produced in this company. My request is that this public hearing should be postponed immediately.

The company representative said that he had shown me around the entire company when he arrived after the fire broke out and requested an apology if there had been any mistakes.

- 12) **Mr. Sachin Patil, Upsarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – The news of the fire in your company came in the media, when the company was embroiled in a dispute, the Gram Panchayat itself came to the help of the company so that the people of the village would not be troubled, at that time you showed the company, some villagers were also with us. Don't get the wrong idea that the Gram Panchayat is against the company. I myself am an engineer and I had also asked if companies equipments are insured? You want to run the plant but everyone should have the goal of not harming the environment while doing it. I asked where you are going to get the water that is going to be used in your company.

The project proponent said that the water required for the company will be extracted from the surface, i.e. through borewells.

- 13) **Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – As per the government rules, a borewell cannot be dug deeper than 180 feet. When the Gram Panchayat dug 8 borewells in the village by checking the water level through a machine, water came for the first 3 days and then the water supply ran out. Since the company has money, it can dig 400 feet borewells, but the people of the village do not have money. We also have options available for this and if the silt in the village pond is removed and the well is deepened, then enough water can be stored to meet the needs of the people of the village. If a good option emerges, if the water problem of the villagers is solved, we will stand behind the company 100 percent.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kaiyan-III said that the above objections and suggestions will be taken into consideration and on record.

- 14) **Shri. Vishwajit R. Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**- Said that, he has been given 5 gunthas of land for the project and next to that he has another 3 gunthas of land followed by block no. 227. he can dig up and close the road at any time; can the company operate if there is no road? How will you give permission? On the contrary, the company has filed a case against me in court. For this, they told me to first do a survey, adjourn the hearing and then hold a hearing again. He also has complained to the Tehsildar, Prant regarding this, he has also gone to court. But the company is trying to put pressure on him through the police station.

The Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that the above objection would be noted and asked if anyone else had anything to say, excluding the issues raised so far.

- 15) **Shri./Smt. Seema Sambare , Sarpanch, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – This company has been here since 2019-20 and has not paid any tax of the Gram Panchayat despite sending repeated notices. Due to non-payment of tax, people are facing difficulty in providing facilities and services from the Gram Panchayat. Request to reply as they have not responded despite writing to them.

The company representative said that the house rent notice has been received and the house rent has been imposed since 2019. However, since this company started in 2022, the company has written to the Gram Panchayat to impose the house rent from 2022. The company is ready to pay the house rent and believes that the villagers should develop.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that even though the issue of house rent is not environmental related, the issue should be resolved by issuing a letter from the company.

- 16) Shri. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – Stating that the house tax is a matter of hearing, the company comes to improve and improve the living standards of the people of the village, if the company pays tax, the Gram Panchayat will facilitate the people, so these are interrelated issues. Also, the land occupied and used by the company will not be included in the FSI because 7/12 of the land is not in their name.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that although these are related issues, since this is an environmental hearing, it will not be a part of it. According to the Gram Panchayat Act, if an occupant does not pay, there is a provision for recovery, sealing and auctioning, so the Gram Sevaks should take appropriate action. If there is a case that is sub judice, both parties have the opportunity to present their views. Therefore, if there are any issues related to the environment, please tell us.

- 17) Shri. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – Said that, even after we told you everything about this company, it seems that you have not understood anything. We did not know what was being produced in the company, what the raw materials were, we do not know what the effects of the air emitted from here will be. We got information about these things because this hearing was held. However, we requested that we be given time to study this matter and this hearing be cancelled.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III pointed out that the EIA report of this company was submitted 30 days ago as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, along with a copy of the consent, and said that the above objection will be noted.

- 18) Shri. Vishwajit R. Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**- Said that, we, three people, are affected by the land issue and requested that the government survey company conduct a survey and ask the relevant department to resolve the matter. We also asked if the company will be able to operate if there is no road.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that the matter would be taken up through the concerned department and a note would be taken of it.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that since the District Collector is the competent authority under the MRTP Act, the three should apply to the District Collector, and that if anything happens where construction permission is given under the MRTP, an inquiry will be conducted against them and action will be taken. It is not expected that different other issues will be taken up in the public hearing, but if a separate application is submitted for that, they will be given relief.

- 19) Mr. Mohan Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – The total carbon dioxide emission generated by the proposed production process of Himalaya is 1.326 kilograms equivalent per kilogram of total production, which means that there will be a lot of carbon dioxide emission. The rate of reduction in carbon dioxide emission has been shown to be very low.

The project promoter said that the total production, i.e. the raw materials coming from outside, is also taken into account, coal is used for fuel, water, electricity, etc. are all calculated together. Measures are also being taken to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide generated. For this, green belts are being developed and solar panels are currently being installed. A tree absorbs 20 kg of carbon dioxide per year, assuming 16 thousand tons of production, but in reality, it can be less than that.

Hon. Chairman and Additional District Collector Palghar said that, take note of what he has to say, the competent authority giving approval will examine it.

The company representative said that the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere is calculated during the process of raw material preparation, transportation, etc. The actual company will not emit this much carbon dioxide from manufacturing.

During manufacturing no carbon dioxide emission.

20) Mr. Mohan Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – Can we know how much carbon dioxide will be emitted here?

The company representatives said that they will provide us with a copy of how the calculations are done, as detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Efforts will be made to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by planting as many trees as possible.

21) Mr. Mohan Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – The company keeps highly flammable materials outside, can you tell me what caused the fire last time? The factory inspector came and said that a report should be given.

The company representative said that last time there was a fire due to a short circuit, the fire was extinguished in about 12 minutes. He said that all reports have been submitted to the M.P.C. Board. Onsite and Offsite Emergency plan is in place and submitted to Hon'ble District Collector.

22) Mrs. Sheetal Mokashi, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – A presentation was shown by the company, in which it was said that the air and soil of the area 12 km away from the company had been tested. But what are the problems of the farmers on the company's side, did they not think of testing the soil, water and air here? People living far from the company have problems, so they should tell the people living on the side. My land is on the company's side and the water and ash from the company fall on my land. I had planted watermelon in my field; it turned completely black. If this company continues like this, we will not be able to live here in a few days, we asked what to do at such a time.

The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III stated that this will be taken into consideration and asked the project proponent/motors to respond to the above.

23) Mrs. Sheetal Mokashi, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – Said that, company has not done anything so far, what will happen next? Also, she asked what to do when our lands are gradually becoming barren?

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that soil and water samples from the land surrounding the company will be collected by the M.P.C. Board and necessary action will be taken.

24) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar –

The villagers are already in so much trouble from company and if production is increased after the expansion, the situation will be worse, so he expressed the opinion that this hearing should be canceled and adjourned immediately.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, this will be taken into consideration and appealed to share any other issues if any.

25) Mr. Pravin Mokashi, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – He said that, he has a farm next to the company and they are making a living from farming. What should we do if the farming becomes barren? Also, there is a house, a settlement and a pada 200 meters away. There is a lot of noise in the evening and there is noise pollution. Please tell what measures are in place to deal with this?

The project proponent said that the company will take precautions to reduce pollution. Environment Management plan is in place.

26) Dr. Girish Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – He said that, his house is 100 meters away, there is a kind of strong smell there every morning, we do not know what it is, what are its side effects, he asked to get information about this.

27) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar –

The company will be using boilers and will be using briquettes for it, ash is produced from it, how will you dispose of that ash? And what is the quantity of it, he asked to give detailed information.

The project proponent said that the ash from the briquettes will be given to the brick kiln and an agreement has been signed with the owners of the brick factories.

28) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar –

Not only is there no permission for a brick kiln in the village, but you should also explain to whom you will give the ash. He said that, the company may have made an agreement with the brick kiln owner, but the brick kiln business itself is unauthorized.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Collector Palghar asked to provide information of the company has signed an agreement with which brick factory owners.

The company representative said that the complete care will be taken to dispose of the ash. Ash will be stored at Silos. So there will be any

29) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Post Nehroli, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar –

Whether the company will take care of the disposal of ash is a later matter and if the company is going to start, it should be planned in advance. The products of this company are not essential items, currently the company is not following all the rules while taking the product, if the production increases, the pollution will increase. Therefore, he ask them to show the current product in a zero-pollution manner and then hold a hearing.

Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that every establishment is given licenses regarding fire control, but if a fire breaks out accidentally, the company will be responsible for it. If the company violates the terms and conditions, action must be taken against them.

30) Dr. Girish Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – Asked what will happen to the people affected by the fire in the company.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that an appeal was made a month ago to those who have any objections or suggestions to raise them, accordingly 2 suggestions have been received through e-mail. Here too, anyone who has any written comments to submit should submit them to the M.P.C. Board, their comments are recorded in the minutes and sent to the competent authority. After which if the permission is granted to the company, that permission is posted on the website. After that, it is mandatory to post the company's report on the website twice a year on 1 June and 1 December.

31) Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – Currently, tankers are running in the village for drinking water and the company will take the large quantity of water required from the borewell. Since water is a basic need, water facilities should be provided to the villagers.

Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that as mentioned in the presentation, the company says that it will take water from the ground through a borewell. If you have any doubts that water will not be available at 200 feet, then let them take a borewell.

32) Shri. Sandeep Tukaram Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – He said that, the company had given him 20 mango trees, 2 chiku trees and 2 lemon trees which anyone can see in his plot even now. Just as the company gave me trees, they should provide trees to the farmers in the surrounding area for the environment. Regrading water supply to villagers, he suggested that the company should deepen the wells of some farmers and take that water and give it to the villagers as well.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar directed to see if anything can be done about drinking water of villagers as it is mandatory by law to spend CSR funds.

33) Mr. Mahendra Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar – He said that this company has provided employment to 10 to 12 people of the village, it will help in the development of the village.

After that most of the villagers said that the village should not be developed by making people wait, and that they did not want to create employment by making the land fallow.

Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that the issues of all the villagers have been noticed and the noise pollution problem will be investigated by the M.P.C.Board. However, action will have to be taken and a response will be given on some issues, but the answer cannot be given immediately.

- 34) **Mrs. Sakshi Gole, Jamghar, Taluka, Wada, Dist. Palghar** – She said that, if the company wants to give trees, give them trees that have been damaged by the company. But the land cannot be planted here how will the trees be planted? It is said that the company has provided employment, I have 300 women in the self-help group but apart from that, 1 woman is working, not a single woman is working. The company should take measures to provide employment to women, and my son, who has passed 12th standard, cannot be employed. But it is an injustice to the village that an uneducated man from the neighboring village gets employment from people trusted by the company. In a situation where there is already a water shortage and people do not have water, how can a company take a borewell deeper than 200 feet, contrary to government rules? What will women do if there is no water? Tell us how many women and how many men from the village are employed in the company?

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that her opinion will be noted.

The company representative said that the company has workers from Jamghar, Kudus and other neighbouring villages.

- 35) **Mrs. Sakshi Gole, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – She said that, the company is in Gram Panchayat Jalghar and tell how many workers there are from Jamghar and asked to bring them in front.

Company representatives said that presently 3 female and 2 male workers from Jamghar Village are employed by the company.

- 36) **Mrs. Jagruti Thackeray, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** - She said that she had repeatedly told this company to put up a board of the company, big trucks come, they cut down our mango trees. We are bothered that the company has never inquired with her. The board has been put up as there is a hearing today.

The Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar instructed the company to immediately put up boards and ensure that no one's trees are cut down.

- 37) **Mr. Shivaji R. Patil, Ambernath** – He said that, he is an entrepreneur and currently living in Ambernath. He bring industries to this area, one or two entrepreneurs asked him questions like what is produced in the company here, what is the oxygen level and what action will you take on the lack of display boards for other technical matters?

The convener and Sub Regional officer, M.P. C. Board, Kalyan-III said that it is essential for industries to install display boards and the company should install the display boards immediately.

- 38) **Shivaji R. Patil, Ambernath** – It is okay if the company will install display boards from now on, but what action will be taken if they have not installed them so far?

- 39) **Mr. Sachin Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, Jamghar, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** – According to the Factory Act, it is mandatory to put up display boards in Marathi and the company is not following any rules. He also expressed his opinion that all the written representations given by the villagers through the Gram Panchayat should be accepted and this public hearing should be postponed.

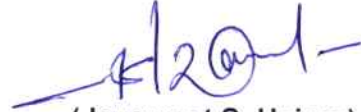
The Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar directed that all the representations should be received and forwarded to them.

Public representatives, local body officials, villagers, businessmen, Environmental experts have been participated in the Public Hearing and they expressed their suggestions/objections/expectations regarding the project. Also Hon'ble Chairman and Additional Collector, District Palghar and members of the Public Hearing and Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan and the project proponent have taken note of the suggestions/objections of the peoples/villagers regarding the environmental issues. Finally, the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar given vote of thanks to all those present in the public hearing for participating in the hearing peacefully and registering their opinions and declared that, the public hearing has been completed.



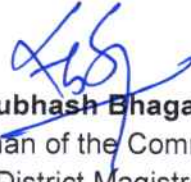
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