

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING PROJECT OF M/S ORSON RESINS AND COATINGS PVT. LTD., GROUP NO. 398/1 AND 2, 459/1, DINKARPADA, KUDUS, 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 was received at Head office MPCB for the proposed "Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Unit (Total Production Capacity from 700 Tons/Month to 7000 Tons/Month) and Unsaturated Polyester Resin (Mixing and Blending and Compounding) Production Project to 1565 Tons/Month" from M/s. Orson Resins and Coatings Pvt. Ltd., Group No. 398/1 & 2, 459/1, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wanda, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra for Environmental Public Hearing.

As per the vide letter No. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-260318-FTS-0188, dated 18.03.2026, Joint Director(W.P.C.), M.P.C. Board has been instructed to Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III to re-conduct environmental public hearing and following officials were appointed as the panel members.

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| 1) | District Magistrate, Palghar District
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 the above directions, with the approval of the Hon'ble District Collector, Palghar, the Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 10.04.2026 at 11.00 am under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Shri. Subhash Bhagde, Additional District Magistrate, Palghar, at M/s. Orion Resins and Coatings Pvt. Ltd., Group No. 398/1 and 2, 459/1, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wanda, Dist. 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 the 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 Cama 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. Kondhale-Mhaswal Group Grampanchayat, Tal. Wada, District- Palghar

Through public notice, the basic purpose of an environmental hearing is to give information to the residents of project area about the said project, to evaluate the impact of the project and to take opinions of the public, to inform the 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 through E-mail. Accordingly, 02 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, as per the prior permission of the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar District, a public hearing has been organized on 10.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at the premises of M/s. Orion Resins and Coatings Pvt. Ltd., Group No. 398/1 and 2, 459/1, Dinkarpada, Kudos, Tal. Wanda, Dist. Palghar. The said public hearing started at 10.04.2026 at 11.17 A.M. A total of 87 representatives, including public representatives, industry representatives, representatives of local bodies, environmental experts, representatives of social organizations, newspaper and news channel representatives and general citizens were present for the said public hearing. The list of the same is enclosed herewith. The following officers were also present at the public hearing.

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

The Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan-III, as the convenor, with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar District, was briefed about the public hearing and requested the 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.

Accordingly, the project proponent has presented the detailed technical information of the proposed project of M/s. Orson Resins and Coatings Pvt. Ltd., Group No. 398/1 and 2, 459/1, Dinkarpada, Kudos, Tal. Wanda, Dist. 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 who are present for the public hearing. In accordance with the said summary and the presentation given by the company, if anyone has any suggestions, objections, questions regarding the said project, the Hon. Chair and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar appealed to the public to present them. As well as requested, to submit suggestions, if any, in writing to the representative of the M.P.C. Board.

Subsequently, the following suggestions/questions/objections have been raised.

1. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudos, Tal. Wanda, Dist. Palghar:** A public hearing was also organized last month on 24.02.2026. Most of the villagers were present for that hearing. At that time, before the hearing started in 5 minutes, the company management had informed that, since the officials of the concerned subject were not present, the hearing would be canceled and the next hearing would be held as per their time. At that time, since this was a public Hearing, a resolution was passed in Gram Panchayat that it should be held in public. Place, but even then, an explanation should be given as to why this public hearing was held at this place? My house is 100 meters away. There had been an explosion in the company earlier. The company was set on fire.

The Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan-III, said that the session of the State Legislative Assembly was held at that time, and we could not be present due to the orders of our superiors and unavoidable official reasons. She has sincerely apologized to the villagers who were present at that time. But as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and the amended notification till date, an Environmental Public Hearing is required to be held on the project premises or in close proximity of the project, so that the situation there is understood. Also, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board works as a coordinator between the Environment and Climate Change Department, the industry and the public. In this public hearing, the suggestions, objections, expectations of the people are recorded in the minutes and the minutes are sent to the Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra for further action, and they used to give environmental clearance to the industries. It was also stated that this public hearing has been organized by following all the rules as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification and by giving a period of 30 days and informing all the relevant departments through a letter.

2. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-**
We have no doubt about this. But we got the information from the company management that the concerned officer would arrive in 5 minutes, and how come the concerned officer cannot come after 15 minutes? Again, we got the information from the company that the officer would come in an hour and, however, the officer didn't come. He alleged that this public hearing was for the company or for the public?

The Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan-III, said that, since I was not present here at that time, I cannot provide any information about what happened during the earlier conversation.

Hon. Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that the concerned officials could not attend because they were suddenly called by senior officers for a briefing as there was a session at that time. At that time, I also waited for 1 hour and announced the cancellation around 1.00 noon. If a public hearing is not conducted on a scheduled date and time, a new hearing can be organized. Therefore, the Hon. Chairman asked not to take any further sub-questions and asked them to raise any objections they had regarding environmental issues related to this industry. Also, during the hearing of the Vadwan Port, an objection was received as to why it was held at a place other than the project site, and it was 20 km away from the project. However, the Hon'ble High Court accepted it.

3. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-**
Hon. Chairman, our Gram Panchayat office, has communicated to the M.P.C. Board regarding the public hearing held on 24.02.2026, at that time we received the following information: "This office has received your application, in which M/s. Orion Resins and Coatings Pvt. Ltd., Group No. 398/1 and 2, 459/1, Dinar Pad, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar, regarding the expansion of the production capacity of unsaturated polyester resin (mixing and blending and compounding) to 1565 tons/month by increasing the production capacity from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/month, as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 of the Central Government, dated 24.02.2026 at 12.00 noon. The said hearing should be held at Group Gram Panchayat Kondhale – Mhaswal, Tal. Wada, if the hearing is held at the company premises, the possibility of hesitation or oppression cannot be ruled out.

It is also stated that there is a central place in the village, and it will be convenient for a maximum of the villagers to attend the hearing and raise objections. In this regard, we are informed that the public notice of the public hearing organized on 24.02.2026 was published on 16.01.2026 in the Marathi newspaper Daily Sakal and the English newspaper The Free Press Journal and in it the location of the company M/s. Orion Resins and Cottages Pvt. Ltd. has been given, and it has been informed to be present at that place." This was the reply received. But at least one and a half months ago, we villagers said that we had demanded a hearing at a public place.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that you may have a demand, but the public hearing of the M.P.C. Board has been held at the project site or close proximity of the project premises. There is no pressure here, if you have anything to say, you can say it. The suggestions given in written form will also be part of the minutes of this hearing and even if it is given orally, it will be video recorded and anyone can express their opinion or suggestion, Hon'ble Chairman said.

4. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-** Since this project is chemical based, there is a possibility of large-scale air, soil and water pollution. He also showed photos of how polluted water enters the rice fields located in the southern direction of the river during the monsoon and destroys the crops, and he had previously done correspondence regarding this. However, no one has taken note of our correspondence.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, you have not taken any notice despite repeated complaints, you can also submit photos or recordings and they will be included in the minutes.

5. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar :-** We had cases where a farmer, if he has suffered due to loss of crops and goes to the company gate to complain about the same, is also being mistreated by Company management. The company owners clearly told him not to come here; he should file complaint to the Hon'ble District collector.
6. **Mr. Jayesh Chandrakant Sangvi, Dinkar Pada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-** My gat no. is 441 and when I came with the application in the year 2022, the company owners told me that no matter what you do, none of us can do anything wrong with us.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, this will be taken into consideration and on record.

7. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-** Hon'ble Chairman, after the public hearing to be held today, we should get a copy of the minutes immediately. Even if there is a draft minutes, it should be given to us and when the final minutes are ready, it should be made available.

Hon'ble Chairman and the Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, a copy of the minutes cannot be given now, it will take time to prepare the minutes and once the final minutes are prepared, it will be available on the website of the M.P.C. Board and a copy will be sent to the Gram Panchayat office. Giving a copy of the minutes immediately etc. cannot be a part of this hearing, if there are any issues related to the environment, they should be raised. This hearing will be video recorded, 2 suggestions which are already received through email and the issues raised by you will be included in the minutes.

8. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-**
A resolution had been passed in the Gram Sabha held on 02.02.2026 before this public hearing and a copy of the said resolution was sent by post on 20.02.2026 to Dr. Seema Dalavi, Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, it is already been registered.

9. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-**
Our village already has a water shortage and there is a risk of chemical-laden wastewater getting into the groundwater.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the project proponent should respond in this regard.

10. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar :**
A housewife in our village had brought water from the borewell in a pot and everyone could see it.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that they have taken note of this complaint and will inform the Groundwater Department to conduct a survey regarding groundwater pollution.

11. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:**
Since this is a chemical industry, the Gram Panchayat has suffered the consequences of a major fire and explosion. At a time, when everyone has to run around after a terrible fire, the Gram Panchayat has asked this company to stop its operations for 2 to 3 days, but they have filed false cases against the Gram Panchayat.

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III reiterated that, fire and explosion are matters under the Industrial Safety and Health Department and if there are any environmental issues, they should be raised.

12. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar :**
Said that, the villagers are shouting so much when the company's current production capacity is 700 tons/month and one should consider what the situation would be, if the production capacity increased to 7000 tons/month.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the project proponent should respond in this regard.

The project proponent said that, complete care has been taken to ensure that, there is be no pollution of air, water and land in the project, and even after the expansion of the project, the same care will be taken to ensure that there won't be no pollution.

13. **Shri. Jayendra Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar :**
He expressed the opinion that, if production is currently at 700 tons/month, it should not be allowed to increase production to 7000 tons/month.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, this objection has been noted and requested that, other people also be given the opportunity to speak.

14. Mr. Sandeep Madhukar Behere, Dinkarwadi, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar-

Is the company currently a small industry, medium industry or large industry as per the MSME notification? If it is a medium industry, how far should this chemical industry company be from the village/residential area? For medium industry, it should be 2.5 km. for large industry, it should be 3 km. away from the village, but the village is 1 kilometer away from this company.

The project proponent said that, it is a medium-sized enterprise. There is no such notification regarding distance criteria from the residential area.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, this is non- MIDC area and is declared by the Ministry, Govt. of Maharashtra as a development zone. Therefore, your opinion that, this is a medium industry and is within 1 km from the village will be taken into the minutes. Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar requested that, the topic raised by one speaker should not be raised again by another speaker.

- 15. Shri. Dipesh Pashte, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:** The Environmental Impact Assessment survey was conducted from October, 2024 to December, 2024 and now is April, 2026. The hearing date scheduled after two years. Is the current pollution is same as before 2 years? Should this survey be done again or not? In this regard, the M.P.C. Board has also received letters from some environmental committees. In the area where we are sitting for the hearing, do all the villagers, company representatives, Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate and M.P.C. Board officials are not feeling any smell here? Don't they smell chemicals? If a public hearing was to be held in the Gram Panchayat, the company should have asked the Gram Panchayat, whether there is a hall available for public hearing? If 33 percent green belt is required, then only 50 trees have been planted in this year as per CSR? He said, all should tell me whether I am right or wrong.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, you are right and asked the project proponent to answer this.

- 16. Shri. Dipesh Pashte, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:** One citizen said that, now the production will start from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/month, another citizen said that, he has been working since 2022 and I have also been working here since 2018 and many companies have NCs, there is a foul smell inside and outside these companies, the NCs that were done are not followed up, we send photos, videos, video calls to the M.P.C. Board officials but they are not picked up, what should we do? then there is no answer. When the field survey was done in 2024, was the local farmer asked? Oil is coming into the field, polluted water is coming, where is it coming from? The farmers' lands became infertile. Unsaturated polyester resin is going to be produced, it is a hazardous chemical, so after going to the government hospital 10 km away, citizens face diseases like asthma, respiratory problems, dizziness. Still, the M.P.C. Board official had said in the last public hearing that the public is not facing any problem as per the record. The company will increase production from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/month and their current ETP will have to be increased by its 10 times capacity. Will the company do that? If you have any answers to the questions that everyone is currently experiencing a smell, they can give them.

The project proponent said that he is trying to resolve all the questions of Mr. Pashte. The first point is that the baseline survey is valid for 3 years as per the EIA notification. The second thing is that the company has planted not 50 trees but a total of 431 trees and another 459 trees will be planted in the next 1 to 2 years. Talking about the smell in the company, there are other companies on all sides of the company and there is a possibility of smell from the vehicles coming and going. This company will not use very hazardous and smelly chemicals. Talking about water pollution, the company uses water for reactor washing and does not use water in the process of product change. However, since the company is based on zero liquid discharge, care will be taken so that not a single drop of water goes outside the company.

17. **Shri. Dipesh Pashte, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: He said that, unsaturated polyester resin is a hazardous chemical and project proponent told this company does not have any hazardous chemicals. The company management is also stating in public hearing that the fact that unsaturated polyester resin is not a hazardous chemical should be recorded and kept on record.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, there could be some back and forth while speaking and told that raw material used for the manufacturing of unsaturated polyester resin is a hazardous chemical. She also said that proper arrangements are made for special storage of the said chemical and a license from the PESO must be obtained for it.

18. **Shri. Dipesh Pashte, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar** : He asked the convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III that, whether they had come to the public hearing as a coordinator or to present industry's side. He also stated that it had been proven that the company was presenting incorrect information in the public hearing. He also questioned that, if any action would be taken against him or just to take a note?

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III stated that, she joined M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III office in the year 2023 and since then till the public hearing, she has not received a single complaint regarding this company. She also requested that; the project owners will organize a special meeting to inform the villagers about the exact number of trees planted.

19. **Shri. Nitin Mokashi, Gram Panchayat Abhiwane, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: He said that, we will hand over the written applications of 10 to 12 people in the Gram Sabha held on January 26, 2026. The villagers said in that written applications, the project of expansion from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/month should not to be approved by the M.P.C. Board or any competent authority until the locals stop suffering.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the application will be recorded in the minutes. She also mentioned that, Environmental Clearance is given by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, and the M.P.C. Board as the coordinator, only prepares the minutes of this hearing and communicate to the competent authority for further necessary action.

20. **Mr. Nitin Mokashi, Gram Panchayat Abhiwane, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: He said that, Madam, you are Sub-Regional Officer of the M.P.C. Board and you say that, the M.P.C. Board does not give permission to companies, but many companies have come to this area and have been given permissions by M.P.C. Board.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III again clarified that, this Public Hearing is being held for environmental clearance and the permission is given by the Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra. However, M.P.C. Board grants Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate permissions and stated that, these permissions and environmental clearance are two separate permissions.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, there is confusion as the villagers combining two issues. As per the procedure of public hearing for environmental clearance published under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the hearing is held at the appointed place on the date and time fixed. The suggestions, objections, expectations raised in the hearing are recorded in the minutes and the final minutes are sent to the competent authority. For small projects, the State Government is the competent authority and for large projects, the Central Government is the competent authority. Now, whatever regular complaints there are, action will be taken as per the rules through the M.P.C. Board. A copy of the final minutes will be made available to Gram Panchayat.

- 21. Mr. Abhimanyu Chaudhary, Dinkarpada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**:- He asked that, now the production is 700 tons/month and after expansion it will be 7000/month, so can the company prove that there will be no damage to our agriculture?

The project proponent said that, before expansion of the company, a complete water planning will be done and after using the water, it will be processed in the ETP and then used in cooling towers, boilers or in the process. Therefore, there is no question of releasing the water outside. Also, a 30-meter chimney will be installed to reduce the effects of smoke, so that there will be no damage to the agriculture of the farmers in the area.

- 22. Shri. Shriram Dashrath Vise, Dinkarpada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**:- He said that, 10-20 tons of Resin is made in tankers in this company, how many hazardous products are mixed in Resin, the polluted water is very dangerous to health. I am working in a chemical plant and I have also made Resin. The planted paddy field dries up. I have not been farming since 2022. The company management should understand the problems of the surrounding farmers and give an answer to them. You have not shown us what raw material you use? Also, no matter how much you filter the water, the water will not become drinkable.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the project proponent should give a complete and detailed answer to above said issues.

The project proponent said that, as you manufacture a Resin, you are a competitor of this company. In the case of water, it will be completely processed and ensured that not a single drop of water goes outside the company. Detailed information on what will be done with hazardous solid waste and where it will be sent is shown in the powerpoint presentation.

- 23. Mr. Shriram Dashrath Vishe, Dinkarpada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: He said that, he is not a competitor of the company but a worker and asked you are going to do mixing and blending means you are going to use boiler and cooling tower, can you tell me how it can be done?

The project proponent said that, there are two types of products in it. One is synthetic organic chemical product which comes under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification and the other is mixing and blending which does not come under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification. Water will be used for reactor washing when the reactor is changed.

24. **Shri. Shriram Dashrath Vishe, Res. Dinkarpada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:**– He asked questions to the convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-3, saying that I am not doing agriculture? Also told that, he has given a written application to the Gram Panchayat.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III asked to Shriram Vishe that, have you ever complained to the agriculture department?

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar asked to state your opinion that, the company's wastewater is causing damage to rice farming and told that it will be noted in the minutes.

25. **Shri. Anant Patil, Joint Secretary, Environment Protection Forum:**– He said that, regarding the question raised by a villager about how far the industry should be from the village, the project proponent said that, everything is decided and permission is given by Mantralaya. So, if everything is decided by Mantralaya, are all these people gathered here, are they besieged? And if everything is decided by Mantralaya, then rehabilitate these people somewhere else and give them permission freely. Today, there is so much trouble with 700 tons/month, think about how much trouble there will be in the future when the production reaches 7000 tons/month? Even if the photos taken in the latitude and longitude are shown, if you are also asking for evidence, people are suspicious of your role as a coordinator.

The second thing is that 80 percent of the people sitting here do not understand technical terms, out of the remaining 20 percent, 5 percent of the knowledgeable people understand a little about it. In such a situation, if the company is saying that it is ours even when all the stakeholders present here are smelling such a stench, why wasting the time of all these people? Therefore, on behalf of all the villagers, he requested that, this company should not be expanded in any way and that the existing company should also be closed. Stating that this area is in non- MIDC area, he also mentioned that, if the company is to be given permission, they should rehabilitate all the villagers and let all the villagers live properly.

The convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, this objection will be taken into consideration and on record.

26. **Mr. Sandeep Madhukar Behere, Dinkarwadi, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:** He said that, whether the village will be affected after the company's production capacity reaches 7000 tons / month is a different issue, but at present, with a production of 700 tons / month, has the water, air, land and villagers been affected or not?

The project proponent said that, when water, soil and air samples were collected under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and tested by a recognized organization, the test reports showed that, they are within stipulated standards.

27. Shri. Sunanda K. Reddy, Environmentalist:- When Shri. Reddy tried to present his point in English, the villagers objected to Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar that, since this public hearing was for the villagers and the villagers did not understand English, Mr. Reddy should speak in Marathi. On this, Shri. Reddy stated that, as a citizen of India, he has the right to speak in any language in India and requested to be allowed to speak.

Thereafter, the Convenor and Sub-regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III requested everyone to remain calm and also said that, the issue raised in English by Mr. Reddy would be explained in Marathi by the company.

As the villagers did not understand Mr. Reddy's English, all the villagers collectively demanded that, he should not speak and that only the citizens within 8 km radius around the project should raise suggestions and objections.

28. Shri. Arvind Vasant Rao Deshmukh, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:

Honorable Project Advisor Sir, as you have said, the water does not deteriorate. But even after the borewell water goes to a depth of 400 feet, oily water is available, it is not known whether there is any chemical in it or what? Not everyone drinks filtered water. It is not a matter of everyone having money, there is no employment, what should we do? then who will give us justice on the issue of who you have come for, we requested you to clarify. Also, this company's oil is getting into the fields and the agriculture is becoming barren. So, are we the wrong people to face the problem?

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the objection will be noted and asked the project proponent to respond regarding water pollution.

The project proponent said that, in terms of water, the water will be completely processed and care will be taken to ensure that, not a single drop of water goes outside the company.

29. Shri. Arvind Vasant Rao Deshmukh, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:-The company has been in operation for the last 15 years and no one has received justice in these 15 years. Why should we listen to Company?

The Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III stated that, the objection will be taken into consideration and on record.

30. Mrs. Mitali Manish Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar- I would like to say as a woman that, we also understand the presentation made by the company but as a human being I would like to ask the owners of the company that, are you following the rules and regulations of pollution control? Now what is the smell coming here and the polluted water going into the stomach of us? The company is expanding from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/month capacity, but my question is that are you taking my village towards degradation? As a woman, I think of my children first, now the condition of my village is so bad, you came today. I requested you to take some time to come to our village and stay, see if you can stay? We are sitting here and the smell is so strong, you are also feeling it, you are also experiencing it. Our main occupation is agriculture, along with fishing, the condition of agriculture is so bad that farmers cannot do farming. We are going to take loans to cultivate the land and before the harvest comes, it is collapsing due to pollution. The company is promising to provide employment to 15 people; we do not want employment. If our land is saved, we will live with dignity as farmers. We use RO (Water Filter) but not everyone is in the same situation. As government employees, we request you to give us proper justice considering our children. Considering that, our existence will be completely destroyed, do not let the production capacity to increase from 700 tons/month to 7000/month, we women are clearly opposing to do this.

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the above objection will be taken into consideration and on record.

31. **Mrs. Sunita Sudam Dinkar, Dinkarwada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**- We are cultivating vegetables and rice, before 2019, 50 bags of rice were being grown, but now only 10 bags of rice are being grown, besides, all the grains have gone bad. When water is filled in a pot, a chemical layer forms on the water just like milk does. Last time, Jayashree Dinkar and I both had a lot of trouble, so we stated that, we are strongly opposed to the expansion project of this company from 700 tons/month to 7000 tons/ month.

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the above objection will be taken into consideration and on record.

32. **Shri. Vilas Baliram Behere, Dinkar Pada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: – Requested to Shri. Narayanji, the owner of the company, to tell how many workers have been employed so far, to process the sewage and dispose of it properly, and to inform him about how much employment will be provided to the locals after the expansion of the project. Also, expressed his opinion that, the surrounding companies should come together and release the processed sewage into the sea instead of releasing it in the area.

33. **Shri. Naresh Budhaji Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**:-He said that, this company should be closed down, because it is causing such a huge problem. He also expressed the opinion that, if this company continues, we the villagers will set it on fire and you will be fully responsible for the strong agitation.

34. **Shri. Manesh Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**: – He told that, we think that, this environmental board has come to co-ordinate with the company against the villagers. Stating that, the fields of the villagers have become barren, the water is no longer drinkable, the health of the villagers is deteriorated by 25 percent and the villagers have such strong feelings, he appealed to the villagers to be prepared to launch a strong agitation.

The Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III said that, the above objection will be taken into consideration on record.

35. **Mr. Manesh Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar**:-He asked that, whether this company is in the red zone or the green zone? why the company should be in the red zone?

The project proponent said that, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's classification, this company is in the red category and does not belong to the green zone or red zone.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, the company is allowed as per its production. According to the Central Pollution Control Board's classification, this company comes in the red category, all complaints about water pollution and agriculture being damaged due to the company have been recorded. Hon'ble Chairman also appealed to tell, if anyone has a different issue to tell.

36. **Mr. Manesh Sakharam Dinkar, Dinkarpada, Kudus, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar:**— He asked to Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar whether he agrees that we will protest if this company does not behave as stated in the public hearing?

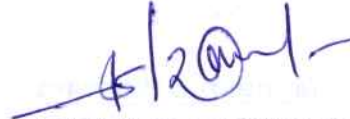
After that, Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar said that, it would be your right as per democracy. Also said that, a public hearing was organized at this place in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986, the Environmental Protection Rules 1986, Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and the amended notification 2009. Since the publication of the notice of this public hearing, the M.P.C. Board has received 02 suggestions through e-mail. Today, about 15 speakers have spoken at this place, some of them twice or thrice and it was said that, the complaints received by the Gram Panchayat will also be included in the minutes, final minutes will be sent to competent authority for further necessary action.

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 District Magistrate, District Palghar and members of the Public Hearing and Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan, Member of the Committee & Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan-III, Convenor of the Committee, 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.



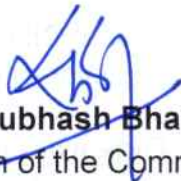
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