

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED project for manufacturing of 2500 TPM of Manganese Oxide (Brownfield Project) proposed by M/s S.P.S.C Power at Khasara no. 67/6 & 67/3 , Vill Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed project for manufacturing of 2500 TPM of Manganese Oxide (Brownfield Project) proposed by M/s S.P.S.C Power at Khasara no. 67/6 & 67/3 , Vill Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara. Maharashtra was conducted on 11th May, 2026 at project site on 12.30 p.m, Attendance register is attached as Annexure no.I.

Mr. Kishor Pusadkar, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Bhandara and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Ganesh Dighe, Sub-Divisional Officer, Tumsar, and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Mrs. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, journalists, representative of media channels and company officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on No. S. O. 3067 (E) on 01st December 2019, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of an application from Project Proponent M/s S.P.S.C Power at Khasara no. 67/6 & 67/3 , Vill Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara vide letter dated 18.02.2026 to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for their proposed project for manufacturing of 2500 TPM of Manganese Oxide (Brownfield Project) at Khasara no. 67/6 & 67/3 , Vill Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara, Maharashtra,

and Head office has accorded permission to start public hearing procedure vide office order MOCB/JD(WPC)/ENV-PH/B-260304-FTS-0303 dated 04.03.2026.

Convener informed that, the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

After receiving sanction from the District Collector, Gondia to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on on 11th May, 2026 at 12.30 p.m at project site, and as per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Bhandara in the Local Newspaper in 'Lokmat' for Marathi and in 'The Hitavada' for English on 09th April 2026. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit. Copies of advertise are attached as Annexure no.II.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as under: -

- 1) District Collector, Bhandara;
- 2) Zilla Parishad Office, Bhandara.
- 3) District Industrial Centre, Bhandara
- 4) Sub-Divisional Officer, Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara.
- 5) Tehsil Office Tumsar, Dist.Bhandara.
- 6) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
- 7) Department of Environment & Climate Change, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbei-400 032.
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Headquarters, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Mala, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Opposite Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-400 022.
- 9) Regional Office (West Central Region), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Block, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001.
- 10) Grampanchayat Office, Hingna,Katebamni,Takla,Khapa,Hasra, Salai, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.
- 11) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, website www.mpcb.gov.in

Convener informed that one written suggestion for expansion of the project have been received by e-mail before public hearing by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Bhandara and received during Public hearing are attached herewith.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Mumbai has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No.MPCB/230/2026-001 i/2262568/2026 dated 08.05.2026, Copy attached as Annexure no.III.

Convener informed that an opportunity will be given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and the Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

He requested consultant of Project Proponent to start the presentation of the project in local language Marathi.

With the permission of the Chairperson, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He gave information about the geographical location of the proposed project, potential impact on the environment due to the proposed project, Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for it, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Fund.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, objections

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/ Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee: -

Sr. No.	Objections / Suggestions / Queries	Replies / Remarks by Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
1)	Shri Amarsingh Tembire, Ex Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.	
	The proposed project is being established after obtaining all the necessary permissions in due process. There is no objection to the project.	The point has been noted.
2)	Smt Gayatri Rahangdale, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.	
i	Employment should be provided to local people. Also, necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that there is no harm to the environment.	The project proponent stated that priority in employment will be given to local people first.
ii	There is no objection to the project, provided that under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund, the project fulfills the conditions related to social, educational, and developmental activities in the village.	The project proponent stated that an amount of ₹4 lakh will be made available to the Gram Panchayat under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for social, educational, and developmental works.

3)	Shri Dhanraj Anase, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Ursara, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.	
i	The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund should be provided to the surrounding villages. Also, employment should be given to local people. Support was expressed for the project.	The project proponent stated that an amount of ₹4 lakh will be made available to the Gram Panchayat under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for social, educational, and developmental works. Priority in employment will be given to local people.
4)	Shri Ravi Selokar, Dy Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Takla, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.	
i	The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund should be provided annually to each village so that sufficient funds are available for the development of the villages.	The project proponent stated that an amount of ₹4 lakh will be made available under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for social, educational, and developmental works in the villages of Hingna, Takla, and Usarra.
5)	Smt Sunita Selokar, Dy sarpanch, Grampanchayat Hingna, Tq Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.	
i	This project has been operating efficiently for the past 15 years. Environmental protection should be ensured, and improvements should be made in tree plantation activities.	The point has been noted.
ii	Employment should be provided only to local people.	

The Hon'ble Chairperson, stated in the concluding speech that a decision regarding the allocation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds would be taken after discussions with the local administration and the Gram Panchayat.

After expressing gratitude, it was announced that the public hearing had concluded.

(Mr. Kishor Pusadkar)

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and
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Bhandara

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