

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF 1X270 MW COAL BASED THERMAL POWER PROJECT BY ADDITION OF 2X175 MW COAL BASED THERMAL POWER PLANT OF M/S. IDEAL ENERGY PROJECTS LIMITED, VILL. KHURSAPAR-KINHALLA, NEAR VILL.BELA, TAL-UMRED, DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 13/05/2026.

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. M/s. Ideal Energy Projects Limited has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed Expansion of 1x270 MW coal based thermal power project by addition of 2x175 MW coal based thermal power plant. The Public Hearing was held at Project site M/s. Ideal Energy Projects Limited, Vill. Khursapar-Kinhalla, Near Vill.Bela, Tal-Umred, Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur attended as a member of the public hearing panel, and Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II as 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.**

BACKGROUND:

M/s. Ideal Energy Projects Limited submitted a request with Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for proposed Expansion of 1x270 MW coal based thermal power project by addition of 2x175 MW coal based thermal power plant letter dtd. 01/04/2026 to MPCB (HQ), Mumbai. In view of this request MPCB (HQ) directed to initiate the process for public hearing vide letter No. MPCB/JD(WPC)/ENV-PH/B-0213 dtd. 01/04/2026 **Annexure-II.**

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.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II 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. SRO also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision regarding accordance of approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestions orally or in writing.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Lokmat' (Marathi) on 09/04/2026. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-III.**

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 dtd. 21/04/2026. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-IV.** Three online suggestions through email were received to MPCB in the notice period. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-V.**

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. Satish Diwakar Munje, Jaitapur, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Farmers are already affected by the ash emitted from the chimney of the existing project. There is apprehension that the proposed project will double the ash pollution and worsen the situation. The project is environmentally harmful and should not be approved. Agricultural land in the surrounding area may become unproductive.	Point noted.
2	The chimney in the existing project is 20 meters shorter than the prescribed height.	The project proponent replied that the chimney height complies with the norms prescribed by the Pollution Control Board.
3	The public hearing should have been held in the village. Objections to the project were raised.	The Sub-Regional Officer informed that, in accordance with the prescribed notification, the public hearing is held at the project site.

2) Shri. Abhinav Godghate, Bela, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The proposed project will generate employment opportunities for local residents. It will contribute to the development of the surrounding villages. Around 95% of the citizens present support the project. There is a unanimous demand that the project should be implemented. There is no opposition of any kind against the project.	Point noted.

3) Shri. Sudhir Parve, Ex. MLA, Umred Legislative.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	I am a sugarcane farmer and have 20 acres of land under sugarcane cultivation in the Pipla area. The existing project is operating satisfactorily and has complied with the commitments and assurances given during the previous public hearing.	Point noted.
2	Industries should be established in rural areas. This will create direct and indirect employment opportunities and contribute to economic growth.	
3	If the expansion project is implemented, the youth from Bela and Khursapar will get employment opportunities. Support for the project was expressed.	
4	The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund should be utilized for infrastructure development such as drinking water supply, roads, and healthcare facilities, as well as for emergency needs and social functions like marriage ceremonies, in the surrounding villages.	Point noted.
5	If any improvements are required in the boiler or chimney system, they should be implemented immediately. Necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that no damage is caused to farmers' crops.	
6	A request was made to the project proponents to establish additional projects, if possible, so that local people can get employment opportunities.	
7	Approval should be granted to this project.	

4) Smt. Kirti Surankar, Ex. Member, Panchayat Samiti, Bela.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	In the existing 270 MW project, women have secured employment close to their homes. Furthermore, the proposed project is expected to create employment opportunities for 560 individuals.	Point noted.

5) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Extended support to the project. The project is expected to generate employment opportunities. Pollution control measures should be strictly implemented. Large-scale tree plantation should be carried out in the surrounding area, and rainwater harvesting should be undertaken to ensure groundwater recharge. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) obligations should be extended for the benefit of nearby villages. A skill development training centre should be established for employment-oriented training. The permission should be granted to the project unconditionally.	Point noted.

6) Smt. Shalu Mendurle, Ex. Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Bela-Umred.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The existing project is not causing any inconvenience to farmers in the villages. The project has contributed to the development of the surrounding area, improved infrastructure, and provided employment opportunities to local people, thereby supporting their livelihoods. Agricultural produce is fetching better prices, including vegetables, resulting in increased income. Extended support to the project.	Point noted.

7) Shri. Pankaj Rode, Bela, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Due to the existing sugar factory, around 300 to 500 families in Bela village are able to sustain their livelihood. Similarly, around 100 to 150 families are dependent on the existing Ideal power project for their livelihood.	Point noted.
2	At present, women from the village travel 20 to 25 km to work at the MIDC Butibori industrial area. With the proposed project, employment opportunities will be available within a distance of 5 km.	
3	The proposed project will also generate good revenue for Bela Gram Panchayat through taxes. Support for the project was expressed.	

8) Shri. Vivek Taywade, Bela, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	I have been supplying sugarcane from my farm to the existing sugar factory since 2018. I have also been cultivating land adjacent to the project on a lease basis for the past three years, and it has yielded good production. I also cultivate cotton. The existing project has not caused any damage to cotton crops.	Point noted.
2	The proposed project should be implemented so that villagers can get employment near their villages. Support for the project was expressed.	

9) Shri. Sachin Bhakare, Up-Sarpanch, G.P. Kalamna, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Expressed support to the project. Suggested that roads in each of the adjoining villages should be constructed under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).	Point noted.
2	The existing project has provided ambulance facilities, and this benefit should also be extended to other villages.	

10) Smt. Sunanda Ukande, Ex. Sarpanch, G.P. Bela, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The project will provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth in the village near their homes. During my tenure as Sarpanch, no issue regarding crop damage was ever raised in the Gram Panchayat general meetings or other meetings held from time to time.	Point noted.
2	The proposed project will benefit the local population.	

11) Shri.Gajanan Gadge, Ex.Sarpanch, G.P.Bela-Khursapar,Tal.Umred,Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The industry should adopt nearby villages such as Kinhala and Khursapar and undertake development works there. The industry is already supplying clean drinking water to Bela village. Similar arrangements for clean drinking water should also be made in the villages of Kinhala and Khursapar.	The project proponent stated that the proposal regarding adoption of villages would be considered and a final decision would be taken in this regard.

12) Shri.Gajanan Dhage, Member, G.P.Borgaon-Lambat, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
	The industry should adopt Khursapar and Borgaon villages and provide employment opportunities to local residents.	The project proponent stated that the proposal regarding adoption of villages would be considered and a final decision would be taken in this regard.

13) Shri. Suprit Bhoyar, Sawangi, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	I and my village support this project. During the transportation of coal and ash, there is a possibility that ash falling on the road may generate dust particles, which could lead to accidents. Therefore, overloading of trucks should be prohibited.	Project Proponent stated that appropriate measures would be implemented regarding coal transportation and for controlling ash-related dust on the road.

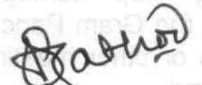
Shri Anup Khande, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee and Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur, suggested the project consultants that soil conservation and rainwater harvesting components should be included in the presentation. He also instructed the project proponents that the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds should be utilized across 10 to 15 surrounding villages to provide drinking water and other basic facilities. He further suggested that rainwater harvesting systems should be established. Biodiversity, forest cover, and water bodies should be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. He also advised that skill development training should be provided to the local people. He requested that anyone having written submissions should submit them to the committee. He further informed that the issues raised by the citizens and the responses provided by the project proponents would be recorded and forwarded to the Government.

He thanked the audience for the participation and declared that the public hearing was over.


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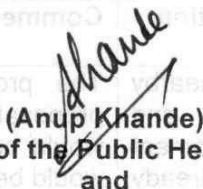
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