

Minutes of the Public Hearing conducted on Dated: 07/05/2026 at the project at 11.00 AM for the proposed Manufacturing Unit of Fruit-Based Distillery Plant along with Grapes Winery to produce 5 KLD Spirit and 30 KLD Wine by M/s. Rajdheer Wine Pvt. Ltd., located at Gat No.: 22/1/A/1 & 22/2, Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, District: Nashik, Maharashtra.

A Environment Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed fruit-based distillery plant along with Grapes winery production unit of M/s. Rajdheer Wine Private Limited with a capacity of 5 KLD Spirit and 30 KLD Wine was organised on Dated : 07/05/2026 at 11:00 AM at the project site: Gut No. 22/1/A/1, 22/2, Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, Dist.: Nashik, Maharashtra.

As per the order of the Hon. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Mumbai, Head Office Order dated 21/04/2026, the Environmental Public Hearing Committee was constituted. The following members of the Committee were present during the hearing:

1. Shri. Kailas Kadlag,
Chairman
Sub-Divisional Magistrate cum Sub-Divisional Officer, Chandwad,
2. Shri. Vidyasagar V. Killedar
Member
Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik,
3. Shri. Pranav Pakhale,
Convener
Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik, first welcomed the dignitaries present and, with the permission of the Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee, commenced the proceedings of the public hearing. The Convener noted that the public hearing was convened for the proposed production unit of a Fruit-Based Distillery with Grapes Winery at Gut No. 22/1/A/1, 22/2, Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, Dist: Nashik, Maharashtra, of M/s. Rajdheer Wine Private Limited, with a capacity of 5 KLD Spirit and 30 KLD Wine.

This public hearing has been organized in accordance with the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, Dated: 14th September 2006. This project falls under Category 'B', and projects under this category are required to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Maharashtra; conducting a public hearing is a mandatory part of this process. Accordingly,

with the permission of the Hon. Collector, Nashik, the hearing was scheduled for 07/05/2026 at 11:00 AM.

As per the rules, the public notice regarding the environmental public hearing was published 30 days in advance i.e., on Dated: 07/04/2026 in the daily newspapers 'Sakal' and 'Times of India'. In addition, the project information booklet (Draft EIA & Exe. Summary) was made available for public reading and review at concerned government offices in the district and on the MPCB website.

Locations where Information Booklet was made available

- Collector's Office, Nashik
- Zila Parishad (District Council) Office, Nashik
- Environment Department, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 024
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point Building, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 08, Sion Circle, Sion (East)
- Regional Office, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Trimbak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik - 422 007
- Sub-Divisional Officer Office, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik
- Tehsil Office, Deola, Dist. Nashik
- Gram Panchayat Offices, Subhashnagar, Rameshwar, Kapshi, Vakheri, Kapri, Bhilwad, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik

A 30-day period was provided for submission of any suggestions or objections related to the project. However, no written suggestions were received either via email or in printed form at the Sub-Regional Office of MPCB, Nashik. This fact has been duly recorded and is being enclosed herewith. The citizens present were informed that if anyone wishes to present any written or verbal objections, opinions, or queries, they may do so after the presentation of the proposed project.

With the permission of the Chairperson, the project proponents were requested to present detailed information about the proposed project.

Shri. Rajesh Mankar, Environmental consultants M/s. Southern Enviro Engineers Private Limited, Hyderabad, made a comprehensive presentation covering various aspects of the project, including: Project introduction, EIA objectives and purpose of the public hearing, Project location, Google map of project site, Project details and project layout, Study area delineation, Current photographs of the project site, Key features and basic requirements of the proposed project, Environmental baseline

study: local environmental conditions and area details, Ambient Air Quality monitoring results, Noise level monitoring results, Water quality monitoring results — groundwater and surface water, Soil quality monitoring results, Biodiversity and ecological study, Land use classification of the study area, Socio-economic environment analysis, Anticipated impacts on the surrounding environment, Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Water and wastewater management, Solid waste management, Green belt development, Environmental Management Cell details, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, Environmental management expenditure etc. The complete presentation was recorded on a CD, and a summary thereof has been documented in these minutes.

After the completion of the PowerPoint presentation by the Environmental consultants, Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Sub Regional Officer) requested the citizens present to raise any questions, suggestions, opinions, or queries, stating their name and village.

During the public hearing, citizens raised several questions regarding the project. Project representatives/consultants provided responses, detailed as follows:

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1	Shri. Yashwant Aanada Shirsath Resident, Bhilwad, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Yashwant Aanada Shirsath raised a query regarding the management of wastewater generated from the project. He asked about the mode of disposal of wastewater from the proposed spirit project and whether it would have any adverse impact on the local environment.	Environmental consultants clarified that the wastewater generated from the proposed project would primarily be in the form of "Spent Wash." However, this project differs from conventional distillery projects, and the TDS content in the generated wastewater will be comparatively lower. A state-of-the-art Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 110 KLD capacity has been proposed within the project for treating wastewater. The treated water from the ETP will be recycled and reused within the project. The total water requirement of the project is 150 KLD, of which only 20 KLD will be fresh water, and the remaining approximately 130 KLD will

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		be met through recycled water via the ETP and Boiler system. In the ETP, solids will be settled, gases separated, and the remaining treated water will be used in a form suitable for agriculture.
2	Shri. Dashrath Ramdas Purkar Subhashnagar, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Dashrath Ramdas Purkar stated that the existing winery project in the area has not caused any serious problems so far. However, he expressed the expectation that the company should take necessary measures to ensure that the proposed new project does not have any adverse environmental impact.	Project representatives informed that the company has been engaged in wine production from Grapes for the past 20 years, starting with a capacity of 25,000 litres and now having developed a production capacity of approximately 10 lakh litres. Local workers have been given employment in the company, and local vehicles from the area are used for transportation. The proposed project is based on modern technology used at the global level, and it was noted that this will be the first project in India as well as in Nashik district to produce spirit from Grapes, Fruits and Flowers. Full care will be taken to ensure no adverse environmental impact from the project.
3	Shri. Vijay Rajaram Jadhav Bhilwad, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Vijay Rajaram Jadhav welcomed the project and stated that it will provide employment opportunities for youth in the village. He noted that local employment generation is important for the development of the village.	Project representatives expressed gratitude for his positive response.

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4	Shri. Mangesh Keda Aaher Sarpanch, Vakheri, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Mangesh Keda Aaher a noted that the project will generate employment in the area, and the company's efforts have helped in establishing a Sub-station in the area. After the Sub-station became operational, solar pump farmers started getting electricity during day and night, which directly benefited the farmers.	Project representatives informed that the late Chairman, Shri. Dadaji Sukhadev Patil, made special efforts to provide land for MSEB. Continuous follow-up was also done for the Sub-station approval. It was noted that this initiative has provided long-term benefits to both the village and the company.
5	Shri. Digambar Daulat Purkar Subhashnagar, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Digambar Daulat Purkar stated that most people in the area depend on agriculture, and industrial development is limited. In such circumstances, setting up agro-based industry projects would provide stable market access to farmers for their produce. He noted that if winery Grape's cultivation is promoted, transportation costs will decrease and the local economy will be stimulated. He also mentioned that there was some inconvenience caused by wastewater in the past, but expressed the expectation that the company should take proper precautions in the future.	Project representatives clarified that previously, due to financial constraints, it was not possible to set up a state-of-the-art ETP. However, a modern technology-equipped ETP has now been installed, and 100% treatment and reuse of wastewater will be carried out. A guarantee was given that no environmental nuisance will occur in the future. It was also mentioned that experts with international-level technology experience from France are associated with this project. The willingness to undertake contract farming with local farmers for cultivation of Grapes varieties such as Uni Blanc, Table Green, etc., required for the project, was expressed. It was noted that efforts will be made to give market prices in such a way that farmers will earn approximately ₹2 lakh per acre after all expenses.

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6	Shri. Vidyasagar V. Killedar Regional Officer Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik (Member) (i) The Member enquired about the source from which the 20 KLD of fresh water required for the project would be obtained. (ii) The Member enquired about the amount of the proposed 2% fund under CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) and how it would be utilised.	(i) Project representatives stated that a rainwater harvesting system has been developed. Rainwater will be collected and stored in farm ponds and will be used throughout the year. (ii) Project representatives stated that this fund will be used for public facilities and social development in the village. The fund is planned to be used for tree plantation, drinking water arrangements, educational facilities, assistance to schools, and other necessary village development initiatives.
7	Shri. Vijay Pagar Rameshwari, Ta. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Vijay Pagar stated that the proposed winery project will be an ideal project for the farmers of the area. He stated that farmers in the area should shift to winery Grape's cultivation, and the project will benefit both the farmers and the company. He also conveyed on behalf of the farmers that there is no objection to the project, and demanded that the project be operationalised at the earliest.	Project representatives expressed gratitude for the farmers' positive stance and assured that the suggestions given by the farmers will be noted and efforts will be made to implement them.

The Chairperson of the meeting noted that a detailed presentation of the project was made during the Environmental Public Hearing of M/s. Rajdheer Wine Private Limited. The farmers, villagers, and citizens present expressed their opinions, suggestions, queries, and expectations regarding the project, and an official record of the same has been made.

It was clarified that the report of the public hearing will be forwarded by MPCB and the District Administration to the State Government for further action. The Chairperson thanked all those who expressed their suggestions and views. Finally, on behalf of the administration and the Collector's Office, the Chairperson expressed gratitude to all present.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Sub-Regional Officer), with the approval of the Chairperson, declared the Environmental Public Hearing officially concluded.



Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Convener)

Sub-Regional Officer

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik



Shri. Vidyasagar V. Killedar (Member)

Regional Officer

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik



Shri. Kailas Kadlag (Chairman)

Sub-Divisional Magistrate cum Sub-Divisional Officer, Chandwad

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