

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. MVP OILS AND ENERGIES PRIVATE LIMITED, IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED MANUFACTURING UNIT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIODIESEL HAVING CAPACITY 30 TPD ALONG WITH PRODUCTION OF SOAP 10 TPD AND FATTY ACID 10 TPD WAS HELD ON 16TH JULY, 2026 AT 03.00 PM AT SHRIRAM BANQUET HALL, AT 3-8/1, OPP. ANDHARA BUS STAND, BASAR ROAD, DHARMABAD, TALUKA: DHARMABAD, DISTRICT: NANDED, MAHARASHTRA (431809)

The Environmental Public Hearing of M/s. MVP Oils and Energies Private Limited, for their Proposed Manufacturing Unit for the Production of Biodiesel having Capacity 30 TPD along with Production of Soap 10 TPD and Fatty Acid 10 TPD was held on 16th July, 2026 at 03:00 pm at Shriram Banquet Hall, At 3-8/1, opp. Andhra Bus Stand, Basar Road, Dharmabad, Taluka: Dharmabad, District: Nanded, Maharashtra.

The Notice regarding the Environmental Public Hearing was published in Local Marathi News Paper in Dainik Sakal & in English National Newspaper Times of India on dated 13/06/2026 are hereby attached as **Annexure – I**.

The Environmental Public Hearing was held on 16th July, 2026 at 03.00 PM at Shriram Banquet Hall under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ratnadeep Gaikwad, Additional District Magistrate, Nanded, Shri. Manish Holkar, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, & the Member of the committee, Shri. Suryakant J. Shinde, Sub- Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nanded worked as convener of Public Hearing panel was formed as per MPCB Office Order dated: 29/06/2026 are hereby attached as **Annexure – II**.

The member of public hearing panel, environmentalist group, other participant, villagers, agriculturist, the representative of project proponent, project proponent, chairman & convener were present at Shriram Banquet Hall for the said public hearing. The attendance data sheet for the participants/public present during the said public hearing is attached as **Annexure-III**

• **Purpose & Procedure:-**

Convener welcomed the Chairman, Additional District Magistrate, Nanded, Member, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chhatrapati. Sambhajnagar, local Citizen & Environmental group who were present and sought permission of the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings. Convener informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF&CC) dated 14th September, 2006 and amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The notice for the Public Hearing was given in two local widely circulated newspaper i.e. in Marathi newspaper Dainik Sakal & in English newspaper The Times of India on dated 13/06/2026.

The copies of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Executive Summary containing silent features of the project both in English, Marathi & other information/ documents were

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made available to the public by making these documents available in the various Government Offices as well as local Grampanchayat as per Gol Notification 14th September 2006. Suggestions, views, comments & objections of Public Hearing were called in E - mail & in written within 30 days from the publication of this notice. No suggestions or objections were received by this office either through e-mail or in writing.

The Public Hearing panel was constituted vide MPCB office Order dated: 29/06/2026.

Convener requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to direct Environmental Consultant to start the presentation.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, the Environmental Consultant of the project Shri. Milind Joshi welcomed all the participants and gave information about the project through a presentation of Environment Management Plan & other related aspects of the proposed project.

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Forest Area, CRZ Status, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status;
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, and biodiversity due to planned project;
- Information on environmental management after project implementation;
- Information on other environmental management

Environment Consultant, while giving a presentation, informed that Project Proponent M/s. MVP Oils and Energies Private Limited has Proposed Manufacturing Unit for the Production of Biodiesel having Capacity 30 TPD along with Production of Soap 10 TPD and Fatty Acid 10 TPD, located at Survey No.: 32/3 & 34/A, Plot No.: 2-1/1/C, Village: Balapur, Taluka: Dharmabad, District: Nanded, Maharashtra.

Proposed project will create new employment opportunities. The project is expected to boost the local economy and contribute to improvements in health, education, and community infrastructure. Preference will be given to local semi-skilled and unskilled labour from nearby villages.

The total project cost is estimated at ₹5.12 Crore. Environmental Consultant presented the complete details of the environmental management to be undertaken during the construction phase of the project.

Project Environmental Consultant said that the proposed project is in the interest of the local Dharmabad Taluka, the state of Maharashtra and the country.

The Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nanded & Convener of Public Hearing panel asked the participant who were present to raise their views and comments on the project to ensure that the objective of the Public Hearing is fulfilled. The proceeding is as below.

Proceeding: -

Sr. No.	Issues raised by Public	Response/commitment of project proponent	Suggestion made by Public Hearing Panel
1.	Shri Varni Nagbhushan, R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, BJP District Vice President, District Nanded, while raising his points, stated that he had no complaint regarding the project but had a suggestion. He asked whether an air pollution control system has been installed in this project. Is this a project for controlling air pollution?	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, while responding to the issue, stated that Mr. Joshi had already given the presentation of the project. In that presentation, he explained that there are only two sources of air pollution in the project. One is the 125 kVA DG Set. He stated that the present-day DG sets are highly advanced and will generate very low dust or significant noise. Therefore, the DG set itself is provided with an in-built air pollution control system. In addition, a thermic fluid heater will be installed, for which a chimney will be provided as per CPCB standards, along with an air pollution control system, ensuring that no air pollution will occur. He assured with 100% confidence that adequate air pollution control measures would be implemented.	—
2.	Shri Srinivas Kambalwad, Municipal Councillor, R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, District Nanded, asked what benefits the village would receive from this project.	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, replied that it was a very good question. He stated that the employment opportunity in this project is limited, as only 11 persons will get direct employment because the project is very small. However, he explained that even if a project does not create significant direct employment, many allied activities develop around it, resulting in the overall development of the surrounding area and providing new livelihood opportunities for local people. He further	—

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		stated that 2% of the project cost would be spent under Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER), and this amount would be utilized within the areas of Dharmabad and Balapur Nagar Panchayats. The funds would be spent for the development of the people of Dharmabad and Balapur as per their demands and suggestions. He concluded by stating that the project would provide several economic, social, direct, and indirect benefits.	
3.	Shri Raju Surkutwar, Municipal Councillor, R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, District Nanded, asked what treatment would be provided for the wastewater generated from the project.	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, replied that the total water requirement of the project would be 37 KLD, out of which the requirement of fresh water would be only 15.38 KLD. He further stated that an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) would be installed to treat the wastewater generated from the project. The treated wastewater would be recycled and reused within the project. He explained that although the total water requirement of the project is 37.48 KLD (m³/day), the requirement of fresh water is only 15.38 KLD, thereby saving nearly 21-22 KLD of fresh water. This would be achieved by treating the wastewater generated from the project and reusing it in the process through the proposed Effluent Treatment Plant.	—
4.	Shri Ravindra Potganttiwar, R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, District Nanded and District President of the BJP Kisan Morcha, while expressing his views, first addressed the officers and citizens present at the public hearing. He stated that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, stated that the project proponent is a young entrepreneur and should be welcomed. He said that by investing in this project, the	—

	Narendra Modi has envisioned a Developed India by 2047. He said that agriculture-based industries are essential for achieving this vision and that today's young entrepreneurs are eager to establish such industries. He requested government officials to encourage young entrepreneurs and ensure that their industries commence operations at the earliest. He further stated that project approvals should be granted without unnecessary delay. Since the proposed project is agriculture-based, it would provide indirect benefits to farmers, and as it is a biodiesel plant project, it would also generate direct and indirect benefits for the public. Many people associated with this sector would also benefit. Although the project would provide direct employment to only 10-11 persons, many more people would benefit through direct and indirect employment opportunities. He congratulated the project proponent, Shri Chandrakant Patil, and referred to the difficulties faced during wartime situations when diesel shortages occurred. He stated that if such diesel or ethanol projects are established, dependence on other countries would be reduced. He requested the Hon'ble Chairman and the officers of the Pollution Control Board to ensure compliance with all environmental standards and stated that he had no concern in that regard. He urged the authorities to encourage young entrepreneurs and facilitate the early establishment of such industries. He further mentioned that the present project has remained pending for the last two years, and that setting up a new industry requires an investment of several lakhs to crores of rupees and involves many difficulties. Therefore, he earnestly requested the authorities to encourage young entrepreneurs and ensure that their projects commence as early as possible.	young entrepreneur would create economic and social benefits as well as employment opportunities in the surrounding area.	
5.	Shri Shivajirao Patwari, Senior Professor, R/o Dharmabad, District Nanded, while	Shri Shantanu Patil, R/o Dharmabad, Project	—

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presenting his views, first congratulated the dignitaries present on the dais, the brothers and sisters present, and Shri Chandrakant Patil. He stated that the project presentation had been made in a very systematic manner. He said that such industries are needed not only in Dharmabad but also in the country. Speaking as a college professor, he explained that the project would be highly beneficial. He stated that biodiesel is less polluting compared to petrol and diesel, as it emits much lower quantities of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide into the atmosphere and also reduces water pollution. Therefore, he said that establishing such projects is not only the need of Dharmabad but also the need of the present time. He further explained that under the New Education Policy (NEP), On-the-Job Training (OJT) has been made compulsory by the Government. This starts from Class III, where students are required to undertake ten hours of project work annually. Students are expected to work with local artisans such as carpenters and masons available in their villages. Similarly, project work has been made compulsory for students of Class XII, degree, and postgraduate courses. He stated that such students should receive industrial exposure through On-the-Job Training. He further mentioned that he has been teaching M.Sc. Chemistry for the last 30 years and that, due to the absence of industries in the area, students have to go to places such as Pune and Chh. Sambhajinagar. Establishment of such an industry would therefore be a matter of pride for both the college and Dharmabad. He emphasized that collaboration between educational institutions and industries is essential. He explained that while theoretical knowledge is imparted in classrooms, practical experience in industries enables students to become self-employed and contribute to the nation's prosperity. He concluded by	Proponent, thanked Shri Shivajirao Patwari for expressing his views and extending his support to the project.
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	stating that this project is highly necessary and recommended that it should be sanctioned at the earliest.		
6.	Shri Yogesh Jayashet, R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, District Nanded, asked whether CSR has been proposed under this project.	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, replied that the project cost is approximately ₹5 crore, and about 2% of the project cost, i.e., nearly ₹10 lakh, will be spent by the project proponent in the surrounding areas such as Dharmabad and Balapur, based on their requirements. The funds will be utilized by the concerned Nagar Panchayats for the works identified by them.	—
7.	Shri Saikumar (Advocate), R/o Balapur, Taluka Dharmabad, District Nanded, asked that since water is the primary resource for the project, from where would it be sourced? He also enquired whether the project would create any water scarcity issues for the local residents.	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, replied that the total water requirement of the project is 38 KLD, of which the fresh water requirement is 16 KLD. He explained that this is equivalent to approximately one 15 KLD water tanker, which is commonly supplied in villages. Initially, the project proponent will use tanker water for operating the plant. Subsequently, after obtaining permission from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), groundwater will be utilized to meet the future water requirement. He clarified that the project does not require a large quantity of water and that the daily requirement is only about 15-16 KLD, equivalent to one water tanker.	—
8.	Shri Ijalkar, Retired Professor, R/o Dharmabad, District Nanded, first welcomed the young entrepreneur for entering the industrial sector. He stated that nowadays everyone pursues education only for employment, whereas	Shri Shantanu Patil, Project Proponent, Dharmabad, thanked Shri Ijalkar for expressing his views and support for the project.	—

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the project proponent has chosen entrepreneurship. He said that establishing industries in rural areas is the need of the time and referred to Mahatma Gandhi's message of "Go to the villages." He observed that educated youth are no longer willing to stay in villages because of the lack of industrial opportunities and are migrating to cities such as Mumbai, Bengaluru. He stated that if a new entrepreneur starts an industry in a village, such efforts should be encouraged. He also pointed out that entrepreneurs face many difficulties in obtaining project approvals, completing documentation, and securing bank loans, often becoming discouraged due to repeated visits to government offices. Therefore, he said it is the responsibility of both the Government and its officers to encourage such entrepreneurs by simplifying procedures and ensuring that licences and permissions are granted with minimum documentation. He further stated that despite Nanded being a district headquarters, it has hardly any industries, resulting in educated youth migrating to cities. He mentioned that although Bhokar MIDC areas exist, they largely remain undeveloped, with no industries except a chilli-related industry in Dharmabad, which itself is pollution-intensive. He emphasized that there are no industries providing meaningful benefits to society in the region. Therefore, he urged the Government to assist such entrepreneurs, resolve their difficulties, promote industrial development in rural areas, and thereby encourage rural development. He observed that villages are now inhabited mainly by elderly people because educated youth have moved to cities due to the absence of industries. He concluded by recommending that industries should be established in rural areas and that everyone should encourage such entrepreneurs.		
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9.	—	Shri Rajesh Mankar, Environmental Consultant, replied that there is no specific standard prescribed exclusively for biodiesel. The raw materials for biodiesel production will consist of fatty acids, oil seeds, and solvent extracts, which will undergo processing to produce biodiesel. He further stated that after submission of the application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), the project will comply with the prescribed standards for the DG set and install the required air pollution control system for the thermic fluid heater. The Technical Consultant further informed that the product specifications of the project would conform to ISI Standards.	Shri Manish Holkar, Committee Member and Regional Officer, enquired whether the Government has prescribed any standards for the biodiesel proposed to be manufactured under the project and whether those standards would be achieved.
10.	—	The Technical Consultant informed that the biodiesel would be manufactured directly in accordance with the prescribed standards.	Shri Suryakant Shinde, Committee Convener and Sub-Regional Officer, asked whether the product would be manufactured directly as per the prescribed standards.
11.	—	The Technical Consultant informed that the process requires approximately 1.5% catalyst and 20% methanol. Out of this, about 1.5% would become waste. After water recovery, only a small trace quantity would remain in the water. He further explained that the remaining oil content and containers would also be accounted for within the project ratio and that the waste would not exceed 1.5-2% of	Shri Manish Holkar, Committee Member and Regional Officer, asked about the quantity of the three types of waste generated, namely spent methanol, distillation residue, alkali residue.

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		the product. He also added that when the project was being planned, discussions were held regarding the benefits to the village. He stated that land in Nanded was comparatively cheaper, and despite stricter pollution norms, the project proponent decided to establish the project there, believing that someone had to take the initiative. He further stated that once the plant becomes operational, tanker movement and associated commercial activities would generate additional business opportunities, including food and other services. Availability of electricity and establishment of one industry would encourage other industries to come forward. Therefore, besides direct employment to 10-11 persons, the project would create a much larger scope of indirect development.	
12.	—	The Technical Consultant replied that a 96.7% purity, which is acceptable under BIS Standards, would be achieved in the project. He further stated that the biodiesel produced would be supplied through tenders to Indian Oil and BPCL.	Shri Manish Holkar, Committee Member and Regional Officer, asked about the blending compatibility of the project product and whether it would have to be mixed with petrol.
13.	Shri Hirakant Bhujang Waghmare, Sarpanch, R/o Atakur, welcomed all the dignitaries present and expressed his pride that such a project was being established by a young entrepreneur in a rural area. He conveyed his support for the project and suggested that maximum employment opportunities should be	Shri Shantanu Patil, Project Proponent, R/o Dharmabad, District Nanded, thanked Shri Hirakant Bhujang Waghmare for expressing his support and consent for the project.	—

	provided to educated youth and young people.		
14.	Shri Baburao Maruti Patil , Former Sarpanch, Alur, raised the issue of whether the residents of Balapur and Dharmabad would receive employment opportunities through the project and whether the project would provide any employment benefits.	Shri Rajesh Mankar , Environmental Consultant, replied that the project would provide direct employment to 11 persons, who would primarily be selected from the local area. Apart from this, he assured that the local people would receive 100% indirect benefits from the project.	—
15.	Shri Ramrao Laxman Aale , Deputy Sarpanch, R/o Alur, first welcomed all the dignitaries and officials present on the dais. He stated that near the Godavari River, the earlier Pioneer (Diazo) Factory has been operating since around 1992-95 and has been consuming a substantial quantity of water. However, despite this, there has never been any water scarcity in the area, even during drought years. Therefore, he expressed his opinion that this comparatively small project would not create any water shortage. He further stated that Shri Chandrakant Patil and Shri Shantanu Patil had shown great courage by investing such a large amount of capital in a rural area. He said that he had never imagined that a young entrepreneur from a rural background would establish such a project, as most people either enter politics or engage in small businesses. He expressed confidence that this project would encourage many more projects in the future, enhance the reputation of the taluka, generate employment for unemployed youth, and expand further in the future. He congratulated Shri Chandrakant Patil and Shri Shantanu Patil and stated that he felt proud of them. He requested that more young entrepreneurs should emerge and more employment opportunities should be created. Addressing the Hon'ble Chairman and the District Collector, he specifically requested that whether the project provides employment to 11	Shri Shantanu Patil , R/o Dharmabad, Project Proponent, thanked to the participant.	—

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	persons initially or expands in future requiring more workers, priority should always be given to local people. He referred to the Pioneer Factory, where around 500–1,000 workers are employed, but stated that contractors generally recruit labourers from other states such as Bihar and Rajasthan at lower wages. He pointed out that many educated unemployed youths in the local area are engaged in agriculture due to lack of employment opportunities. Therefore, he requested Shri Chandrakant Patil that if the project expands in future and requires 100 or even 1,000 workers, employment should be provided to rural youth from the local area and appropriate measures should be taken to ensure employment opportunities for local residents.		
16.	Shri Sainath Chapale, Deputy Sarpanch, Banali, stated that Mouza Banali once had the largest Dalda Factory, which was subsequently closed. Thereafter, no entrepreneur or young person from Dharmabad came forward to establish any industry. People either opened small shops, worked as accountants, or pursued employment after completing their education. He expressed his sincere appreciation to Shri Chandrakant Patil for taking the initiative to establish a new factory after the closure of the earlier industry. He stated that today's public hearing had been organized as part of the documentation process for establishing the factory. Referring to the single-window system available in banks, he requested the authorities to provide a similar single-window clearance mechanism for entrepreneurs. He pointed out that entrepreneurs in villages located on the Telangana border face several technical difficulties, and rural people generally have limited awareness of environmental requirements beyond activities such as tree plantation. Therefore, he requested the concerned officers to examine all the technical	Shri Shantanu Patil, R/o Dharmabad, Project Proponent, thanked to the participant.	—

aspects and grant the required approvals through a single-window system so that the factory can commence operations at the earliest.		
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The Chairman the public Hearing Panel in his concluding remark assured that all the points raised in the public Hearing will be incorporate in the minutes and clarified that the processing of public Hearing will be submitting to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra.

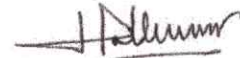
The Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all the local people, project officials and environmentalists and declared that the meeting is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



(Suryakant J. Shinde)

Convenor of Public Hearing Panel &
Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Nanded



(Manish Holkar)

Member of Public Hearing Panel
Regional Officer, MPCB Chhatrapati
Sambhajinagar



(Dr. Ratnadeep Gaikwad)

Chairman of Environment Public Hearing Committee &
Additional District Magistrate, Nanded

