

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED  
EXPANSION OF MULTIPLE GRADES OF NPK FERTILIZERS  
MANUFACTURING AT M/S DEEPAK FERTILISERS &  
PETROCHEMICALS CORPORATON LTD., (DFPCL) AT PLOT  
NO.K-1 to K-5, MIDC INDUSTRIAL AREA, TALOJA, DIST -  
RAIGAD**

The public hearing for proposed expansion of Multiple Grades of NPK Fertilizers Manufacturing at M/s Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., (DFPCL) at Plot No.K-1 to K-5, MIDC Industrial Area, Taloja, Dist-Raigad was conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 at 11.30 hrs at Conference Hall of Taloja Manufacturers Association, MIDC, Taloja, Dist Raigad, Maharashtra.

Board Office constituted following panel members for conducting public hearing vide Board's Office Order E-/06 of 2017 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-354, dated 25/1/2017 :-

- 1) Shri Kiran Panbude, **- Chairman,**  
Additional District Magistrate, Raigad  
(Representative of District Magistrate,  
Raigad)
- 2) Shri. A. M. Mohekar, **- Member**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Navi Mumbai  
(Representative of the MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Shri Satish H. Padwal, **-Convener**  
Sub Regional Officer,  
Navi Mumbai-III,  
MPCB, Navi Mumbai

Shri Padwal, Sub Regional Officer, Navi Mumbai-III MPCB, Convener of the said meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Members of Public Hearing Panel, company representatives and general public who were present in large and informed that, as per EIA Notification of GoI, MoEF dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, as amended, on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, Navi Mumbai-III, MPCB, was in receipt of application of M/s Deepak Fertilisers And Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., MIDC Industrial Area, Taloja, Dist-Raigad for conducting public hearing for proposed capacity expansion at existing plant for the production of NPK Fertilizers from 6.0 Lakhs MTPA to 11.25 Lakhs MTPA.

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, the project falls under Category "A" 5 (a), Chemical Fertilizers project or activities. The aim of conducting public hearing 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. The MoEF, Govt. of India has recommended the proposal as per ToR in its 11<sup>th</sup> Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee

(Industry-2) Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Sakal and Daily Krishival for Marathi and in The Indian Express for English on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. He said that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at Ministry of Environment & Forest Office, Nagpur and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Raigad; Additional District Magistrate - Raigad; Sub Divisional Office, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad, at office of newly constituted Panvel Municipal Corporation, Panvel; Sub Regional Office, Navi Mumbai-III, MPCB; Regional Office, MPCB, Navi Mumbai, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Zilla Parishad-Raigad, District Industries Centre- Raigad, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. Convener further informed that the office of Sub Regional Officer, Navi Mumbai-III, MPCB, was in receipt of Two objections. They were informed to attend this meeting. Convener of the meeting appealed to the Chairman of the Committee to allow starting the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Kiran Panbude, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all and informed the officials of the project to explain the details

about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He further appealed general public to give their objections / suggestions if any, about the project after technical presentation of the unit.

Shri Lele, Associate Vice President of the Project Proponent company gave the presentation of the expansion project and Environment Management Plan in detail. He informed that the company is in existence since 1983 and grew up with co-operation of local people and committed for clean environment and socio-economic development of the area. The company is committed to Environment Protection and has installed Ambient Air Monitoring stations, On line Stack Monitoring and On line effluent quality monitoring system as per CPCB guidelines. Proponent has developed 33% of open space as green development and also developing more on MIDC leased plots of about 8 Acres. Proponent has also developed UFRO project for effluent recycle instead of going for higher water requirement for the project. The project is active member of Mutual Aid Response group and has prepared On site Emergency Plan in place and also prepared green book for Taloja MIDC for Off site Emergency Control. Project Proponent has won many prestigious awards like Sir P.C. Roy Award for being the **“Best Chemical Industrial Unit”** in

India, National Safety Council Safety Awards for Industrial Safety many years, and Greentech Awards for Safety and Environment. Company is ISO 9001, 14001 & OHSAS18001 compliant and also certified as Responsible Care Unit. As the expansion will be carried in the existing premises, there is no requirement of extra land for the proposed expansion. The proponent company always follows the statutory rules and paid the local taxes i.e. Grampanchayat Taxes of Rs. Four Crores from 1983 to Pale and now Tondare Grampanchayat. As per need of the present circumstances, the Govt. of Maharashtra has taken the decision to constitute Panvel Municipal Corporation and as the project falls under the newly established Panvel Municipal Corporation area, the project proponent is duty bound to pay the local taxes newly Panvel Municipal Corporation.

Shri Lele informed that due to the manufacturing activities of the existing operations at Taloja, Govt. of India has earned foreign exchange of about 700 Million USD i.e. about Rs422 Cr during last five years. The project proponent is paying about Rs 575 Cr to the government in terms of taxes and duties every year. The project proponent has ear-marked Rs. 20 Cr for inception of modern pollution control devices and as in the past, the project is

committed for the clean environment and development of the local area.

Company officials gave the power point presentation of the Environment Management Plan in detail. Presentation on CSR activities was also made.

After the presentation, Chairman of the Committee appealed public to give suggestions or objections if any. He appealed that as this meeting is conducted for the pollution control and Environment Management Plan, the suggestions or objections please be accordingly.

Shri. Arvind Mhatre, resident of Navada Phata objected for the expansion of the project and objected that as per the study made by him with the help of local people, whatever mentioned in the report is misleading. The mention of crops such as Lal Chana is not at all sown in local area. The local area is famous for paddy crops. So also in the report it is mentioned that there is no water scarcity in the vicinity. It is totally wrong. The company has dug unauthorized 20-30 bore wells in the company premises. Hence the common people residing near the vicinity of Dongaricha Pada village are suffering water scarcity.

He said though the company officials inform that local youths have been given job opportunities in the plants, they have not

appointed a single local personnel. As the coal will be used in the production activities, the nearby residents will suffer skin diseases due to emitting of coal powder in the environment and our future generation will suffer a lot. Shri Arvind Mhatre further blamed that though the company is reporting that under CSR Fund, they have provided computers to local school, the used/old computers have been provided, which are not useful. Hence the expansion of the project should not be allowed.

Shri Haribhau Phadke, resident of Dongaricha Pada informed that MIDC has acquired the land from the local farmers promising them that the local youths and their children will be given job opportunities. But nothing is done so far and local people are deprived from their rights. Company officials inform that they have distributed the cows and calf to the local people. But nothing is given to local residents and people from other villages have been given the benefit. The students studying in the vicinity of the project are not getting the books, note books. The company has built the small shed for hospital and no medical assistance is available there. If the project proponent is not keeping the promises to local people, we are against the expansion of the project.

Shri Balaram Gajanan Patil, resident of Navade village blamed that the project is imported from Bhopal, where the worst industrial accident of the World occurred. The local residents while passing on the road near the project, every time suffers noise pollution due to steam blasting activities carried in the process. He suggested to carry out detailed survey regarding the employment of local people. He expressed the opinion that periodical training should be extended to new comers as well as working personnel. The local people especially youths should be given priority for job.

Shri Akash Phadke, resident of Devicha Pada informed that he is local resident and the Project proponent company is giving job opportunities to local people alongwith others, many local youths are working in the project and company.

Shri Lahu Kamalakar Dhongare, resident of Dhongaracha Pada blamed that due to production activities in the MIDC, the local people are suffering asthma and other serious lung diseases. So also drainage lines are totally clogged/ blogged and people residing in the vicinity are suffering by mosquito nuisance and smell. The cleaning activities are not carried by the concerned. So also the rich landlords have been benefited by providing cows and calf instead of needy local people. He suggested that the survey



should be carried out for identifying the sources of pollution of River Kasardi.

Shri Jaidas Dongare, resident of Dhongaricha Pada, a ITI Fitter working in the project opined that the objections raised by certain people are misleading. He is local resident and got the job opportunity in the project. He said, it is observed that not a drop of effluent is allowed to go outside the company without treatment in ETP, nothing is allowed to go in the river as mentioned by somebody.

Shri Balaram Atamaram Gondhale, former Sarpanch objected that the meeting is convened without prior information to local people. Even the copy of EIA report is not made available to the local grampanchayat. As the local people are busy in celebrating the Ganesh Jayanti, the response from the local people is poor. He appealed Chairman of the Committee to call the meeting again.

Shri Sharad Patil, local resident of Devicha Pada-opined that the local people should made available the information of pollution control measures carried out by project proponent.

Shri Baban Bhoir, resident of Pale village remarked that the safety measures implemented by the project officials are good but what about the environment degradation. The local people are

worried about air pollution, noise pollution. The residents of Devicha Pada, Dongaricha Pada are mostly affected due to noise pollution in MIDC. The priority should be given to local people for job opportunities. He further suggested carrying out social survey of local youths and needy youths should be extended training facilities to get job in and around Taloja MIDC area. He remarked that the local people desire the project for the development of the area.

Shri Ajay Patil, local resident who is labour supplier informed that the local youths are given job opportunities in the project as he is supplying the labours to the project, the person willing and desiring work are getting jobs.

Shri Sudesh Ramdas Phadke, resident of Devicha Pada remarked that due to this project, the ill-effects have been observed on the crops and agriculture production is deteriorating. As the project proponent have dug unauthorized bore wells and illegally lifting the water, the water level of the adjoining Devacha Pada is decreased and residents of Devicha Pada are not getting the enough water. He suggested carrying the survey of Kasardi River immediately to restore its natural course. The survey report be made available to local people.

Ms Shubhangi Patil, Chemical Engineer and resident of Panvel remarked that the local students after completion of 10<sup>th</sup> standards should be given job oriented training for job opportunities; students also should study hard and give attention in knowledge gain.

Shri Panbude, Chairman of the Committee here appealed local people who are present in large number to give suggestions or raise objections if any on environmental issues only.

Shri Dhanaji Nanajimaharaj Patil local resident remarked that it is observed that local people are not invited for the meeting. There are some section of people who are just praising the project. The question is regarding environmental pollution. The Kasardi river has become totally polluted. The project is environment threat and the ill-effects will be suffered by next generation. The local people have been deprived from the promises made by the project proponent. If the project proponent does not implement the environment management plan, the "Pollution Prevention Samiti" will organize the agitation and will march on the project site.

Shri Bhaskar Koparkar, IGPL employee, resident of Pendar gaon informed that the people residing in the vicinity suffers due to smell and noise nuisance due to the project. Hence, the problem of noise and smell nuisance should be treated. He suggested that local people should be benefited under CSR fund and informed the fear of the local people of use of coal and threat of coal dust in the environment. The incomplete combustion will spread coal dust in the environment and residents may suffer asthma, bronchitis. He further blamed that the project officials have not provided flue gas system and suggested that Environment Management Plan should be implemented wholeheartedly.

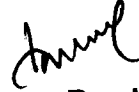
Shri Lele of Project Proponent assured noting of the EHS points and corrective actions wherever necessary and mentioning the same with action taken report in EIA.

After detailed discussions, Chairman of the Committee ShriKiran Panbude informed that almost all the issues have been discussed and the suggestions, objections raised by the general public will be submitted to Expert Committee of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India.

Shri Panbude, Chairman of the Committee thanked all panel members, government officials and local people who have attended in large number while concluding the meeting.

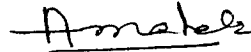
The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

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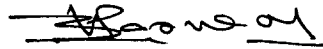
**(Kiran Panbude)**

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