

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF SANITARY LANDFILL FOR COMMON MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OF 150 TPD CAPACITY AT GUT NO. 67, (RESERVATION NO. A 41), SLAUGHTERHOUSE EXTENSION, PADEGAON, IN CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR DISTRICT CONDUCTED ON 13/06/2025 AT 11.30 A.M. AT MULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD RESEARCH CENTRE IN FRONT OF DOCTOR SALIM ALI LAKE TAL. & DIST.CHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR.

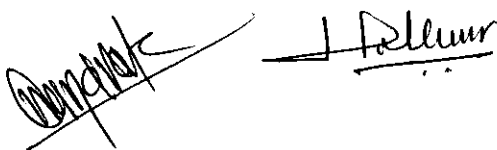
An environmental public hearing in respect of proposed of sanitary landfill site for common municipal solid waste management facility in respect of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation with proposed capacity of 150 TPD at site having its address as gut no. 67, (reservation no. a 41), slaughterhouse extension, padegaon was conducted on 13/06/2025 at 11.30 a.m. at Venue Mulana Abul Kalam Azad Research Center in front of Doctor Salim Ali Lake Tal. & Dist. Chatrapati Sambhajinagar.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 40 of 2025 vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -250515 – FTS-0122 dated 15-05-2025, the panel for public hearing was constituted & the following Panel members were present during the public hearing.

1. Shri Sambhaji Adkune,
Additional District Magistrate,

Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. Chairman.
2. Shri Manish Holkar,
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar Member.
3. Shri Achyut Nandvate,
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar. Convener.

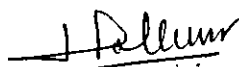
Shri. Achyut Nandvate, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who are present. He gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment procedure with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee.



Shri. Achyut Nandvate, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar and Convener informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, Gol) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation have submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 20.12.2024, But the mandatory Public hearing fees was submitted by Corporation on 08/04/2025. The venue & date of Public hearing was finalized as 13.06.2025 at 11.30 a.m. & venue as Mulana Abul Kalam Azad Research Center in front of Doctor Salim Ali Lake Tal. & Dist. Chatrapati Sambhajinagar with the approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Chh. Sambhajinagar. Accordingly, Public notice was published in Daily news paper Times of India (English) & Daily nes paper Sakal (Marathi) on dated 06.05.2025 as per procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. The Environmental Impact assessment Report (EIA Report) & executive summery documents containing the summary of the EIA Reports of the project (in English and Marathi) were made available for study to concerned interested persons in the respective corporation ward offices and other government offices as mentioned below -

1. District Collector Office, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Jilha Parishad Office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
3. Municipal Commissioner Office, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
4. District Industries Centre, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
5. Office of Assistant Commissioner, Zone 1, Municipal Corporation.
6. Office of Assistant Commissioner, Zone 2, Municipal Corporation.
7. Office of Assistant Commissioner, Zone 4, Municipal Corporation.
8. Sub-Regional Office, MPCB, Plot No. E-4/4, MIDC Waluj, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
9. Regional Office, MPCB, Plot No. E-4/4, MIDC Waluj, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
10. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd-4th floor, Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 22.



11.Environment Department, New Administrative Building, 15th floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 32.

12.Regional Office, Environment Department, West Division, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

It was submitted by Convenor of Public hearing that appeal was made in news paper to public, affected peoples of project to study project specifications in environmental angle & come forward with suggestions, objections & comments about the proposed project. The written say about project shall be submitted to Sub Regional Office, MPC Board till the date of public hearing & the same can be submitted in public hearing Or can be presented during the course of Hearing. The convener of Public hearing expressed that Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Chh. Sambhajinagar has received 237 statements of public through E-mail till date. Further he made appeal to public present for public hearing to come forward with their views, suggestions, objections about proposed project which will be video recorded as per procedure laid down. Further, proceeding of public hearing including your views, suggestions, objections along with video recording will be Submitted to Environment Department, Govt for Maharashtra for further decision which is their discretion only. He clarified that this public hearing is a platform to express your views, suggestions, objections only. The decision about grant of Environment clearance for the said project will be taken by Environment Department, Govt for Maharashtra.

The Convener requested project proponent to give a presentation on the proposed project. But during the said time, some participants came forward with their views & expressed as below:

1. Mr. Krushna Bankar, Ex-Councillor:

He stated "Presently Municipal solid project at padegaon is not operated properly and creating smell new sons in nearby vicinity which is endangering the health of nearby residence. The project at mitmita it's shifted to padegaon by Corporation illegally and created health problems of nearby residing 60000 to 70000 peoples. So the existing solid waste project at padega needs to be stopped immediately. So there is no question to support upcoming solid waste land fill project. We are going for protest against existing solid waste project and morcha will be taken against Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.



He further said " Some of the participants from padegaon area have started through the buses to reach for public hearing. So it will be appropriate to wait for these buses to reach so that they could attend the hearing. Second thing he mention that majority participants present here are employees of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation and it is not advisable to conduct public hearing in presence of this peoples."

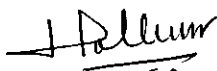
2. Mr. Vijay Bachke, Representative of Bahujan Samaj Party:

He said that Today is working day & majority of the affected public could not attend This hearing. Therefore, we request to postpone the said public hearing & new date of public hearing shall be announced so that more citizens can participate and express their opinions."

3. Mr. Chetan Shinde – Representative of Gloriya Society:

"I thank District Collector of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar , officials of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for organizing this public hearing and giving platform to citizens & an opportunity to express their views, objections & opinions.. However, I would like to object procedure of MPCB to publish public notice for public hearing in News Paper Sakal & Times of India as most of the crowd residing in the said area doesn't read these news papers. Therefore, many people were not aware about this public hearing & couldn't attend the said public hearing. unaware of the hearing." He further added " Presently Municipal solid project at padegaon is not operated properly and creating smell new sons in nearby vicinity which is endangering the health of nearby residence. The Municipal Corporation has failed to treat municipal solid waste efficiently & scientifically thereby creating adverse effect in nearby vicinity. Today's hearing clearly shows that not a single person is in favor of the project & everyone have expressed their oppose to it."

"Residents are already suffering due to pollution. Children and residents are already facing health issues. Therefore, I strongly urge that the landfill be shut down immediately. The addition of this landfill will only worsen the problem. "



4. Dr. Yashwant Kamble:

"As a local resident, I welcome this public hearing organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. We have been given a chance to express our opinions and objections. Therefore, I calmly and constitutionally register my strong objection against the proposed garbage depot." He further stated "Scientific research has shown that pollution affects the human body and brain. Given these facts, MPCB should not allow such harmful projects. Despite public objections, the government seems determined to approve this landfill. But residents have already started protesting."

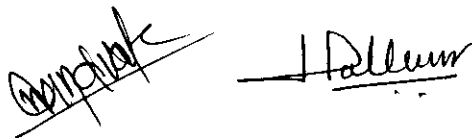
"If the garbage depot is not stopped now, it will severely harm our future generations. We appeal to the authorities to cancel this expansion proposal. The Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Municipal Corporation's plan to expand the existing garbage processing project is completely opposed by the local residents."

5. Dr Balasaheb Munnar

I am residing in padegaon and contest against principal solid waste processing plant initiated by local residence sales last 25 years. Presently there is development of various residential projects including project by Mhada wherein Mhada have developed residential project of 650 flats but only occupied flats are 10% indicates lack of residing people in nearby area. We are regularly submitting our representation to authority and fighting against illegal dumping ground, but we have failed to Stop dumping ground at Padegaon. Therefore we are requesting you to stop dumping principal solid waste at Padegaon and save lives of our growing kids.

6. Ramrao Dabhade

I am residing in padegaon and contest against principal solid waste processing plant initiated by local residence sales last 25 years. but we have failed to Stop dumping ground at Padegaon. Therefore we are requesting you to stop dumping principal solid waste at Padegaon. Further, there is need to define safe distance of residential Colony from dumping ground



Mean time Mr. Krishna Bankar ex. Member of Corporation intervened Shri ramrao Dabhade's speech and Expressed towards Hon'ble additional district collector that the participants of public hearing want to know details of new proposed facility. So project performancell submit his PowerPoint presentation elaborating details of proposed project and facilities to the local residents thereof.

But Shri Ramrao Dabhade continued his speech saying that " he want to complete his say and then only project proponent will start his presentation. Shri. Dabhade continued that he had made lot of complaints about illegal operations of dumping ground of Municipal Corporation to The Commissioner Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. I had done my one day hunger strike in front of Honorable district collector on Independence Day. There is need of permanent closure of existing processing site at Padegaon. But no one have taken cognizance of my complaint. Therefore authorities are requestted to incorporate his say in minutes of public hearing and send it to authorities."

7. Shri Bhaskar maske Engineer

I am residing in the said area and present public hearing is not for the existing waste processing site but it is for disposal of existing hips of garbage into ground. The disposal of garbage into ground will deteriote underground water quality their by which contaminate drinking water sources of the area including Wells and borewells. The contamination of underground water sources will create adverse effect on health of nearby residence. The shifting of Waste processing site is done with due permission from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The proposed project is second phase of waste processing and we are opposing existing waste processing project.

8. Asif Khan

I am residing area and processing of municipal solid waste at padegaon is being not done as per the directives issued by honourable High Court. There is no waste processing and only dumping up garbage is been done.



9. Shri Shakir Khan social worker

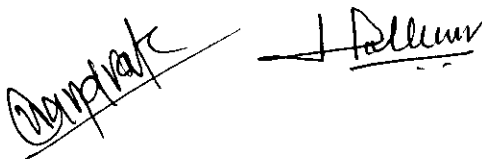
He expressed that he is residing at the site and raised following questions. Existing waste processing project is authorised by Maharashtra pollution control board? , who have given permission for the sad project? Is ambient air quality monitoring being done by Maharashtra pollution control board ? If any citizen burns his Municipal solid waste then municipal corporation is collecting fine of Rs. 5000/- . But municipal corporation is burning garbage at padegaon site regularly. Is there any authority to collect fine from Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation?

8. Chairman of public hearing committee and additional district collector

He expressed that public hearing is organised for proposed land fill project. There is no permission given to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation for propose land field project. Your remaining questions will be answered by concern Maharashtra Pollution Control Board officials.

9. Convener of public hearing and Sub Regional officer MPCB

He submitted that " public hearing is organized for proposed land fill project. There is no permission given to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation for proposed land fill project. Your views, opinion, objections and suggestions will be recorded through minutes & video recording is being carried out and submitted to authorities for the decision. MPCB have issued authorization to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation for existing waste processing site at padegaon. The air quality monitoring is being carried out in the vicinity of padegaon waste processing site and reports thereof can be made available from the office of MPCB. Further he submitted that continuous ambient air quality monitoring is being carried out in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation area at three different locations and reports of air quality are being made available on website of the Board. MPCB have issued various directions to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation for scientific operations of waste processing site at Padegaon. "



Further he submitted that " MPCB have filed various affidavits in Court cases which are being pending in Hon'ble Court. The fire incidence in waste processing site are due to generation of Methane Gas and there is no any intentional fire by municipal corporation in dumping site. But apart from above, matter will be investigated & appropriate action may be initiated"


The participants of public hearing shouted with noise that this fire is being done intentionally and Corporation peoples are burning garbage in our area. The participants of public hearing demanded permanent closer of the waste processing site. The crowd was shouting with demand of permanent closure of padegaon Waste processing site.

10. Shri Bankar , ex member of corporation.

Mean time Shri Bankar came forward from the crowd and Expressed his thoughts stating that public hearing is being organise to know your views opinion objections about proposed land fill project. This public hearing committee is not impowered for permanent closure of padegaon waste processing plant. We will separately file our application for the same to Maharashtra pollution control board and will start our protest in front of office of MPCB. The existing padegaon West processing facility is illegal encroachment in our residential area which have deteriorated underground water quality. The underground water is of a black and yellowish coloured coming from borewells and Wells. So there is no question to support upcoming solid waste land fill project. We are going for protest against existing solid waste project and morcha will be taken against Maharashtra pollution control board. Therefore committee is requested to record our say and our protest to the existing processing site shall be submitted to authorities. Further he requested project proponent to submit his PowerPoint presentation about proposed project

11. Ganesh Bondre resident of Gloria society

" I am resident of Gloria society and I have a video clip of waste processing by Corporation at padegaon dumping site. I want to show this video clip to the participants of this public hearing so that they can know actual picture of waste processing and negligent attitude of municipal corporation. "



Further he submitted that " Maharashtra pollution control board have accorded permission to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar municipal corporation in 2011 for waste processing facility at padegaon. Maharashtra pollution control boards needs to monitor pollution levels due to processing of garbage and needs to initiate action against Corporation. There is need of maintaining buffer zone of 200 to 500 mt from residential area as per guidelines issued by central pollution control board but there is no demarked buffer zone padegaon dump site.

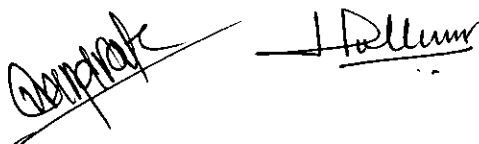
Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation have accorded permission special complexes, Police Colony, housing projects within buffer zone of 200 mts. There are various religious like Mandir mosque in surrounding area. There is a paregaon extended slaughterhouse located at Jason to the municipal waste processing site. "

Further he submitted that " Residents of Padega have filed various complaints to district collector Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Maharashtra pollution control board but no one have taken cognizance of our complaints. There is need of monitoring of ambient air quality within premises of padegaon processing site. Maharashtra pollution control board need to initiate stringent legal action against Corporation for unscientific waste processing at site. If processing of garbage is not being done as per the guidelines issued then Maharashtra pollution control board is empowered to revoke the permission given to corporation for setting of waste processing facility at Padegaon".

Further he submitted that " Residents of Padega have filed various complaints to District collector Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar , MPCB since 2018 but no one have taken cognizance of our complaints. Garbage processing plant is creating various adverse effect on health of nearby residents so there is need to stop the said project permanently and demanded to initiate appropriate action against defaulter official of MPCB and concerned departments."

12. Sunil Jadhav resident of Gloria society

I am residing in Gloria society and request to postpone the said public hearing. The next public hearing shall be organised at site so that public hearing panel and other officials will know factual position of waste processing at site.



13. Representative of ex-member of Corporation Shrimati Manisha Patel

We are fighting against dumping ground at Padega since long back. He questioned how Maharashtra pollution control board have given permission to the said site. MPCB in one of the affidavit of Nashik municipal corporation have submitted that there is need of buffer zone of 500 m from residential complex and garbage processing site. For the rate is submitted that there is need of distance of 500 m from river for setting up garbage processing plant. But in padegaon natural river is flowing at about 270 mts from Garbage processing plant. Then how Maharashtra pollution control board have accorded permission for padegaon garbage processing plant. The underground water quality of and Wells is contaminated due to garbage processing plant and created adverse effect on health of residents.

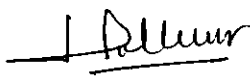
Main time video clip of waste processing plant at padegaon was displayed on the screen. The fire incidence at dumping yard where video recorder along with geographical location of site. The video clip was show participant thereby which crowd got excited with demand to initiate appropriate legal action against Corporation officials and permanent closure of garbage processing facility at Padegaon.

14. Shrimati Puja Kumar resident of Gloria society

I am residing in Gloria societies since last 7 years. Garbage processing plant have been created adverse effect on health of nearby resident and specifically our kids. The groundwater quality and ambient air quality have been deteriorated. We participants have came here to request you for permanent closure of garbage processing plant at Padegaon and requesting to save future of our kids.

15. Shri. Krishna Bankar, ex member of corporation.

The proposed project is second phase of waste processing and we are opposing existing waste processing project. So there is no question to Accord permission from our side for padegaon garbage processing plant. The public hearing panel is requested to communicate our feeling and our oppose to authorities. Now I would like to know the details of landfill project from Project proponent.



16. Professor Dr. Bharat Pagare

I am resident of the said area and demands for permanent closure of garbage processing plant at Padegaon

17. Shri. Krishna Bankar, ex member of corporation

He requested public hearing committee to communicate feelings of residents and their oppose to authorities at Mantralaya. Public hearing convener Shri nandvate submitted that Maharashtra pollution control board have received 237 return statements about the project till the time. Statement received in totality along with views opinion objections raised during public hearing will be video recorded and minutes of the said public hearing will be submitted to authorities at Mantralaya for further necessary decision.

18. Priest of Hanuman temple Sri Muralidhar Maharaj

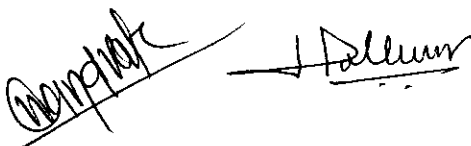
The garbage project at Padegaon have created smell nuisance and unhygienic environment in nearby vicinity there by which endangering health of residents. There are Holy religious places like Mandir mosque in the side area so there is need of permanent a closure of garbage processing plant.

19. Shri Siddheshwar Shelke resident of Mhada project

I am resident of Mhada project and submit that garbage plant at our area is not operated in scientific way. The groundwater quality of and borvels in our area is contaminated due to garbage processing plant. The air quality in our area is also deteriorated there by which peoples are suffering from various respiratory diseases. Control board is performing his duties and not initiating action against Municipal Corporation.

20. Shri. Krishna Bankar, ex member of corporation

He requested public hearing committee to communicate feelings of residents and their oppose to authorities at Mantralaya. Various peoples from padegaon want to express there thoughts against illegal garbage processing plant but there is a time constraint. So I would request project proponent PowerPoint presentation about proposed land fill site



But the participants were excited and shouting with demand to close down garbage processing plant. The crowd was aggravated and was not ready to listen anything from public hearing panel. The chairman of public hearing along with convener where requesting participants to be seated on their seat and watch the PowerPoint presentation made by project proponent. But no one from participants were ready to listen and started moving out of the hall.

The Chairman of public hearing committee and additional collector Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar came forward and requested to listen him for a while. He stated that the minutes of meeting including your views opinion suggestions objections along with video recording will be send to authorities at Mantralaya for further necessary decision. We have received 237 written statements and additional received during this hearing will be compiled together and submitted to Mantralaya. The decision about environment clearance permission will be taken by committees at Mantralaya. Therefore I would declare that the public hearing is finished



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