

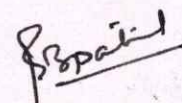
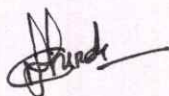
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN EXISTING UNIT OF MOLASSES BASED DISTILLRY FROM 45.0 KLPD TO 100.0 KLPD (INCREASE BY 55.0 KLPD) PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S LOKNETE MARUTRAO GHULE PATIL DYANESHWAR SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LIMITED, AT POST - BHENDE BUDRUK, TALUKA - NEWASA, DISTRICT - AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed expansion in existing unit of Molasses Based Distillery from 45.0 KLPD to 100.0 KLPD (Increase by 55.0 KLD) Proponent M/s. Loknete Marutrao Ghule Patil Dyaneshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, At Post - Bhende Budruk, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -, Maharashtra was conducted on Friday, the 24th February, 2023 at 11.00 noon at project site.

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar and Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Rajendra Patil, Additional District Magistrate, Ahmednagar and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as 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.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s. Loknete Marutrao Ghule Patil Dyaneshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, At Post - Bhende Budruk, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for proposed expansion in existing unit of Molasses Based Distillery from 45.0 KLPD to 100.0 KLPD (Increase by 55.0 KLD) at post- Bhende Budruk, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.



Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B 1 5 (g) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment & Climate Change, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai for which prior environmental public hearing is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior 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.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report (ToR) to State Environment Appraisal Committee, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and it has been considered and given online approval on 22-08-2022.

After sanction from District Collector, Ahmednagar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 24th February, 2023 at 11.00 noon, and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 14 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 230209 FTS- 0154 dated 09-02-2023 :-

1) District Magistrate-Ahmednagar
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the rank of an Additional District
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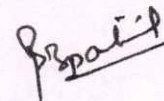
Chairman

2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Nashik,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Nashik.

Member

3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Ahmednagar.

Convener



As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar in the Local Newspaper in Daily Sakal in Marathi and in National Newspaper Times of India in English on 22-01-2023. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

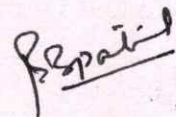
Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as under:-

- 1) District Collector, Ahmednagar;
- 2) General Manager, District Industries Center, Ahmednagar;
- 3) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar;
- 4) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Newasa, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -;
- 5) Gram Panchayat Office - Bhende Budruk, Bhende Khurd, Kukana, Soundala, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -;
- 6) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032.
- 7) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022, Mumbai.
- 8) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, Nashik.
- 9) Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar.
- 10) Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.

Convener informed that 25 Nos. Objections/suggestions letters for expansion of the factory have been received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahmednagar.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, suggestions, objections and has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The



suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

The Regional officer as a Member of the Public Hearing Panel was not present. The participant objected to conduct the public hearing in absence of Regional Officer. The convener informed that, the public hearing can be proceeded with chairman & convener.

Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project Proponent and minutes of the meeting after approval of Chairman will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same He requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

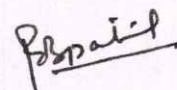
With the permission of the Honorable Chairman, the Project Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the project and the Environmental Management Plan. He said that the total cost of the said project will be Rs.131.67 crores while the total cost for environmental management is Rs.1,795.0 lakhs and maintenance cost is Rs.32.25 lakhs. He gave the detail information regarding proposed expansion project with pollution control measures.

The said project is a Zero Liquid Discharge (Zero Liquid Discharge) project. In the proposed Distillery Expansion Project, 35.0 TPH incineration boiler with 60 m height chimney and ESP will be implemented.

After the presentation, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise their suggestions, objections if any regarding the proposed project in environmental angel only and while raising the suggestions, objections to mention the name and village name while registering suggestions or objections.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee :-





1) Hon. Shri Balasaheb Damodar Murkute, Ex MLA, Devgaon, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

We are presenting our objections. It is requested to make us available the CD of all the proceedings of this meeting. As per the demand of the public, the said public hearing is expected to be held at Collector Office-Ahmednagar.

In the General Body Meeting of the said factory, while the Factory Management proposed the expansion of the distillery, some of the farmers from us have registered the objections. However, we request that those objections should be noted. The Management has tried to pressurize in that meeting and also in yesterday's meeting. Even today we say that 25-26 objections we have raised before you in writing. As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, the directives of the Central Government will also be acceptable to us. The demand from our local people is that the farmers who supply sugarcane from their fields to the factory should get a fair price. Workers should get fair wages.

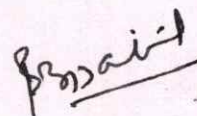
He demanded that though while preparing the said report, the survey of 10 km radius from the project site is carried , the survey of 5 km radius from the project site should be carried out consisting of water, various sources of water, bore well, lake, samples of air pollution and soil pollution at various locations immediately along with local farmers.

In the presentation, the pH is mentioned in the range of 5.5. Even today, even now if we have sampled the water and if the pH is found to be normal in five villages in the factory area, we don't mind. But it is not normal. Similarly, there is air pollution in the area.

Central Government's condition for this project, i.e. Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD), does not seem to be implemented anywhere. i.e. what is applicable to 45.0 KLPD, applicable for expansion also. But that doesn't seem to be happening. So after expansion of the project is not possible to meet the condition of ZLD.

The spent wash stored in the soil bund due to this soil is polluted. It is informed that spent wash shall be converted into compost or solidified and used as fuel. If it is also applicable to 45.0 KLPD., it does not seem to be happening in the working project.





Due to the accidents that have happened here in the past, the citizens of the area are suffering. However, for that, it is necessary to conduct a survey of the area, to conduct an inspection of the project site by the Environment Public Hearing Committee.

During monsoon, the spent wash gets mixed with water and flows through the river channel i.e. from Bhende village to Tarodi village and from Tarodi village to Kukana village and finally it goes to Jayakwadi dam. However, we request the Environmental Public Hearing Committee that they should conduct a survey in this regard today. There are two sugar factories in the Taluka.

Due to both Mula and Sant Dnyaneshwar factories here, the water from the east and west parts of the place goes to Jayakawadi through Pravara River and all the water there is getting spoiled.

Last month only, we have seen literally tons of fish dying in the river. The issue of drinking water for animals is also important.

Also, whatever villages there are in the periphery of the factory i.e. Bhende, Tarodi and other villages are being supplied with water by tankers.

So those villages should also be considered here. Because those villages do not get clean water. It affects all their families. However, the objections raised by the farmers regarding the expansion of the project, it is necessary to take the farmers' views into account and go before State and Central Government. It is necessary to implement EIA, 2006 in this project.

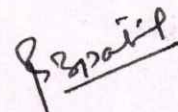
MPCB published public notice regarding public hearing in one local and one national newspaper on January 22, 2023. But the concerned Gram Panchayat Office has not published the public notice on the notice board.

The villagers did not know that there is a public hearing meeting today in the nearby village. Just yesterday a rickshaw was going around with a loudspeaker.

We are not against this project, but the farmers who support the project should do introspection. Consider the problem caused by factory effluent.

At this time, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed Shri Murkute to raise the environmental suggestions and objections regarding the proposed project.

Shri Murkute said here that all the units of the Effluent Treatment Plant should be operated efficiently.



Shri Murkute requested the Company Management that the monetary consideration of the by-product of the project was not received by the local farmers.

It should be given to farmers. Sixteen lakhs MT sugar cane crushing was done in the last year, Rs. 109 were taken in the form of deposits in the project. So Rs. 109/- should be given back to the farmers before operation of expanded project. Further action should be taken transparently on the objections taken.

2) Shri Appa Saheb Nanasaheb Vable, Residence - Bhende, Taluka - Newasa, District- Ahmednagar -

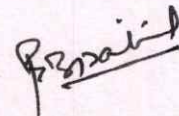
I live in Bhende. My objections to this expansion project have been submitted in writing. This project is causing water pollution and the sewage flowing in our land is causing bad smell. Now the project officials have put chemicals in to it to remove the bad smell. The old, operational project is causing massive water pollution and the problem we are facing due to this project is terrible. The water we used to drink earlier has become so dirty that it cannot even be used for washing. Factory officials say that it purifies the water and releases it, but it does not happen. All sewage is discharged into the sewer, there is a school, there is a high school. There are hostels for girls, there are vastis/settlements. Distilleries are terrible polluters. We have written complaints to the factory management, but no attention has been paid to it. The trees planted there 40 years ago have been burnt due to the sewage of the factory. So terrible pollution is being caused by this distillery project.

Hence, the expansion project should not be approved.

3) Shri Swapnil Dyandeo Gharat, Residence - At : Post - Soundala, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

My farm is in Bhende Budruk area. The four villages affected by the project put up a public notice on February 22, 2023, on the expiry date. Only two Gram Panchayats ie Bhende Budruk, Bhende Khurd. These two villages pasted a notice on the notice board. Later today, Kukana and Saundala i.e. the information that the public hearing is organized today has not reached 90% people.





It means that the paper got the news, so people got to know about the public hearing. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board failed to provide the EIA report even after complaining individually that the report is not made available by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report was made available, but it was in English. Farmers who don't know their own bank account, how will they know this English report, this distillery project is suffering so much that it cannot be expressed in words.

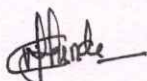
My demand to Environment Public Hearing Committee is to inspect the Zilla Parishad School at Bhende Budruk. The situation there is worse. spent wash is stored by the factory in Gut No.234. Every agricultural bore there gets completely red water. If that water falls on the crops, the crops get burnt. No tree will be seen near that Gut No.134. Surprisingly, the Presentation says that the factory will be Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project. This project is not at all ZLD project. As sugarcane crop come here for crushing and the Factory Management do sell spent wash to private tankers.

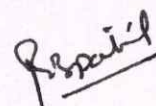
Factory pays them spent wash after weighing. Repeatedly complaining to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is of no use. MPCB officials give that complaint to the transport contractors only. Therefore, common citizens here are afraid to even complain and do not come forward. The factory management pressuring on the Complainant, If Complaint Registered. Waste water is released, there also complaint cannot be registered. The factory management claim that 48000 trees planted but presently 4000 trees not in the factory premises.

There has been no public awareness anywhere in connection with today's hearing. Yesterday a rickshaw went around saying that there was a public hearing. But where public hearing was held and no document of the same was made available. As per financial balance sheet of 2021, there is loss of Rupees 24,90,00,899.71. There is Rupees 131.67 crore capital expenditure. The workers in the distillery are paid only wages. At that time, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee suggested that only environmental issues regarding proposed distillery should be raised in the meeting.

4) Shri Ankush Kale, Residence - Bhende/Wakadi, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I have the report of the effluent discharged by the factory. So, the quality of waste water, air, soil near the school is completely bad. I have complained to Maharashtra Pollution Control





Board. However, the factory needs to pay attention to this, because school children are getting lung diseases, due to water pollution, farmers' farms are ruined.

Sewage is released from the drain, its video shooting, photos can now be shown. Today the people will not speak, but the people demand that this has to stop somewhere.

He said that we are not against this project, but farmers should get justice from this by-product. Because farmers are not paid at all for this by-product. Only sugarcane crop which comes to the factory is paid.

However, the factory should plant trees and maintain the balance of the environment. The Presentation inform that there are 19 types of birds.

This is wrong. We object to this. There are no birds here. Birds are not coming due to pollution, but the birds should come by preserving the environment.

Hence Expansion of the project should not be approved.

5) Shri Rajendra Adhav, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

We have been living here for the past 30-40 years. My father's age will be 70-72. We don't know what pollution is. Distillery is not the only cause of pollution; many other factors are also responsible for pollution. If only sugar is produced, the farmers will not get any benefit and there financial position will remain the same. Central Government's policy is to produce Ethanol. Therefore, the farmers will definitely get an increase of Rs. 200-300 per ton. So, all the sugarcane producers are supporting this expansion project on behalf of the farmers.

When some of the participants tried to speak in between, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee took note of the objections raised by the participants and suggested that others should be allowed to express their opinions.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that this committee is to record your suggestions, opinions and objections and this Committee does not take any decision. The suggestions, objections raised by you are recorded in minutes and will be submitted to the Environment Department. The Expert Committee will take further decision regarding it. The Committee today not do the inspection of the factory premises and area regarding objection raised by the People.





6) Usha Misal, Sarpanch, Bhende BK. Gram Panchayat, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar..

In this public hearing, my personal opinion and the interests of Bhende Budruk village will be told.

She said that through co-operation, this factory has enriched the area in terms of water, electricity, etc. We are all aware of this. Recently Central Government has announced a policy of blending 20% ethanol in petrol. She emphasized the benefits of the project to the locality.

She said that while ethanol and petrol are bio-fuels, there is no adverse effect. Using bio-fuels will not increase the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

She said that OCMS - Online Continuous Monitoring System is working in the project as per the instructions of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and it will be connected to the servers of New Delhi and Mumbai, so the level of pollution here will be known from time to time.

At this time, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to raise only environmental issues. Such a project will provide means of livelihood to the local people.

7) Shri Rushikesh Raosaheb Tagad, Residence - Bhende, Taluka - Newasa, District Ahmednagar.

Project Expansion will create problem of drinking water

8) Shri Bhausaheb Fulari, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

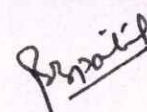
The company's spent wash is stored next to gat no. 234. My gut is no. 238 and red water comes from my bore well. I don't mind the expansion, but the company should stop releasing waste water.

9) Shri Namdeo Dyandeo Nikam, Residence-Bhende Taluka, Newasa, District - Ahmednagar.

A meeting has been called for expansion here. Here some villagers have registered objections and the Board of Directors of the factory has said that the project is Zero Liquid Discharge. If the project is ZLD, it is supported by Bhende Budruk villagers

10) Shri Devendra Bhausaheb Kale, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar..





He said that he has submitted written suggestions. He suggested that even though the project is said to be ZLD in the presentation, measures should be taken to prevent pollution from boilers, power generation in the operational project. Bhende Budruk is a village of 20-25 thousand people. So many people in that village are suffering from respiratory diseases, cold and fever.

After paying attention to it for 1-2 days, the Factory Administration does not pay any kind of attention. However, the Factory Administration should take measures to prevent pollution in the existing project. If a Presentation is made about a new project, measures should be taken effectively. But I have objections to the existing project.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to submit objections in written form.

11) Shri Yedu Dhamu Sonawane, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -.

Every man has evidence. No one will speak without proof. How many people complained of red water. Complaints were made about how sewage is released. However, measures should be taken.

12) Shri. Milind Kulkarni, Residence - Bhavi Nimgaon, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar..

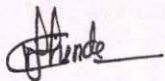
This project will be established as per the policy of the Central Government. For that you have got technical guidance from environmental consultant. In this project, pollution control has been considered. Spent wash will be processed and it will be reused.

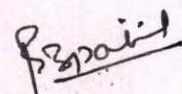
Therefore, the requirement of fresh water in the project will be reduced. No effluent will be released from the project. Also, a 60-meter-high chimney will be fitted with a ESP system. However, this project will not cause any kind of pollution here. However, congratulations to the factory management that this good project is going to start here.

Ethanol will be produced from sugarcane, which will be used for fuel. Still supporting this project.

13) Shri Bapusaheb Najan, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

All the objections raised here about the old project were correct. The presentation provided information about the advanced pollution control system and incineration boiler in the new project.





So, there will be no pollution like previous boilers. States which have supported industrial development have progressed. The blend of ethanol in petrol has been increased by 25%.

However, the sugar industry has got this nectar channel. The markets here are flourishing because of this factory. This factory is a lifesaver for the people here, but we hope that everyone will support this project.

14) Shri Sopan Annasaheb Mahapur, Residence - Bhende, Taluka - Newasa, District - Ahmednagar -

I belong to Joshi community. This factory is Kamdhenu. People of small/scattered community like us are doing small big business by taking land. There are settlers here. Central Government has given boost for the production of Ethanol. However, Bhende is publicly supporting the project on behalf of Khurd Gram Panchayat.

15) Shri Rajendra Bhau Tagad, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

We support the proposed project.

16) Shri Somnath Haribhau Gavane, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I live just 100 feet away from the distillery. There was trouble earlier. But since 5-7 years, there is no problem. We ourselves drink water from our bore.

17) Shri Sachin Popat Fulari, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar - -

I live by the factory wall. We have no problem.

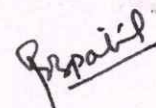
18) Shri Chamute Rajendra Janardhan, Residence - Soudhale, Taluka -Newasa, District - Ahmednagar-

My village is just one km from here. There was no problem with this project before and there will be no problem in the future.

19) Sou. Sangita Ganesh Gavane, Ex Sarpanch, Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.-

This factory has completely developed this area. Education facilities have been made available to boys and especially girls in the area. KG to PG facility is available here. There may





be 10-12 colleges. Ethanol project will lead to development here. We also have a share in the progress of the country. I am supporting the project on behalf of all villagers and women.

20) Shri Dadasaheb Gajare, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

My house is 300 feet from the project. 100 tonnes of sugarcane is produced on the water processed by the factory. Here, thousands of trees have been planted on that water. So the monsoon like climate is here in summer, so much green belt has been developed.

Project Proponent have given 17 acres of land for irrigation and people have filtered water system. If anybody complain to factory management regarding dust, the water is sprinkled twice, a day. I fully support the project on behalf of the farmers.

21) Shri Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist, Hyderabad -

I thank Project Promoters for extending the project. I am the first environmentalist in India to support projects. The said project is a farmer-friendly project. Raw material - sugarcane is grown by the farmers, the project provides revenue to the government, jobs are provided to local youth and women. This project is run by farmers for farmers.

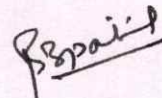
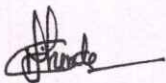
I recommend Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi for approval of the project.

22) Shri Sudam Argade, Residence - Soundala, Taluka - Bhende BK., District - Ahmednagar -

I support the project.

23) Shri Anil Madke, Shahar Takli, Tal. Shevgaon, Dist. Ahmednagar.

I fully support this project. I request other members like me to give full support to this project. There is a need for such projects considering the issues in the sugar industry.



24) Shri Shankar Sambhaji Bharaskar, A/p. Vadule, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

Loknete Marutrao Ghule Patil Dnyaneshwar Co-operative Sugar Factory Limited has received ISO 9001 award. This award is for doing good work in the environment. Hence, the project is fully supported by our Vadule Gram Panchayat.

25) Shri Kishor Ashok Misal, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

My farm is adjacent to Loknete Marutrao Ghule Patil Dnyaneshwar Sahakari Sugar Factory Limited. There is no problem with my land from the factory. Soil fertility is good. I fully support the project.

26) Shri Kachardas Gundecha, Residence - Devgaon, District - Ahmednagar -

We fully support the project. He requested the participats to raise their hands if they were in support. Everyone raised their hands.

27) Shri Digambar Kanade, Residence - Devgaon, Dist-Ahmednagar-

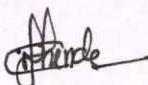
The problems with the distillery project are well known. So, I fully support the project. I request all members, citizens to support this project.

28) Shri Bhaurao Aagale, Residence - Devgaon, Dist-Ahmednagar-

The water in our village is clean, the air is clean. If the water in the village was bad, we all in the village would have developed jaundice. The birds are coming, the trees are also in order. Support this project.

29) Shri Sharad Baburao Argade, Ex Sarpanch, Soundala, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

I support the project. Here some people say that if there are no animals and birds, they should stand under a tree for an hour in the evening, so that they can hear the chirping of birds and birds.





30) Mrs. Pushpa Kishor Misal, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I live next door to the factory, just a wall away. Our agriculture is not harmed by the factory. I support the project.

31) Shri Sachin Tagad, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

My farm is next to the factory. Chemical spraying causes problems. There is no problem with this project.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee on Environment suggested to submit objections in writing.

32) Shri Prabhakar Kolte, Residence - Shahapur, BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I support this project on behalf of Shahapur Gram Panchayat. He appealed to all the objectors to approve the factory as it was needed.

33) Shri Gangadas Kachare, Residence - Kukana, BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I express my support for this project on behalf of Kukana Gram Panchayat.

34) Shri Navale Sir, Residence - Bhende Kd, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

Those who have registered objections have also given their consent. However, care should be taken to avoid pollution. However, Bhende Khurd gives consent to the project from the people of Khurd.

35) Shri Sukhadeo Ambadas Fulari, Residence - Bhende, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

We are going to stay here and the company administration has co-operated with us whenever we faced difficulties. So I am supporting project expansion.

36) Shri Ajit Maruti Murkute, Residence - Devgaon,, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

Various social activities are implemented through this Marutrao Ghule Patil Dnyaneshwar Cooperative Sugar Factory. The new expansion project is a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project and in the project a new 36 crore incineration boiler will be installed to process spent wash. It will not cause water pollution.

I support the project on behalf of Devgaon.



37) Shri Waghdkar Harikrishana Madhav, Residence- Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked to present brief suggestions.

Shri Waghdkar said that although we support the project, the problems of those who are suffering should be resolved.

38) Shri Sunil Gavane, Residence- Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

Local people present here objected that the project causes water and air pollution. But now due to Incineration Boiler, CPU waste water will be recycled and reused in the production process itself. Therefore, not a single drop of water will go out of the project. Public support for this project by our Bhende Budruk citizens.

39) Shri Laxman Fulari, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

we support the expansion of the project. The project should started at the earliest.

40) Shri Gonde, Residence- Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

I Supporting the project

41) Shri Namdeo Shinde, Residence - Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

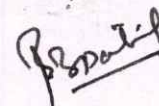
The project will not cause any environmental damage and additional 40 persons will be employed in the expansion distillery project. The said project will not cause pollution. The project is fully supported,

42) Shri Ambadas Kalamkar Aavhane, Taluka - Shevgaon, District - Ahmednagar -

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked to present brief suggestions,

Shri Ambadas Kalamkar said that he was a worker in the project for 40 years. Everywhere there was dry, no trees, now looks green everywhere. We support this project.





43) Shri. Rajabhau Paulbuddhe, Residence - Dahigaone, Taluka - Shevgaon, Dist - Ahmednagar -

I Supporting the project .

44) Shri. Sandip Jawale, Residence- Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar -

We are living next to the project. Our soil is became completely black spent wash mixed with water. I had informed the factory authorities. But no one told this story even to the Chairman of the factory. The measures in this regard do not reach us. He showed a picture of black water.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that they have taken note of their objection.

45) Shri Sacin Sopanrao Kshirsagar, Residence- Tarawadi, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

On behalf of Tarawadi Gram Panchayat, I support the project.

46) Shri Shreedhar Laxman Misal, Residence- Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

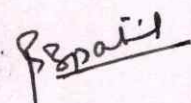
I support the project.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the Environmental Consultant to explain the objections raised in the meeting.

Environmental Consultant said that local farmers and villagers have registered some doubts, suggestions and objections regarding the expansion. Explaining the same, he said that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi and Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi have declared some mandatory fields in which Distillery project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project

No drop of treated effluent is allowed outside the project. Only if this condition is met, permission is granted to operate the distillery project. Similarly, the generated spent wash is processed in the





MEE (Multi Effective Evaporator). The steam that evaporates the spent wash in the MEE and the water left in the CPU will be used again in the project itself. As the treated water will be reused in fermentation, cooling, the need for fresh water will be reduced.

Concentrated spent wash will be burnt in incineration boilers with bagasse and ESP will be installed in chimneys to prevent dust particles from entering the air and polluting it. So, there will be no pollution of water and air. This type of project is Zero Liquid Discharge. An Environmental Impact Assessment report is a scientific analysis of how much money will be spent on what works.

Chairman Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the Environment Public Hearing Committee gave an opportunity to all participants in the meeting to raise any environmental suggestions, objections or criticisms regarding the proposed project. He appealed to the participants to register their comments, suggestions or objections. There was no response from the audience.

At that time, the Chairman said that the suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been recorded by the Environmental Public Hearing Committee and it will be recorded in the minutes.

Written notices which have been received, Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Minutes will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai through Headquarters, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board with the concurrence of the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee. The expert committee will take the appropriate decision in this regard.

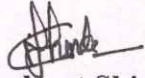
Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked local people, project officers and government officials for attending the meeting and registered their suggestions



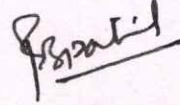
and objections and announced that the public hearing is completed and on behalf of the Chairman,
Environment Public Hearing Committee .

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Written 36 suggestions, objections are enclosed herewith.



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