

Minutes of Environmental Public hearing for proposed and expansion Manganese Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Raza Metals Manganese Processing & Trading, at Plot No. B-6, MIDC Area Parshivni , Tal-Parshivni, Dist-Nagpur (Proposed expansion in terms of an upgradation of its Existing mineral beneficiation unit by manufacturing 350 MT/M of MnO₂ (Manganese Oxide) in addition to its existing production of 150 MT/M of MnO₂ and 1000 MT/M of MnO (Manganese Oxide) Hence the total production capacity will be 1500 MT/M the proposed expansion will be carried out within the existing premises of industry).

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As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 14 September 2006 and amended on 1st December 2009, Place, Date and Time of Public Hearing, was fixed with the approval of Collector, Nagpur.

As office order received from M. P. C. Board vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-240419-FTS-0241 dated 19/04/2024 the said public hearing was conducted on 26/04/2024 at 11.00 PM to take at the project site. (Annexure No. 1)

Notice of proposed environmental public hearing of this project was published in Marathi newspaper Dainik Sakal and English daily newspaper Hitavada on dated 24 March 2024 (Annexure No. 2)

For environmental public hearing Hon'ble Pritesh Mahajan, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur and Chairman, of Public Hearing panel, Shri. Sanjay D. Patil, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur was Member of Public Hearing Panel, Shri. Rajendra U Patil, Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur-I was convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel. Attendance sheet of Villagers, Sarpanch, Environmental NGO's Journalist, representatives of media channels, local people/participant who were present public hearing are attached as. (Annexure No. 3)

Purposed & procedure :-

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing panel, Mr. Rajendra U. Patil, Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Nagpur -I and convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel started public hearing procedure, & warmly welcoming the villagers, sarpanch, environment working charitable organizations, channel representatives, and a large number of locals were present. Convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of Ministry of Environment & Climate change Government of India i.e. (MoEF & CC, Gol) dated 14th September 2006 as amended on 1st December 2009 accordingly. The said notification the notice of the said public hearing was published before 30 days on dated 24/03/2024 in the two local widely circulated daily news paper i.e. in Marathi, Dainik Sakal & in National English News paper i.e. Hitavada. In which it was appealed to registered any objections, suggestions, views, comments & objection in orally/writing within 30 days before from the date of proposed public hearing.

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1. District Collector, Nagpur
2. District Industries Centre, Nagpur
3. Zilla Parishad, Nagpur
4. Sub-Divisional Officer, Parshivni, Dist. Nagpur
5. Tahsil Office, Parshivni, Dist. Nagpur
6. Panchayat Samiti, Parshivni, Dist. Nagpur
7. Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
8. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
9. MPCB (HQ), Sion (East), Mumbai-22.

10.Chief Officer, Municipal Council, Parshivni, Dist.Nagpur.

11.Nagar Panchayat, Parseoni, Tq-Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur.

12.Gram Panchayat Office, Palora, Karambhad, Dorli, Bhagemahari,
Tah- Parshivni, Dist.Nagpur.

The above notified department of the government was also informed to give wide publicity regarding the proposed public hearing. In this way, public hearing was widely published per the notification. so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their objections, suggestions, views, comments & objection in orally/writing to the concerned government department.

In accordance with the said proposed public hearing, Sub Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Nagpur-1 has received 01 suggestions through email.

The said committee is only for recording the opinion of the people about the said proposed project & has no authority to take any decision. The suggestion or objection raised in the said public hearing & subsequently the reply given by the project proponent will be included in the minutes & will be submitted to State level or Central Impact Assessment Authority/committee through Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Quarters. Mumbai.

For proposed public hearing project regarding said project whom so ever to submit written statement, suggestion, objection, can be asked after the presentation of project proponent by stating his/her name, village name. the reporting of question - answer will be taken as it is in the minutes of meeting & will be submitted to state level of Central Impact Assessment Authority/Committee through Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai.

The Convenor of the Public Hearing Panel with permission of the Hon'ble chairman was requested to the project proponent to give their presentation of said public hearing about the proposed project related to the Environmental Clearance of said public hearing related. Accordingly, the project consultant give the presentation about the project & environmental management plan.

The project Environmental Consultant give presentation of project about expansion & Environment Management Plan in Marathi Language. In presentation mainly the following points were explained :-

Detailed information about the project

- Advertisement Of Pubic Hearing
Purpose Of Environmental Impact Assessment And Public Hearing
- Introduction
- Loaction Map Of The Project Site

- Google Image Of The Project Site Along With Co-Ordinates
- Site Photographs
- Existing & Proposed Layout Plan
- Area Statement
- Project Description
- Flow Chart Showing
- Manufacturing Process Of Mno From Mno2
- Description Of Manufacturing Process
- Description Of The Project Site And Its Proximities
- Merits Of The Existing Site
- 10 Km Radius Study Area Marked On Soi Toposheet
- Description Of The Baseline Environmental Status
- Environmental Setting Around The Project Site
- Land Use Of 10 Km Radius Study Area
- Baseline Environmental Status
- Location Of Baseline Environmental Monitoring Stations
- Site-Specific Meteorological Data (March 2023 To May 2023)
- Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Results
- Ambient Air Quality Monitoring – Inference
- Surface Water Quality Status Within The Study Area
- Water Quality Status Within The Study Area
- Soil Quality Status Within The Study Area
- Noise Quality Status Within The Study Area
- Ecology & Biodiversity Within The Study Area
- Soci-Economic Status Within The Study Area
- Environmental Management Plan
- Green Belt Development Plan
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Environmental Management Plan – Constrcution Phase
- Environmental Management Plan – Operation Phase
- Corporate Environmental Responsibility (Cer)
- Importance And Benefits Of The Project

Sub-Regional Officer, M.P. C. Board, Nagpur-1 and the Co-ordinating Public Hearing Panel appealed to the representatives who were present to present their views, criticisms, objections, suggestions/movements to fulfill the objectives of the public hearing on the environment.

Record of Public Hearing (Proceedings) : -

Sr. No.	Issues raised by Public	Reply / Answer Given by Project Proponent	Suggestion made by Public Hearing Panel
1	<p>Shri.Kishore Lokhande, resident of village Parshivani raised the issue that:- What facilities has been made for the trees in this proposed project and what are the provisions have been made for Air pollution, Sound Pollution and Water Pollution ?</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that the project has decided to develop 33% green belt of the total plot area and mainly we will plant trees in and surrounding the factory premises. For that we have reserved 33% open land. Also decided in the surrounding villages the trees plantation program will be run through CSR activity. To control the Air emission, from the furnace when the process start, we will install a 30 meter height of chimney and will provide Wet Scrubber as a Air Pollution Control Device, so that there will be no Air Pollution. We will develop Green Belt in the factory area to restrict Sound Pollution and will</p>	

maintain it from time to time and a part from that we will take all precautionary measures is expected about control of Sound Pollution and is also presented in the report. Therefore, it has been determined that there will be no Air Pollution and Sound Pollution. And further said that in the presentation for Water Pollution, the domestic sewage water and industry waste water have been separated. For domestic sewage water we will provide Septic Tank followed by soak pit and for Industrial waste water which will be generating from jigging process will be collect in collection tank and will be reused for cooling metal in Roster Kiln. Therefore, due to this,

		<p>there will be no water pollution and all precautionary measures will be taken that there will be no any discharge outside the factory premises therefore no any water pollution is expected.</p>	
2	<p>Shri. V. T. Raghuvanshi, village resident Parshivani raised the issue that :- In this project what are the measures have been taken of the people health and wellness ?</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that due to this project there will no effect on the health of the people, there is no effect on the employees health and wellness is our top first priority and is necessity for those employe who will be employed here will initially checked for their health</p>	

		<p>from time to time. And if there is Air Pollution then it will affect the people's health but we have already taken in advance precautionary measures to control the air emission so that there will be no any effect on people's health. And when this project will resume that time the project proponent through their CSR activities will continue to conduct health check-up camps for people in the surrounding areas and also proposed to help to the peoples in whatever way he can help them.</p>	
3	<p>Shri. Sagar Sayre, a resident of Parshivani, raised the issue that:- As you say about the tree plantation may I</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that this project has been running since last two years. And this is small scale industry. And</p>	

	<p>know from which year these project is commissioned ? And how many trees have been planted around this project. And how much a green revolution has been made in this project.</p>	<p>for project proponent it is mandatory to develop 33% Green belt on the available Open land and they have reserved 33% of the total project space for Green Belt. Similarly, the trees they have planted in this place even today and this is their small scale industry, and when this expansion activity will start then the industry continues, they will plant Green Belt in the project area as well as in the surrounding area in the future. It has been assured in the report that the provision has been made for funds required in Green Belt Development.</p>	
4	<p>Shri. Dudharam, Parshivani, a villager, raised the issue that:-</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that this project is small scale industry. In</p>	

	<p>What facilities are going to be provided to the employed who are working here.</p>	<p>the proposed project before being appointed in the preliminary project, their health will be checked. And there remuneration will be fixed by the project proponent from time to time. And apart from that, their health checkups and their insurance are arranged in such a way that their health will not affected and they have made separate arrangement and funded facility in the CSR activity.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Shri. Ramakant Waghdhare, a villager of Palora, raised the issue that, Due to the installation of chimney is there any effect on agriculture, agricultural crops or water?</p>	<p>The project proponent regarding due to the installation of chimney and there effect replied that as per the rules of CPCB, the height of the chimney in the industry is proposed to be 30 meters, apart from that, to prevent and control Air Pollution, we</p>	

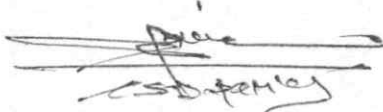
		<p>will provide the modern air pollution control system such as Wet Scrubber, which is available in the market therefore there will be no air pollution this project is ZLD therefore there will be no discharge of water into any lake , river and or on any land. And precautionary measure has been taken to ensure that there is no pollution of groundwater or surface water.</p>	
6	<p>Shri. Rakesh Gomkade, a villager of Tamaswadi, raised the issue that:- Apart from this existing land are you going to acquire another land ?</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that the project is currently located in MIDC Land and they do not need a new site for the new project which has jigging process and is going to install two additional furnaces were the MnO2 is to be</p>	

		converted to MnO in the new space, so no new space is required.	
7	<p>Shri. Damodar a villager of Parshivani,, raised this issue that:- I have two questions. My first question is that if we are going to do a tree plantation program in our area, can we take the local village panchayat into confidence and do a tree plantation program in the adjacent area? My second question is that what is the range of sound pollution that will be generated by this project and can it have any adverse effects on the elderly people or children?</p>	<p>The Project proponent of the project informed that as you asked, first of all, the environment is allowed, according to the Ministry of Forests, we need to create or conserve 33% Green Belt in the project area, while 33% of the land is mandatory for the development of Green belt. Apart from this, through CSR activity, the project proponent have plan to plant trees in and around village panchayats , schools and avenue plantation and while planting these trees, they are expected to plant the local trees which are fast growing.</p>	<p>Hon'ble Chairman, Public Hearing Committee and Additional District Magistrate, appeal to the people may give there any questions, suggestions, objections in written statement regarding this project if any and further suggested if there is no any suggestion , objections and opinion regarding this project then let's stop the proceedings.</p>

These guidelines are given by CPCB and MOEFCC and Ministry of Forests and regarding there second question informed that Gram Panchayat that want to plant trees here. For that the project proponent will give you the fund from the Gram Panchayat or they will plant the trees at that place at their own expense. Secondly, there is no big activity that disturbs the people around due to sound pollution, only jigging and the coming of vehicles can cause sound pollution. There will be no effect of Sound Pollution in the area.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, in their conclusion, stated that all the points raised during the public hearing will be included in the minutes as it is, and the report will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Government of Maharashtra for further appropriate action.

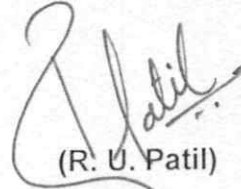
After that, thanks was given to every one present and the public hearing was declared over.



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