

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF 2X350 TPD DRI PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 2, 31,000TPA OF SPONGE IRON, 2X40T OF INDUCTION FURNACE ALONG WITH CCM FOR PRODUCTION OF 2, 64,000 TPA OF BILLETS AND ROLLING MILL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 2, 64,000 TPA TMT BARS AND 32 MW OF AFBC, 19 MW OF WHRB AT. PLOT NO. B-3, MIDC MUL, TAL. MUL, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. DINANATH ALLIED STEEL MANUFACTURING PVT. LTD., AT. PLOT NO. B-3, MIDC MUL, TAL. MUL, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date : 21/01/2025
Time : 11:00 A.M.
Place : At Project Site, Plot No. B-3, MIDC Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Dinanath Allied Steel Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd., At. Plot No. B-3, MIDC Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MOEF&CC) Govt. of India, (GOI), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Project of installation of 2X350 TPD DRI plant for the production of 2, 31,000TPA of Sponge Iron, 2X40T of Induction Furnace along with CCM for production of 2, 64,000 TPA of Billets and Rolling Mill for the production of 2, 64,000 TPA TMT bars and 32 MW of AFBC, 19 MW of WHRB At. Plot No. B-3, MIDC Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 18/09/2023. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report. As the proposed project falls under Category A-1, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Dinanath Allied Steel Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd., At. Plot No. B-3, MIDC Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 27/06/2024 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 21/01/2025. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 21/01/2025 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" & and English newspaper "The Times of India" on dated 17/12/2024. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints,

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comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities. It is directed to conduct online public hearing. The meeting number and password were made available.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
- (2) Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022.
- (3) Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur.
- (4) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Near Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (5) District Collector Office, Chandrapur.
- (6) Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (7) District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Tahsil Office, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Nagar Parishad, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Grampanchayat Chikhali, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Grampanchayat Tekadi, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (13) Gram Panchayat Maregaon, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat Rajgad, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (15) Gram Panchayat Chimda Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (16) Gram Panchayat Aakapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (17) Gram Panchayat Chitegaon, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (18) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 05 to 18 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-06/2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) PH/B-241231-FTS-0196, dated 31/12/2024 as under:-

- 1) District Magistrate, Chandrapur - **Chairman**
or his representative not below

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the rank of an Additional District Magistrate

- 2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai Regional Officer – Chandrapur, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur - **Member**
- 3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur - **Convener**

This office is in receipt of 03 nos. of notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Subhash Chaudhari, Additional District Magistrate & Deputy District Election Officer, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Tanaji Yadav, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing further informed that this Environmental Public Hearing is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, rejection or recommendation of the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

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Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan & other related aspects of the proposed project.

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

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri. Sandip Karamwar, Former Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Akapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	PP shall inform about the control measure to be taken regarding environment. PP shall also inform about the benefits provided to the local people & project affected villages. PP shall also	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

inform about how the problems of labour will be solved.

2) Shri. Mangesh Potwar, Tekadi, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We welcome the industries coming in this area because the problem of unemployment is solved due to industries. Will the local people get employed due to the said & what measure will be taken regarding project affected villages. It is requested to the project proponent to give priority to local youth & women while providing employment.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

3) Shri. Nandu Randive, Dy. President, Mul Municipal Council, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	There are lot of unemployed persons in Mul Taluka, therefore, company shall give priority to local people while providing employment. A large area of Chandrapur District is covered under forest, due to which the problem of pollution will not arise.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

4) Shri. Gaurav Gopichand Shamkule, Shodh Vichar Vedh Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall provided employment to the local people since its inception in this area. A lot of labour is available in this area. Priority to local people shall be given while providing employment.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

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5) Shri. Yogesh Kashinath Shinde, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Chimdha, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company has not obtained any NOC from Gram Panchayat. Priority to local people shall be given while providing employment.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

6) Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am first environmentalist who is encouraging industrialism. The problem of unemployment is the major pollution. Environment Consultant has carried out baseline survey of air, water, land it is very good and satisfactory. My request is please collect the data of the health status of the people, Data of Crop production status and ground water availability status within radius of 10 Kms. This will help in taking precautionary measures the problems arising in future. Rainwater harvesting system shall be provided which will help in increasing the ground water level in the area. Fruit bearing trees & flower bearing trees shall be planted along the roadside. Priority shall be given to local educated people while providing employment. Skill development shall be encouraged. A Co-ordination committee shall be constituted which will include local people & govt. officials. Villages shall be developed by utilizing CSR funds. Health camps shall be conducted. Ecological balance and environment safety shall be prioritized.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 07.

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7) Shri. Pranay Pathak on behalf of Project Proponent M/s. Dinanath Allied & Steel Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd.:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Priority to local people will be given as per their educational qualification. Priority to local contractors will also be given while awarding contracts. Adequate tree plantation will be done in the area. Gram Panchayats will be helped. Company will try & provide facilities to local people. Modern technology will be used for control of pollution. CSR Funds will be allotted for development of nearby villages. NOC will be obtained from Gram Panchayats. Rainwater harvesting facility will be provided. Fruit bearing & flower bearing trees will be planted along roadside & in villages.

8) Shri. Akash Yesankar, Taluka President, Nationalist Congress Party, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Air, water & soil will get polluted due to the proposed project. I request the company to implement the pollution control measures. An Industrial Training Institute is already in existence in this area. Skill Development Training Program shall be organized.	Point is noted.

9) Shri. Sandip Karamwar, Former Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Akapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-

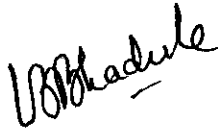
Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I request the pollution control board to carry out visit in this area. Air pollution is caused from the existing industries in this area. No action is taken even after complaining about air pollution. It is requested to MPCB to carry out visit & take action against the defaulter industries so that the problem of pollution will be solved.	Point is noted.

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The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

Enclosed 03 suggestions received, objections are attached.



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Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee and
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(Tanaji Yadav)
Member of the Public
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Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur



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