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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF COMMISSIONING OF PROPOSED FERTILIZER PLANT FOR MANUFACTURING OF SINGLE SUPER PHOSPHATE (SSP) – 400.0 MTPD; GRANULAR SINGLE SUPER PHOSPHATE (GSSP) – 400.0 MTPD AND SULFURIC ACID (SA) - 200.0 MTPD AT PLOT NO. A93/2 OF KURKUMBH MIDC INDUSTRIAL AREA AND AT GAT NO.280, VILLAGE KURKUMBH, TALUKA – DAUND, DISTRICT – PUNE (413 802), MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S R.K. AGRO INDUSTRIES, 7, FIRST FLOOR. ADITYA SENTIGRA, FERGISSON COLLEGE ROAD, DECCAN GYMKHANA, PUNE – 411 004, MAHARASHTRA .

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of commissioning of Proposed Fertilizer Plant for Manufacturing of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) – 400.0 MTPD; Granular Single Super Phosphate (GSSP) – 400.0 MTPD And Sulfuric Acid (SA) - 200.0 MTPD at Plot No. A93/2 of Kurkumbh MIDC Industrial Area and at Gat No.280, Village Kurkumbh, Taluka – Daund, District – Pune (413 802), Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s R. K. Agro Industries, 7, First Floor, Aditya Sentigra, Fergusson College Road, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune – 411 004, Maharashtra was held on Friday, the 29th November, 2024 at 12.00 noon at Project Site – M/s R.K. Industries, Kurkumbh MIDC, Plot No.A-93/2, Gat No.280, Kurkumbh, Taluka -Daund, District-Pune, Maharashtra.

Shri Kartikeya Langote, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Mrs. Jyoti Kadam, Additional District Magistrate, Pune and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Jagannath S. Salunkhe, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Suyog Bendre, Nayab Tahsildar, Taluka-Daund, District – Pune; Ms. Mamta Bhandare, Nayab Tahsildar, Taluka-Daund, District – Pune; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representatives of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings of the meeting.

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.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation 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.

Convener further informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application dated 21-08-2024 from Project Proponent M/s R. K. Agro Industries, 7, First Floor, Aditya Sentigra, Fergusson College Road, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune – 411 004, Maharashtra in respect of commissioning of Proposed Fertilizer Plant for Manufacturing of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) – 400.0 MTPD; Granular Single Super Phosphate (GSSP) – 400.0 MTPD And Sulfuric Acid (SA) - 200.0 MTPD at Plot No. A93/2 of Kurkumbh MIDC Industrial Area and at Gat No.280, Village Kurkumbh, Taluka – Daund, District – Pune (413 802), Maharashtra.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification No.1533 (E), Dated 14-09-2006 and Amended Notification, the proposed activities fall under Category A – 5 (a) - Chemical Fertilizer Project, which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to obtain ToR (Terms of Reference) to Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, and it has been considered by Government of India and granted online approval on 29-03-2023.

Accordingly, Project Proponent has appointed NABET approved Environment Consultant and through their Environment Consultant had carried detailed Environmental Survey in the radius of 10.0 k.m. of the project site to study the proposed impact on environment due to the commissioning of this project and prepared a draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and submitted it.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 02-09-2024 directed Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune to carry out the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Afterwards, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune vide letter dated 18-09-2024 requested Hon. District Collector, Pune for approval time and date for Environment Public Hearing for the proposed activity.

District Collector, Pune vide letter dated 01-10-2024 directed to conduct Environment Public Hearing on Friday the 29th November, 2024 at 12.00 noon, at MIDC Kurkumbh. After getting sanction from District Collector, Pune, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai as per the Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14-09-2006 and as per Amended Notification S.O. 3067 (E) Dated 01-12-2009 as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 168 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 241114- FTS- 0047 dated 14-11-2024 as under: -

- 1) District Magistrate-Pune **Chairman**
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra **Member**
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Pune,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Pune
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper Daily Loksatta for local language Marathi on 09-10-2024 and in national newspaper daily Indian Express for English. 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) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
- 2) District Collector, Collector Office, Pune;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Pune;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Pune
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office, Daund, Taluka – Daund, District-Pune;
- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Daund, District-Pune;

- 7) Grampanchayat Offices – Kurkumbh, Gaar, Patas, Birobachiwadi, Hinganiwadi, Roti, Pandharewadi, Jiregaon, Vasunde, Sonwadi, Girim, Gopalwadi, Lingali, Khorodi, Alegaon, Kauthadi, Malad, Patas, Ravangaon, Kharadewadi, Shrisufal, Taluka-Daund, District-Pune;
- 8) Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 9) Hon. Member Secretary, Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 10) Regional Officer, Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Center, 2nd & 3rd Floor, Wakadewadi, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pune – 411 003;
- 11) Sub Regional Officer-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Center, 2nd & 3rd Floor, Wakadewadi, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pune – 411 003;
- 12) Web site, MPCB – executive summary in Marathi and in English is made available;

Convener informed that 02 suggestions / objections have been received till date Sub Regional Office, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune regarding the proposed project

Convener informed that an opportunity will be 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, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and the Committee 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. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the meeting in Marathi and English after approval of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi 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 Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

Environment Consultant of the project welcomed all the participants and with the permission of Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee made a presentation about the project and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the project.

He said that the said project is beneficial to the farmers and due to the production of the project, the quality of the agricultural land will definitely remain good. In the project, production of Super Phosphate is 400.0 MT per day, Granulated Single Super Phosphate - 400.0 MT and the Sulfuric Acid (SA) required will be produced here so that farmers can apply it to the fields by hand. The total cost for this project will be ₹ 41.70 crore.

In the said project, 1,005 Kilo Liters of water per day (roughly one million liters per day) of industrial and domestic waste water generated in the project will be processed and reused in the project itself.

Environment Consultant said that not a single drop of treated effluent from the project will be generated outside the project. The said project will be Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project.

Only 66% water will be provided by MIDC. About 3,40,000.0 liter/day water will be recycled in the project. Therefore, there will be no shortage of water for farmers. Also, underground water will not be used in any way in the project.

Nearly 150 workers will be required in the construction phase of the project, while a total no. of 220 workers will be required after the project is operational, in which preference will be given to local people only.

33% of the total plot will be developed as green belt as per Central Pollution Control Board guidelines. An average of 2,500 trees will be planted per hectare. ₹ 87.28 lakh has been ear-marked for five-year green belt development.

Also Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) is proposed to spend 1% of the total cost which will be a total of ₹ 50.0 lakhs and capital expenditure for environmental management will be ₹ 505.0 lakhs and the recurring expenditure will be ₹ 73.0 lakhs per annum. The said project is beneficial for local farmers as well as Maharashtra State and our country.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that with the permission of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee, participants are allowed to raise their suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their views, suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. Before raising suggestion/objection, inform the name and village name.

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

1) Shri Rizwan Mulani, Local Resident, Journalist, Lokmat Paper:-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Project will provide job opportunities to the local people, so welcome the project. However, the various complaints, suggestions / objections made in the past regarding pollution in Kurkumbh area, which have been made from time to time in the Collector's Office, local Pollution Control Board Office, further action regarding the complaints made in the past and possible pollution to be caused by this proposed project have not been considered. Water consumption will highly increased.</p> <p>Also, even though this is an Environment Public Hearing on environmental issues, all the villagers in the area are not aware of the calling of this meeting. For that, it was necessary to give Dawandi - Vocal announcement drumming loudly (beating of drums) in all villages to inform about this meeting to villagers, as there is no large readers of Loksatta Marathi newspaper in this area. Therefore, this meeting is held in front of some people instead of in front of public.</p>	<p>Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked about past complaints and where it is made in the past.</p>

	<p>However, I request that the various pollution complaints submitted by the local citizens in the past should be resolved first and then only appropriate action should be taken regarding proposed project.</p>	
2)	<p>Local citizens have submitted complaints from time to time that the water in the Kurkumbh area is completely polluted. Coming from Patas Ghat at night, at early in the morning, there is so much air pollution that you can't even breathe. Though Air samples were collected in front of the Hon. Collector, Pune and further meetings and discussions were held in the Mantralaya, but the report of action initiated is not made available to the public. As a local citizen and newspaper reporter, I object that when pollution control board officials come to inspect, the quantity of waste water is reduced and good water is released. I have all the local information, news and videos about this. Even today, if we inspect the Kurkumbh chowk, where the industrial waste water flows, chemically mixed waste water is discharged. We will cover 2-3 km. By inspecting the area, you will know the present condition of the area.</p>	<p>At this time, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Representative, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation to explain the above objections. Similarly, Environment Consultant of the project should inform about the source of the water requirement in the project. Representative, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation said that MIDC supplies clean water to plots falls in industrial areas of MIDC from Varwand Jack well. Industrial effluents generated from various factories are discharged to Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). The treated industrial effluent is used for green belt. Various Trees are planted there. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) do carry regular inspection visits and collect samples of effluent regularly.</p>
		<p>Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that there must be certainly some truth in the objection raised by the local people. Because according to the information received, the capacity of CETP has been exhausted at present. So, whether untreated industrial effluent is released ?</p>
		<p>Representative, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation said that industrial effluent is released only after treatment. Further development of existing CETP is in process.</p>
		<p>Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked about the capacity of CETP. Representative, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation informed that at present CETP can treat additional 350.0 M³.</p>
3)	<p>Information about entire Kurkumbh MIDC should be given regarding average water</p>	<p>Environment Consultant of the project clarified that if the fear is expressed</p>

	<p>consumption per day, how much industrial effluent is generated per day and how much it is treated and how much it is recycled and reused in the project and how much treated effluent is discharged into the local drains.</p> <p>After checking its statistics, we can immediately realize how much waste water is released. Also, CETP is connected with Industrial Effluent Control System of small scale projects, but there are ZLD projects, they do not consciously process and control industrial Effluent effectively.</p> <p>Local people are also expressing fear about the Sulfuric Acid (SA) project in the proposed project.</p>	<p>about the Sulfuric Acid project in the project, information can be shared about all the Sulfuric Acid projects of RK Project here.</p> <p>Project Environmental Consultant informed that the entire Sulfuric Acid (SA) project has been studied and planned.</p> <p>After the start of Sulfuric Acid project, Sulfur-dioxide and Sulfur-trioxide gas is produced in it. If that gas is completely absorbed, then only Sulfuric Acid (SA) is obtained from it.</p> <p>Sulfur is an expensive chemical. The gas produced from it is 100% absorbed in water. It is called DCGA Absorption System which is used in the world.</p> <p>No industrial waste water is produced from Sulfuric Acid plants anywhere in the world. Also, the said project is a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project. Therefore, not even a drop of waste water from the proposed project will be released outside the project.</p> <p>Project Consultant said that the requirement of fresh water in the project will be provided by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation.</p>
		<p>Here Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that the requirement of fresh water of the project may be more, because the area of the project is less in the MIDC area and the area of the project outside the MIDC is more. So MIDC's fresh water policy will be according to the area of the project in MIDC.</p> <p>Environmental Consultant replied that MIDC has recorded fresh water requirement of 6,66,000.0 liters per day. Project Proponent will treat 3,40,000.0 liters of water per day and, recycle and reuse it in the project itself.</p> <p>Here, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that this meant that the Project Proponent would not use ground water. You will not need additional fresh water, the need of the</p>

		fresh water will be fulfilled by the water received from MIDC. Environmental Consultant agreed for it.
		Here, Representative, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation said that as per MIDC norms, 25.0 M ³ of fresh water is provided per hectare, which has a plot in the MIDC industrial area. He further informed that if there is plot outside MIDC industrial area, and if any application is received, further consideration can be made.
4)	We have not received the answers to the questions. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board does not take Kurkumbh villagers into confidence regarding pollution control. During the meeting here, the then Collector had suggested that one day in a week be given to Kurkumbham area. It was also suggested to get an office space to MPCB in MIDC.	Suggestions have been noted.

2) Shri Navnath Babasaheb Gaidwad, Residence – Kurkumbh, Taluka – Daund, District – Pune :-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Regarding the pollution problems, local people have submitted many written suggestions and complaints to the Government, but it have not been resolved yet. That is why District Administration, Local Administration has not provided any information about this meeting to the local villagers, because here the local villagers should not oppose the project. Proposed RK project presented well. But our experience is that all companies make similar promises in advance. Then they do nothing. The villagers here have not been properly informed about the said meeting. Local Pollution Control Board Office, Talathi Office has not given advance notice to the villagers in this regard. All the local people, all the villagers are suffering due to	Environmental Consultant replied that RK Management is committed to environmental protection, conservation. A bigger project could have been built here, but the project has been designed keeping in mind the plot here. Now Central and State Government norms are strict. Also, the norms of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will be followed.

	the pollution here. However, this public hearing should be stopped immediately and reconducted again.	
2)	There is parking for vehicles near CETP. Vehicles are parked awkwardly.	Suggestion has been noted.

3) Shri Rahul Bhosale, Residence-Kurkumbh Village, Taluka – Daund, District – Pune :-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Is it necessary to obtain No Objection Certificate from the local Gram Panchayat while setting up a new project?	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board do obtain No Objection Certificate from respective Gram Panchayat office.
2)	Also, whether such Environment Public Hearing is mandatory for every project or only for specific projects?	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, Gol) dated 14 th September, 2006 as amended on 1 st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. As per the said Notification, after approval given by Hon. District Collector, a public notice is to be published in one local paper for local language, here Marathi and in one national paper for English 30 days' in advance of public hearing date. Directives are followed by Sub Regional Office, Pune-1. Also, in the project affected area i.e. 10.0 km radius of the project site, the environmental document of the said project was made available in English and Marathi at the Gram Panchayat offices for perusal and information of the villagers. Executive summary is also made available at the website of MPCB in English and Marathi.

3)	Many companies which are in operation here say that they do not need a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee assured sites inspection. But if the project is in MIDC Industrial area, No Objection Certificate from MIDC is obtained.
		Here, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee clarified that if the project falls under MIDC Industrial Area, then only NOC from MIDC is sought. Otherwise, No Objection Certificate is obtained from the concerned Gram Panchayat Office to inquire about possible pollution due to the proposed project. Here, the proposed project is Agro-based, but some part of the project is outside the MIDC industrial area, hence, public hearing has been organized.
4)	Here, with Shri Rahul Bhosale other local people complained collectively that it is our experience even if project is in MIDC Industrial Area or outside MIDC Industrial Area, why Gram Panchayat is not involved.	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee here informed that officials of the local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office are in regular contact with the public regarding keeping vigil on pollution, redressal of complaints and are always alert to the pollution issues raised by the local people.
		Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee stated that awareness has been created among local people about pollution. For the last ten years, there has been a problem of waste water here. It is also raised here and accepted by the District Administration. The generation of effluent is 5-6 lakh liters. Treated Industrial effluent from all industries in MIDC are discharged to Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). But now the capacity of CETP is exhausted and MIDC is allocating new plot for constructing new CETP.
5)	For us, our village is more important than life. Whenever drugs are found, Kurkumbh village is named after it. But when the public hearing of the project takes place, we are not even considered. Kurkumbh village is seen for pollution, why Kurkumbh village is not seen for pollution control and	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that so far, the questions raised about the proposed project as well as questions since 10-15 years ago have been answered. Our office is always open for you.

	further action? So far, we have done a lot of protests, Government has filed cases against us. We have not received any reply.	Anytime you can submit suggestions, views, objections regarding pollution to the office, the local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office will take immediate notice and will initiate further action.
6)	The information about which chemicals are used as raw materials in each company, what is the product should be displayed on the notice board outside of each company.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that information is displayed on notice board, But if not, please let us know the name of the company, further action will be initiated.

4) Shri Chandrakant Jadhav, At Post – Pandharewadi, Taluka – Daund, District – Pune :-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It is objected that local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office has not organized any meeting for local pollution issues during the last year.	Suggestions have been noted.

5) Shri Sandeep Popat Bhagwat, At Post – Kurkumbh, Taluka-Daund, District – Pune :-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Chairperson is requested that this public hearing be cancelled and reconvened after 15 days. People from Kurkumbh, Pandharewadi are less in number here, because this public hearing is arranged keeping local people in the dark. Therefore, we have objection to this meeting and it should be held on any Saturday or Sunday as per your convenience.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee here stated that objection is raised during the meeting that Grampanchayat offices were not informed regarding this meeting. Here it is clarified that as per the Notification issued under Environment Impact Assessment, 2006 by Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, it is mandatory to certain projects to obtain Environment Clearance (EC) prior to commissioning

		<p>of the project. For this, arranging Environment Public Hearing is mandatory. As per the said Notification, after getting approval from Hon. District Collector, it is compulsory to publish public notice of the Environment Public Hearing Meeting in one local paper for local language (here in Marathi) and in one national paper for English 30 days' in advance. Public notice is published as per the directives. Also, environment document (Executive Summary) of the proposed project in Marathi and in English were made available to all the Grampanchayat offices falling under the radius of 10 k.m. of the project site for information and study to the villagers. Environment document of the proposed project is already made available on the MPCB website also.</p>
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6) Shri Sunil Keshav Khandale, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Kurkumbh:-

Sr. No	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>A notice of the said public hearing was received a month ago. But since last year, New Committee of Gram Panchayat came into existence. However, local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office has not held a single meeting regarding Kurkumbh pollution and has not taken the Gram Panchayat into confidence.</p>	<p>Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that officials of the local MPCB office do visit and carry inspection of CETP, Kurkumbh area and collect samples of effluent. It is mandatory. If there is holiday on Monday, they come on Sunday or on Monday, do visit MIDC Kurkumbh, CETP for inspection and collect effluent samples. Not a week goes without inspections and collection of water samples. Also, pre-monsoon meeting is held to avoid any mishap happened in the past.</p> <p>This time, it was rained heavily, so the water was very abundant. Further action will be taken regarding other suggestions that have been made in this meeting.</p>

At this time, some participants along with Shri Mulani objected that no meeting was held. Shri Mulani here said that I am not speaking as a reporter, but as a villager. Local people have not come here, because they don't know that there is a public hearing.

7) Shri Prakash Karkele, Project Proponent, M/s R.K.Agro Industries :-

I assure all the villagers on behalf of our company that there will be no pollution from this project. Our project is for the interest of agriculture and farmers. Our project is not a chemical project as feared by the local people. Such projects are also in operation in the various cities. There is no difference in the process of the projects in operation in cities and this project.

At this time, Shri Rahul Bhosale and others together said that we are not talking about the proposed project, but we have expressed our opinion about what we have experienced from the Government Administration so far.

While concluding the meeting, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that suggestions, views, objections raised during the meeting regarding the proposed project have been answered properly by Environment Consultant of the project, which will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

At that time, some villagers collectively raised some oral objections to the Chairperson. They objected that information about the project was not provided and the local people were not taken into confidence. Also, many companies in Kurkumbh area are polluting the water.

Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee opined that local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board officials do visit the area every Monday, but it seem that local people are demanding that they be given more time.

Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed local people that objections regarding pollution from other companies of Kurkumbh area should be submitted in writing to Collector's office. Further action will be initiated in this regard.

Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked all for attending the meeting and declared that meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

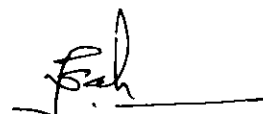
Total 05 no of suggestions/objections have been received this office after the said public hearing and are enclosing herewith.



(Mr. Kartikeya Langote)

Convener

of the Public Hearing Committee and
Sub Regional Officer, Pune- I, MPCB,
Pune



(Mr. Jagannath Salunkhe)

Member

of the Public Hearing Committee and
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune



(Hon. Jyoti Kadam)

Chairman

Resident Deputy Collector /
Additional District Magistrate, Pune

