

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in Respect of Proposed Expansion in Existing Project of Dharamtar Jetty Facility (Phase-III) Means Freight Traffic from 33.95 Million Tons Per Annum to 54.00 Million Tons Per Annum (an increase of 21.95 Million Tons Per Annum) At- Dolvi, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad, Maharashtra State Proposed By Project Proponent M/s JSW Dharamtar Port Pvt. Ltd.

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Expansion in existing project of Dharmatar Jetty Facility (Phase-III) Means Freight Traffic from 33.95 Million Tons Per Annum to 54.00 Million Tons Per Annum (an increase of 21.95 Million Tons Per Annum) At, Dolvi, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad, Maharashtra State Proposed by Project Proponent M/s JSW Dharamtar Port Pvt. Ltd., was held on Friday, the 22nd August, 2025 at 03.30 noon at JSW Jetty Parking Area, Near Dharamtar Police Check Post, Village-Vave (Vadkhal), Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad (402 107), Maharashtra.

Mrs. Rutuja Bhalerao, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of District Collector Office, Raigad and Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai welcomed Shri Sandesh Shirke, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Sanjay Bhosale, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representatives of media channels, Police Administration 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.

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.

She informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application dated 15.07.2025 from **Project Proponent M/s. JSW Dharamtar Port Pvt. Ltd., At, Dolvi, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad, Maharashtra State** to conduct Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed expansion in existing Project of Dharamtar Jetty Facility (Phase-III) Means Freight Traffic from 33.95 Million Tons Per Annum to 54.00 Million Tons Per Annum (an increase of 21.95 Million Tons Per Annum) At, Dolvi, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad, Maharashtra State.

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" 7 (e) Ports, Harbors, Breakwaters, Dredging, which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent has submitted an online application dated 21-02-2024 to obtain Terms of Reference (ToR) and to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi and it is approved Online dated 19-05-2024.

Meanwhile, Project Proponent has appointed an Environmental Consultant who has obtained NABET approval as per the directives of the Government of India and have carried out the environmental assessment through the environmental consultant. A detailed environmental survey within a 10.0 km radius of the project site was carried from 1st October, 2023 to 31st December, 2023 (three months).

A draft of the project site and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was prepared and submitted to study the potential impact/impacts on the environment due to the establishment of the proposed project.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 16.07.2025 directed Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400 614 to carry the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Afterwards, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhaban, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400 614 vide letter dated 15.07.2025 requested Hon. District Collector, Raigad, Alibag to conduct Environment Public Hearing for the proposed activity.

District Collector, Raigad, Alibag vide letter dated 18.07.2025 directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 22nd August, 2025 at 03.30 noon at JSW Jetty Parking Area, Near Dharamtar Police Check Post, Village-Vave (Vadkhal), Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad (402 107), Maharashtra and after getting sanction from District Collector, Raigad, Alibag, 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- 54 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 250728- FTS- 0080, dated 28-07-2025 as under: -

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| 1) District Magistrate-Raigad, Alibag
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Raigad,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai – 400 614 | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai – 400 614 | Convener |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad, Navi Mumbai in the local newspaper in daily Krushival & Raigad Times for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 22-07-2025. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

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) Hon. District Collector, Collector Office, Raigad, Alibag
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Raigad, Alibag;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad, Alibag
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad
- 6) Sub Divisional Officer, Alibag, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad
- 7) Hon. Police Superintendent, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad;
- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad;
- 9) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Alibag, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad;
- 10) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti Office, Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad;
- 11) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti Office, Alibag, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad;
- 12) **Taluka-Pen –** Gramsevak /Gram Vikas Adhikari, Grampanchayat Offices – Dolvi, Karav, Vadkhal, Bori, Kharipale, Kasu, Nigde, Amtem, Koleti, Kasu, Shirki, Masad, Kandle, Umbade, Koproli, Maleghar, Vashi, Vadhav, Kaleshri, Borje, Kane, Rode, Patneshwar, Tarankhop, Div, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad
- 13) **Taluka-Alibag - Gramsevak/Gram Vikas Adhikari, Grampanchayat Offices –**
Shahabaj, Poynad, Aambepur, Pezari, Shahapur, Shrigaon, Kusumble, Kurdus, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad;
- 14) Hon. Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 15) Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 16) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614;
- 17) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-II Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614;
- 18) Website, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board –
Executive Summary of the Proposed Project is made available in Marathi and English;

Convener informed that 8209 suggestions / objections have been received from various notified offices/by hand/by post/ by email/ through District Collector- Raigad office by Sub Regional Office, Raigad-II, MPCB, Navi Mumbai regarding the proposed project.

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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 hearing. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project Proponent, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the hearing 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 hearing, suggestions and objections recorded in the hearing. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same. She requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, the Project Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the project and the project's Environmental Management Plan.

Environmental Consultant of the project informed that JSW Dhamatar Port is located on the right bank of Amba River/Dharmatar Creek at Beneghat, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad, Maharashtra State.

It has a cargo handling capacity of 33.95 Million Tonnes Per Annum and it is planned to increase the capacity of Dharamtar Port to 54.00 Million Tonnes Per Annum to meet the future expansion of steel projects and cargo requirements. No additional watershed or back-up area is required for this expansion.

CRZ demarcation for the project has been done by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) in Chennai.

The expansion is expected to create employment opportunities for approximately 250 people. Due to expansion, there will be tremendous increase in indirect business in the local area which will increase indirect job opportunities.

A capital investment of about Rs 5.17 crore has been made for various environmental management measures in the project and about Rs 0.71 crore has been kept in reserve for environmental measures. Also, an Oil Spill Management Plan is ready.

In the last ten years, about Rs. 1342.41 lakh has been spent on various social activities in various villages in the project area.

The Environmental Consultant gave detailed information about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the proposed project. He said that the said project is in the interest of the local area, the state of Maharashtra and our country.

After the presentation, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, views, and objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising suggestions/objections, they should first state their name and village name.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed all participants that a video recording of the issues raised would be made, and a record of the public hearing would be prepared in Marathi and English.

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) Dr. Ketki Satish Tare, Sarpanch, Group Grampanchayat, Shahabaj, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad:-

Project Proponent is not only a pioneer in Steel production, but also a pioneer in social initiatives. The establishment of the industry will provide employment at the local level. Young boys and girls from villages, talukas and District will get new job opportunities.

On behalf of Gram Panchayat Shahabaz, I, as Sarpanch of Shahabax supporting the expansion of JSW Phase-III. Due to industrial development, this area will become economically viable. This will also give a boost to small-scale industries.

Project Proponents have promised to take all necessary precautions to protect the environment.

I wholeheartedly support this project.

2) Shri Nilesh Pandurang Mhatre, Member, Group Grampanchayat, Vadkhal, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-

I am presenting my suggestions and views as a Member of Gram Panchayat Vadkhal and on behalf of my villagers of Vadkhal. We are people who believe that the environment is Narayan and nature is God.

We are people living just 2.5 km away from Dharamtar Port.

After watching the Presentation of both the projects, I would like to inform some discrepancies and some suggestions –

- a) Project Proponent should control pollution as per the prescribed International Norms rather than the norms prescribed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board.
- b) Dharamtar Port is within the limits of our Gram Panchayat. However, the bunding that has been done here should be immediately cancelled and the farmers within our Gram Panchayat limits should be encouraged to cultivate paddy.
- c) Project Proponent should implement any suggestions given by the Gram Panchayat Office, Vadkhal regarding pollution control from time to time;
- d) In this public hearing, I support the expansion of the project.

3) Nanda Rajendra Mhatre, Environmentalist & Social Worker, Residene-Kane Village, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-

I would like to raise some points regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the proposed expansion (Phase-III) project of Dharamtar Jetty.

The presentation made in this hearing in Marathi is of 23 (twenty-three) pages. However, it should be noted that eleven pages of Marathi information regarding the proposed project was provided by Sub-Divisional Officer's Office, Pen.

We have been repeatedly asking Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office to provide a certified Marathi copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.

Marathi presentation here is of twenty-three pages long, while our suggestions/objections have been prepared according to the eleven-page report.

Here, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested the participant to raise suggestions or objections only.

While registering the objection, Nanda Mhatre said that on page number 2, fourth para, it is stated that a total dredging of 4,155,300 cubic meters will be done after the expansion project.

I request that the report prepared by MCM and Khar Land Development Department, Govt. of Maharashtra in the year 2023 has been submitted to Collector Office, Raigad. According to report, it is suggested that the bunding status here should be considered while granting permission for dredging in future. I have attached the 92-page report along with my written submission.

4) Shri Dilip Madhukar Mhatre, Residence-Kaleshri, Post-Vadav, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-

Just as water is supplied in Amte and Nagothane, the company should take moral responsibility and solve the drinking water problem of Kharepata.

We have no objection to the expansion of the Jetty project, but the issue of water supply and healthcare - hospital in Kharepata must be resolved. Local people should be given free treatment for various diseases. We support the expansion of the project.

5) Shri Milind Patil, At Post – Borje, Taluka – Pen, District – Raigad:-

I congratulate CSR department of the Project Proponent at this Environment Public Hearing of the proposed expansion of JSW Dharamtar Jetty (Phase-III) project organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board here.

Here, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to raise suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.

Shri Milind Patil expressed his opinion that the expansion project (Phase-III) should be carried out without neglecting the local fishing community and we support the same.

6) Shri Rajesh Bhakaji Mokal, Ex. Sarpanch, Vadkhal,

Taluka-Pen, District – Raigad: -

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, Phase-I, Phase-II project has been approved. Now the proposed expansion project (Phase-III) should be established by implementing the latest pollution control system. We local people desire this project.

Also, all pollution directives should be followed and implemented as prescribed. We support the project. The local people are present in large numbers here; they have not come to oppose. We want development, so we should support the project.

7) Ulka Mahajan, Social Worker & Environmental Researchers, Residence-Roha, District-Raigad:-

I have been working as a social activist and environmental researcher in Raigad district for the past 35 years. Pollution is caused by JSW project here, due to which the smoky atmosphere is observed while coming and going by State Transport Bus, which is spread throughout the year.

While travelling by State Transport Bus, one has to sit with one's nose pressed while coming from Kasu village to Vadkhal village. Very unbearable smell nuisance.

If pollution control systems are being effectively working in the project and if Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is monitoring it, why has the smog not reduced even a little over the past several years?

The first issue is how Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and the Government do not see pollution that is visible to the naked eyes of local people.

Second issue – The jetty is going to be expanded. Its capacity is going to increase. For that, 41.0 lakh cubic meters of capital dredging will have to be carried. So far, no scientific study has been carried out on the side effects of the dredging carried out for the project. Dredging is eroding the shores here, which is hindering fishing.

Because of this, local fishermen's boats cannot pass, which has affected fishing. Local agriculture has also been affected. The expansion will greatly increase the risk to agriculture, as agriculture is being destroyed. If the project affects agriculture and fisheries, a huge number of jobs will be lost. This jetty expansion will provide employment to only 250 people, while the impact on agriculture and fisheries will have a huge direct and indirect impact on employment.

Water is being lifted from the Amba River for this project. It will increase by one and a half times. Therefore, no study has been done regarding the imbalance in drinking water that will occur.

She appealed to the local people here that if Project Proponent were to snatch the land given by their ancestors, it would not be tolerated at all.

If project expansion is allowed, then the destruction, the damage is high, while the benefits are very less. However, there is a need to consider whether destruction is needed, or development is needed. As a citizen of Raigad district, I am making a sincere request.

8) **At this time, a person shouted that people** may say anything, but we have public support for the expansion of the project.

9) **Shri Yogesh Kashinath Patil, Member, Grampanchayat Vadkhal, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-**

Our farmers have land near the jetty. There are mangrove land and mangrove swamps. Hence, you should give permission to remove mangrove trees.

Then we will give our land for development. Permission should be granted to remove the mangrove trees that are present in the mangrove land.

We are local people, and we are not suffering by dust or pollution from this project at all. The anti-project people here have damaged Raigad district by opposing the project.

10) **Sou. Mohini Gore, Social Worker, Residence-**

Pen, District – Raigad:-

Even though there is public hearing here, the voice of the people is being suppressed. Whether the project is Phase-1 or Phase-2, our agriculture, fisheries, local environment, it has been severely damaged.

We are not against the project, but if our agriculture, health, and the environment that we have preserved for generations will be destroyed, then we do not support this project.

We are the inhabitants of the Earth and climate change is causing massive flooding, causing immense damage.

11) **Here, One Local Participant objected that** those who do not have any single inch of land here, who gave them authority to speak as farmers?

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.

Apart from this, if you have any suggestions or objections regarding the related project, you can submit them in writing at the Collector Office Raigad, Alibaug from Monday, 25-08-2025 to Tuesday, 26-08-2025. The same will be acknowledged. Also, the said written suggestion/objection will be submitted to the Government along with the minutes of the hearing.

12) **Shri Anil Parshuram Patil, Residence-Pezari, Taluka-Alibag, District-Raigad, Secretary, Shetkari Sangarsha Samiti:-**

While informing about the public hearing that is underway here, we would like to say that the Jetty expansion (Phase-3) cannot be done as per the CRZ, 2019 Rules.

Because the mangrove forest will be cut down for the project expansion. If one mangrove tree is cut down, the Project Proponent has to plant thousands of mangrove trees in return.

My point is whether Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will strictly implement it or not. However, it should be implemented completely.

Also, a proper hearing should be held regarding the barge that will be created due to the expansion, which will cause the water to rise.

13) **Advocate Tanmay Harishchandra Patil, Residence-**

Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:

I am a farmer, and my land is in the area of Gadap Gram Panchayat. The issues that were raised in the previous public hearing are now being raised again. Because this JSW company will not provide employment to the locals but rather will take away their employment. Because the company will not provide permanent employment to the locals.

This company has no right to take away the jobs of thousands of people to provide employment to 250 people today.

Here again Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise suggestions or objections only in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.

14) **Shri Mangsh Bhagat, Residence – Shahabai, Taluka-**

Alibag, District-Raigad: -

I have written to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board regarding the pollution here. There is no information on how the slag generated in the project will be disposed of. Because this slag is thrown on the road. Throwing it in the fields makes the fields barren.

Also, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board does not have information about where HVS is installed. However, the information should be made available. Otherwise, HVS should be installed in the courtyard of my house, I will provide its readings.

If the Project Proponent says that Rs 2,000 crore was spent on pollution, then complete information about it should be made available.

Project Proponent provides information about the employment provided to local people in the project. A list of the employment provided to locals should be kept in each Panchayat Samiti affected by the project.

15) Shri Prasad Kheluram Bhoir, Residence – Zotirpada, Shihu Village, District – Raigad: -

Environment public Hearing has been arranged, here two issues arise regarding Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. One is the environmental impact and the other, more important to the local people is the social and economic impact.

Here, both sides take extreme sides. Because the proposed project is not a question of whether it is a curse or a blessing, everyone wants the project. Everyone feels some concern and anxiety about the project. In the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, all advanced pollution control systems have been mentioned in the presentation. However, Company will implement all pollution control measures. Moreover, it is mandatory to implement them.

However, it is the responsibility of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Government to periodically check whether all pollution control systems are functioning efficiently. Air Pollution Pollutants like SPM, RSPM, PM-2.5 which can cause diseases like cancer, are produced by any steel industry in the world. However, whether those pollutants are prescribed to the standards as per the norms or not should be the subject of an Environmental Public Hearing.

Local people have the experience that all pollution control systems are kept operational during the day, but at night, to save electricity or for some other reason, pollution control systems are turned off.

However, my suggestion to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is that company should be made aware of their responsibility.

So, I would like to humbly say that the "Creek" is our life. All the small and big necessities that we need depend on this creek.

If the project does not cause any pollution, then local people are not against the project. Company should just keep all pollution under control. Company should take care of the social, educational and health issues of the area.

16) **Shri Sunil Bama Gaykar, Dy. Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti-Pen, Uched Village, Kandale Pada, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-**

There have been many rumors raised by the people of the area about why they want the project and why they don't. However, while they are spreading rumors, our only demand is that the company should take care of all pollution control.

We, people from Pen Taluka, are gathered here and we fully support the expansion of the company.

17) **Dr. Vaishali Patil, Environmentalist, Residence-Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-**

We are environmentalists and the entire purpose of our organization is to increase activities and livelihoods through the environment.

My main objection is that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports of both the projects, which were made available for information and study at various Gram Panchayat offices and available on the portal, were in a condensed form.

As per the directives passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India at various times, it is expected that Project Proponent should made available the entire Environmental Impact Assessment Report which should be translated into official local language (here in Marathi) and it should be made available to the local people well in advance to understand and study regarding the proposed project, it has not been provided intentionally. Therefore, 99% of the local people here have not been able to read the entire EIA - Environmental Impact Assessment report. This is my first objection. Therefore, this public hearing on environmental issues that has been organized is illegal and invalid.

My second objection is that it has been raining heavily in this area for the past four days. Today, Pithori Amavasya, is a very important festival for the tribal community here.

This hearing has been organized despite the Supreme Court's directives that public hearings should not be held during their agricultural work and should be held only after considering the appropriate season.

The third objection is that we cannot set a limit of one or two hours for public hearings on environmental issues. However, we request that this limit be increased.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again informed that those who desire to raise suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle can submit their written suggestions/objections at District Collector Office-Raigad, Alibag, office of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board upto

Tuesday, the 26th August, 2025. It will be submitted along with minutes of the hearing to Government for necessary action.

18) **Shri Sandeep Thakur, Residence-Pen, Taluka-Pen, District-Raigad:-**

An Environmental Public Hearing has been organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena has full support for the project expansion. We have three suggestions to make –

- a) While providing job opportunities in the project, campus interviews should be conducted at local JETs and local engineering colleges in Raigad district and local students should be provided with employment.
- b) Environmental suggestions are given that if dredging is done, a large amount of flooding will occur in the Kharepati area. Attention should be given in this matter.
- c) Noise Pollution Control should be done in accordance with all the guidelines passed by the Central Pollution Control Board and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. For this, the latest technology should be used to the fullest extent.
- d) If a large-scale project like JSW is operating in Pen taluka, CSR activities should also be implemented on a large scale in Pen taluka, so that Pen taluka can develop.

19) **Shri Hemant Patil, Local Vigilant Citizen:-**

While there is a public hearing on environmental issues, people talk about other issues, such as the road in Wadkhal that needs to be repaired, and there is no drinking water available.

20) **Shri Sanjay Jambhale, Village Dolvi, Taluka- Pen, District-Raigad:-**

I will only talk about the environment. I will give a beautiful example of environmental destruction. In 2018, Samita Rajesh Patil filed a complaint with the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

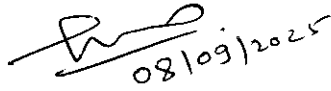
At that time, it is written how the Project Proponent slaughtered the mangrove forest. But Project Proponent wrote that Vadkhal and Dolvi Gram Panchayat offices cut it. Now you are seeing what pollution is.

While concluding the hearing, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed all that those who desire to submit written suggestions or objections, they can submit it at District Collector Office, Raigad, Alibag, office of

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from Monday, the 25th August, 2025 to 26th August 2025. It will be submitted along with minutes of the hearing to the Central Government; He thanked all for attending the public and raising the environmental issues and declared that Environment Public Hearing is concluded.

The public hearing ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith letters received regarding support/ suggestions- 12,363 and letters regarding objections- 394. Also, copy of the submission by the project proponent in response to the points raised in the public hearing, is attached with these minutes.



(Rutuja Bhalerao)

Convener,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-2,

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad, Raigad Bhavan,

Navi Mumbai



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Member,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Regional Officer,

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Raigad, Raigad Bhavan,

Navi Mumbai



(Sandesh Shirke)

Chairman,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Additional District Magistrate,

Raigad, Alibag, District – Raigad