

Minutes

Minutes of Public Hearing Conducted at Project Site of M/s. Bapuna Spirits Pvt. Ltd., Located at Gut No. 26, 27, 29, 31, 32 (P), 34(P), 35(P), Village Pimparkhed, Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik- 422 202 for Proposed 40 KLPD malt and 2 KLPD Mahua based Distillery

Public hearing for Environmental Clearance of M/s. Bapuna Spirits Pvt. Ltd. Located at Gut No. 26, 27, 29, 31, 32(P), 34(P), 35(P), Village Pimparkhed, Taluka Dindori, District Nashik 422202, Maharashtra to proposed 40 KLPD MALT & 2 KLPD Mahua Based Distillery Proposed 40 KLPD MALT & 2 KLPD Mahua Based Distillery Plant was conducted on November 14, 2025 at 11.30 AM. at the factory site.

As per the order of Joint Director (WPC) MPCB, Sion, Mumbai, bearing order no. E-76/2025, letter No. B.O./J.D.(WPC)/PH/B-251031-FTS-0042 dated 31/10/2025 the committee for the Environmental Public Hearing was formed and following members of the committee were present for the hearing.

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| 1 | Mr. Naresh Akunuri (I.A.S.)
Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sub Division Kalwan, Nashik. | Chairman |
| 2 | Mr. Limbaji Bhad
Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board,
Nashik. | Member |
| 3 | Mr. Prashant Gaikwad
Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board,
Nashik. | Convener |

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik, first welcomed the attendees and with the permission of the Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee initiated the proceedings of the public hearing. Convener, mentioned that today we have gathered for the environmental public hearing of M/s. Bapuna Spirits Pvt. Ltd., Located at Gut No..26, 27, 29, 31, 32 (P), 34(P), 35(P), Village Pimparkhed, Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik- 422 202 for proposed 40 KLPD Malt and 2 KLPD Mahua based distillery. This project is being discussed for the environmental public hearing as per the notification under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India, dated 14th September 2006, and it falls under Category 'B'. This category requires environmental clearance from the Government of India, New Delhi, and as part of this process, a public hearing is mandatory. M/s. Bapuna Spirits Pvt. Ltd., submitted their application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing on 10/09/2025. Following this, with the permission of the Hon. District Magistrate, Nashik, today's hearing was scheduled for 14/11/2025 at 11:30 AM. In accordance with the rules,

a public notice regarding the environmental public hearing was published 30 days in advance on 07/10/2025 in the daily newspapers Sakal and Times of India. Additionally, relevant government offices in the district and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's website made the project's information booklet available to the citizens for study and observation.

The list of these locations is as follows:

1. District Collector Office, Nashik.
2. Zilla Parishad Office, Nashik.
3. Tehsildar Dindori, Dist. Nashik
4. Sub-Divisional officer Dindori, Dist. Nashik
5. Gram Panchayat Office, Pimparkhed, Dahivi, Khedle and Koshimbe Tal. Dindori, Dist. Nashik
6. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Trimbak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik - 422007
7. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Headquarters, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
8. Environmental Department, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Secretariat, Mumbai-32.

Furthermore, Convener mentioned that a 30-day period had been provided for submitting any suggestions or objections related to the project. No written suggestions were received though email or hard copy to the Sub Regional Office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik. The citizens present were informed that if anyone wished to submit any written or oral objections, comments, or queries, they could do so after the presentation of the proposed project.

Subsequently, with the permission of the Chairman, the project proponent was requested to present details regarding the proposed project.

The project consultant, M/s. Mitcon Consultancy and Engineering Services Ltd., Pune, provided a comprehensive presentation covering various aspects of the project, including Introduction, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the purpose of the public hearing, Location of the project, Google map of the project site, Project details, Project layout, Study area of the project, Current photographs of the project site, Key features of the proposed project, Basic requirements for the proposed project, Environmental baseline condition studies, Details of the local environmental conditions and surroundings, Information about the study area, Air quality monitoring results within the study area, Noise monitoring results in the study area, Water quality monitoring results within the study area, Groundwater and surface water quality results, Soil quality monitoring results in the study area, Soil quality conclusions, Biodiversity and

environmental studies, Land classification within the study area, Socio-economic environment analysis, Expected impacts on the surrounding environment, Environmental management plan, Water, and wastewater management, Solid waste management, Greenbelt development, Environmental management cell information, Social responsibility initiatives, Environmental management costs etc. This information was recorded on a CD, and a summarized version has been documented in the minutes.

After the project consultant completed the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Prashnat Gaikwad requested the citizens present to raise any questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns by stating their name and village.

During the public hearing, the citizens raised several questions concerning the project, and the project representatives/consultants provided responses to them, which are detailed below:

Sr. No.	Comments, Objections, Suggestions, etc. & Name of Present Person.	Assurances/Responses Given by the Industry Representative / Project Consultant
1	Shri Ramdas Gadoli, Pimparkhed - Our village tribal village and therefore there are very few employment opportunities. Hence we request the local people should be given priority in employment.	The project proponent stated that local people will be given priority for employment. Both skilled and unskilled local workers will be considered first.
2	Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kalwan asked that have you surveyed the availability of skilled and unskilled workers in the nearby area as required for the project?	The project proponent replied that a socio-economic and environmental survey has been conducted. Through the company's CSR fund, a skill development programme will be implemented to train local people and give them priority for employment.
3	Shri Baban Haribhau Pawar, Pimparkhed- Expressed support for the proposed project and requested that the contact details of the authorised/ responsible person for future communication be displayed at the industry entrance. Requested that the industry must give priority to local people for employment and inform the Gram Panchayat for any recruitment. If skilled manpower is not available locally,	The project proponent accepted the suggestions and assured that the industry's management team will always be available to resolve any issues related to the local community. They further stated that providing employment to local people is the priority of the industry.

	<p>then the company may hire workers from outside.</p> <p>Emphasised that while hiring workers through contractors, the industry must ensure proper wages are paid, as contractors sometimes hold back a part of workers' wages. Such practices should not occur.</p> <p>Suggested that the company should appoint a key contact person for the village to ensure smooth communication and grievance redressal. This information should be given in writing.</p>	<p>Regarding contractor payments, the proponent clarified that all wage payments are made directly through bank accounts to avoid any interference by contractors.</p> <p>The suggestion regarding appointment of a key person was welcomed. Written communication will be coordinated through CER activities and in consultation with the Gram Panchayat.</p>
4	<p>Ganesh Murlidhar Joshi, Pimpalkhed- Our agricultural produce should not be purchased on a contract basis. The company should directly buy produce from farmers.</p>	<p>The project proponent agreed that during operations, if raw material meets the required quality standards and is available, it will be procured directly from farmers, which will support the local economy.</p>
5	<p>Sachin Harishchandra Satbhai, Dahivi- Farmers who have given their land should have at least one or two family members trained and employed in the project.</p> <p>If farming is affected in the future, the company should provide crop-cover insurance.</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that they will strictly follow the air pollution norms set by the Ministry of Environment. A new 99.99% efficient Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) will be installed.</p> <p>Local employment will be facilitated through skill development initiatives.</p>
6	<p>Digambar Dhatark, Pimpalkhed- Once the project work starts, please ensure fencing shall be shifted inside from the current location.</p>	<p>The proponent agreed, stating that proper road width and fencing are important for the project and will be shifted from current location as per requirement.</p>
7	<p>Pralhad Dalvi, Sarpanch Dalvi Gram Panchayat- In many industries, plastic is unnecessarily burnt in boilers causing smoke that harms crops. What measures will be taken to prevent this?</p>	<p>The project proponent clarified that their boiler uses agro-waste and does not use plastic. All environmental norms prescribed by the ministry will be strictly followed.</p>
8	<p>Mr. Sunanda Reddy, NGO representative Expressed support for the proposed project and asked that whether the project will act</p>	<p>The project proponent replied that all government regulations and consultant recommendations will be strictly followed. The</p>

	towards reducing environmental impact due to said project and will follow all the prevailing Government norms for pollution control?	industry will focus on water management, community empowerment, and environmental compliance.
9.	Shri Yogesh Gadoje, Pimparkhed Strong preventive measures should be implemented to avoid negative impacts of the project. Also suggested starting agro-processing activities to add value to local agricultural produce.	<p>The project proponent said that all pollution control measures are included in the draft EIA report, and appropriate equipment's will be installed to minimise impact on the surroundings.</p> <p>The Sub-Divisional Magistrate informed that a committee will be formed under Social and Environmental Responsibility comprising project proponents, Gram Panchayat representatives, and district administration to ensure the commitments are implemented.</p>
10.	Shri Subhash Gaikwad, Pimparkhed All assurances given by the industry should be submitted to the Gram Panchayat in writing so that villagers have an official record.	The proponent stated that the detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report is already available with the Gram Panchayat.
11.	Gramsevika Pimparkhed- Welcomed the project and said it will create many local employment opportunities. Since 90% of the population is Scheduled Tribe, skill development and training should be provided for women so they can participate in industrial work.	The project proponent stated that all suggestions are noted and training activities are already included under CER and CSR initiatives. Women will be given priority in employment.
12.	Shri Nikhil Sanjay Jadhav, Pimparkhed Asked what educational qualifications are required for employment in the industry so that students can plan their studies accordingly.	The project proponent said that graduates, engineers, and candidates with relevant skills will be preferred for technical posts. Unskilled persons will also be trained and provided employment.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing, Shri. Naresh Akunuri, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kalwan, first expressed his gratitude to all the citizens present from the surrounding area, the company directors, the company promoters, and all the officers of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. He informed the citizens that if anyone still had any questions, comments,

criticisms, or suggestions, they might put them forward, as this public hearing was meant to address environmental concerns.

Thereafter, no citizen raised any further questions.

He further stated that the project proponent must provide written replies to the technical questions raised by the committee. He also mentioned that all the questions asked by the citizens, as well as the technical questions raised by the committee, have been duly recorded here.

Shri Prashant Gaikwad, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik, expressed his gratitude and stated that we had gathered here today on behalf of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct the environmental public hearing for the project of M/s. Bapuna Spirits Pvt. Ltd., located at Gat No. 26, 27, 29, 31, 32 (P), 34 (P), 35 (P), Village Pimpalkhed, Taluka Dindori, District Nashik – 422202, for establishing a 40 KLPD Malt and 2 KLPD Mahua flower based spirit production unit. A detailed presentation of the project had been given by the project consultant. People were then given an opportunity to raise questions, comments, suggestions, or objections. The company representatives/consultants have provided appropriate clarifications to the questions, and all these points have been recorded here.

He further expressed his gratitude to the Chairman of the public hearing, Shri Naresh Akunuri (IAS), the member of the public hearing committee Shri L. S. Bhad, all the citizens present, and the company directors.

Thereafter, the Chairperson conveyed thanks and declared the public hearing concluded.



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