

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing In Respect Of Proposed Expansion In Existing Project of 45.0 KLPD Molasses Based Distillery to 155.0 KLPD (Expansion by 110.0 KLPD) By Using 'C'/'B' Heavy Molasses/Cane Juice/Cane Syrup/Grain Alongwith 6.0 MW Electricity Generation At Gat No.62,65,66,74,79,80,81,83,104,105,113,114,115,116,118,155,157 (Survey No.95 & 97), At Post-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv (PIN 413 616), Maharashtra State By Project Proponent M/s Manjara Sugar Industries Pvt. Ltd., Village-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv (PIN 413 616), Maharashtra State

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Shri Parmeshwar V. Naik, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Onkar Balasaheb Deshmukh, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharashiv and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Manish Holkar, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chatrapati Sambhajinagar and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee and Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels 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, Gol) 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, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application on 28-02-2026 from Project Proponent M/s Manjara Sugar Industries Pvt. Ltd., Village-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv (PIN 413 616), Maharashtra State to conduct Environment Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Expansion In Existing Project of 45.0 KLPD Molasses Based Distillery to 155.0 KLPD (Expansion by 110.0 KLPD) By Using 'C'/'B' Heavy Molasses/Cane Juice/Cane Syrup/Grain Alongwith 6.0 MW Electricity Generation At Gat No.62, 65, 66, 74, 79, 80, 81, 83,104,105,113,114,115,116,118,155,157 (Survey No.95 & 97), At Post-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv (PIN 413 616), Maharashtra State.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under **Category A Schedule no. 5 (g) Distilleries, 1 (d) Thermal Power Plants**, which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of

India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application on 08-10-2025 alongwith pre-feasibility report to obtain Terms of Reference (ToR) to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval on 15-10-2025.

Accordingly, 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 October, 2024 to December, 2024 (three months). It is submitted to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 26.02.2026 directed Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur to carry the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Afterwards, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur vide letter dated 22.04.2026 requested

Hon'ble District Collector, Dharashiv to conduct Environment Public Hearing for the proposed project.

District Collector, Dharashiv vide letter dated 22.04.2026 directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 12th June, 2026 at 11.30 a.m. at Project Site – M/s Manjara Sugar Industries Pvt. Ltd., At Gat No.62, 65, 66, 74, 79, 80, 81, 83,104,105,113,114,115,116,118,155,157 (Survey No.95 & 97), At Post-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv (PIN 413 616), Maharashtra State.

After getting approval from District Collector, Dharashiv, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019 has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide dated 26-05-2026 as under:-

1) District Magistrate-Dharashiv
or his representative not below
the rank of
Sub Divisional Magistrate

Chairman

2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,

Member

Chatrapati Sambhajnagar

3) Sub Regional Officer, **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Latur

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur in the local newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in National Newspaper Times of India for English on 08th May, 2026. 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)	District Collector, Dharashiv;
3)	General Manager, District Industries Center, Dharashiv
4)	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Dharashiv;
5)	Sub Divisional Officer, Tuljapur, District- Dharashiv;
6)	Tahsil Office, Tuljapur, District- Dharashiv;
7)	Grampanchayat Office – Mangrul; Bhatambri; Raykhel; Dhanegaon (Tuljapur); Kumbhari (Tuljapur); Yamgarwadi; Kadamwadi; Sardewadi; Nanduri; Khandalkarwadi; Khotachiwadi; Aarli

	Budruk;Chincholi; Kalegaon (Tuljapur); Kasai; Chavanwadi (Tuljapur); Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv;
8)	Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15 th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032;
9)	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 1 st ,2 nd ,3 rd , 4 th Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
10)	Regional Officer- Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No.A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Behind Dainik Lokpatra, Adjacent to Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, Jalna Road, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar
11)	Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No.P-10, Udyog Samuh Bldg., MIDC Latur – 413 531
12)	Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board; - Marathi and English Executive Summary were made available;

Convener informed that 04 suggestions/objections have been received regarding the proposed project.

Convener informed that an opportunity is 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. If participant wishes to submit his/her suggestions/objections

in writing, it can be handed over to representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. 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 Proponent, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the meeting in Marathi and English after approval of Chairman will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government 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 Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project.

Project Environment Consultant informed that Alcohol production plays a significant role in the country's economic progress. It is used as fuel—in the form of 'Power Alcohol'—for blending with petrol. Anticipating future demand for alcohol, the management has decided to expand the factory's distillery unit.

Proposed Project ZLD (Zero Liquid Discharge) Project. Not a drop of treated effluent will be discharged outside the project. Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) will be commissioned for the project, hence there will be 100% recycling of the wastewater.

Provision of ₹ 33.30 crore has been made for environmental protection in the project and ₹ 1.50 crore has been allocated for the social and economic development of the surrounding area.

Project Environmental Consultant provided detailed information during the meeting regarding the existing project and the proposed distillery expansion, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project.

Project Environmental Consultant stated that the Harni River is located 3.0 km away from the project site, while the reserved forest is at a distance of 2.1 km. Project Proponent has obtained a No Objection Certificate from the Forest Department in this regard.

It is informed by the Environment Consultant that total investment for the proposed project is ₹ 175.0 crore. Also, for the Distillery project expansion, there is requirement of an additional 80 people and this requirement will be met by providing opportunities to young men and women from the local area.

Project Environmental Consultant stated that it is mandatory to develop 33% area of total area as green belt. The project site covers an area of 32.0 hectares; therefore, 10.54 hectares of the site must be developed as a green belt.

Only those species which have been made mandatory by Central Pollution Control Board will be planted. At present, there are 21,300 trees, and the proposed 5,050 trees will be planted.

An investment of ₹ 3,300/- lakh will be made in capital expenditure for environmental management within the project, while ₹ 200 /- lakh will be invested annually for the maintenance and repair of pollution control systems.

This project is extremely beneficial for Mangrul village, the State of Maharashtra, and the country.

After the presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise their suggestions, views or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising suggestions, objections, first inform name and address. It will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of meeting.

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) Shri Shrikishan Survase, Residence - Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

What measures will be adopted to control the smell nuisance which will be emanated from the production process in the proposed distillery expansion plant?

Project Environment Consultant replied that in the past, composting is used to done in the sugar factory project i.e. fertilizer used to produce. The spent wash which was produced in the distillery project is used to sprayed on the press mud and composting is to be carried. For this, a 45-

day cycle had to be followed. This caused foul smell and flies to spread.

But that will not happen now. Incineration will be done in the proposed distillery expansion project. Once the spent wash is produced, it will be sent for concentration. Then it will be incinerated, which means that spent wash will be burnt. Spent wash will not be stored. So that the people in the vicinity will not have to suffer from smell nuisance.

Also, in the proposed distillery expansion project, the spent wash will be dried and converted into powder form. So we are going to follow bio-methanization, concentration and drying. Here, spent wash will not be stored, so there will be no smell nuisance.

2) Shri Ghaffar Shaikh, Residence - Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:

What will be the production per day in the proposed distillery?

Environmental Consultant clarified that the distillery plant is producing 45.0 kilolitres per day of Rectified Spirit (RS) and Ethanol. Proposed expansion project will primarily involve the production of Rectified Spirit (RS), Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA), and Ethanol, with a capacity of up to 155.0 kiloliters per day. The production limit of 155.0 kiloliters per

day will be followed and production system in the proposed expansion project will be operated in accordance with it.

3) Shri Bharat Bhagwan Kshirsagar, Residence-Khotachi Wadi, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

How the proposed expansion project will benefit the surrounding villages?

Project Environment Consultant informed that sugar factories require more manpower. At present, 343 people are working in the sugar factory and 39 people in the distillery plant. Furthermore, local people are employed in the canteen and for the maintenance of the project's green belt, leading to an increase in indirect employment. The tankers and vehicles utilized for the operation of the project have also been hired/taken from local people, thereby boosting indirect business opportunities.

The proposed distillery expansion project requires an additional 80 manpower and will provide employment opportunities to the local people.

However, due to the proposed expansion project, there will be a direct benefit in industrial development in the local area, employment generation and there will be a huge increase in indirect business here. That is, additional tankers, tippers, vehicles will be needed for the expansion

project. For this, tankers and vehicles from the local people will be hired. Skilled and unskilled workers will be required in the project and local people will be given a chance in it.

Also, a provision of Rs 1.50 crore has been made for CER activities due to the expansion project and social and environmental programs suggested by the local gram panchayat will be implemented. This will only benefit the local people.

4) Shri Rajan Bhokre, Residence - Nanduri, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

What alternative arrangements have been planned by the factory for the additional water which will be generated due to the proposed project expansion?

Environmental Consultant asked Shri Bhokre if he desires to know about the additional water i.e. Condensate. Shri Bhokre suggested an explanation for the excess water.

Project Environment Consultant informed that the juice which comes out after crushing sugarcane in the sugar factory has to be dried to extract sugar. The water which comes out at that time is called Condensate. It is used for processing in sugar plant as well as for maintenance of green belt. The surplus water from the sugar plant is also used in the present distillery plant. The excess condensate which will be produced during the expansion of the sugar

plant in the future will also be used in the distillery plant. As a result, the need for fresh water in the distillery plant will also be reduced.

5) Shri Nagnath Bachate, Residence - Arali Budruk, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

Whether a new boiler will be installed in the proposed distillery expansion project? If you're going to do the same, what measures will be taken to control the pollution caused by it?

Environmental Consultant replied that the distillation column would increase as production increased, the increase in the distillation column requires additional steam. Hence, it requires a new boiler. For this, a new boiler of 40.0 tonnes will be commissioned. Bagasse from the sugar factory will be used as fuel for this. The most advanced device i.e. ESP (Electro-Static-Precipitator) will be installed to control air pollution from boilers. It will be fitted with a stack/chimney. Dust particles which will be produced in the production process, will be arrested in ESP. The efficiency of ESP is 99.9%. Hence, pure air will also be thrown out.

6) Shri Dattatray Bharat Jadhav, Residence-Mangrul, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

How long will the distillery plant be operational after the proposed expansion?

Project Environment Consultant said that composting is used to be carried in the past. Therefore, the distillery plant had to be closed during the monsoon, so there was no production of fertilizer in the rainy season. Therefore, at that time, the distillery plant was operational for a maximum of 270 days.

But now incineration technology is being adopted. Here, the spent wash is burned. The new technology is drying of spent wash. Hence, the factory will remain operational throughout the year. The distillery plant will be operational for 330 days, as it will be closed for maintenance for a month.

7) Shri Ram Chavan, Residence - Chavanwadi, Taluka-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv:-

How much greenbelt will be developed in the proposed distillery expansion project?

Project Environment Consultant answered that it is mandatory to develop 33% of the total project area as a green belt zone. The project area is 32.0 hectares. Therefore, 10.54 hectares of land will have to be developed as a green belt in the project. Large-scale plantation (Mass Plantation) along the roadside, around the compound wall and wherever space/plot is available, will be done. As per the directives of Central Pollution Control Board, species will be

planted. Therefore, a green protective shield (green barrier) will be ready. So the sound from the project will not go out. Local species like Neem, Vada (Banayan tree), Peepal, Tamarind trees will be planted, which will flourish in the environment here.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise any environmental suggestions, opinions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

8) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, State-Telangana:

My best wishes to Management as well as to villagers. As an Environmentalist, I herewith appeal Government to give unconditional permission to this industry. I am observing three environmental issues. One is water harvesting which is important. If it is possible, do it. I observed that 25-35 crores liter water received in this area. As far as possible, water harvesting should be done. It will increase ground water level in this area. It will be helpful to this industry as well as to the surrounding areas.

I am congratulating your management for plantation. It is marvellous. You have planted fruit bearing plants and medicinal values plants.

Second item is Skill Development. If possible, with help of Government, Skill Development Training be extended to unemployed young boys and girls residing nearby villages. It will be beneficial to the industry also. Remaining will get opportunity elsewhere; it will get credibility.

Constitution of Co-ordination Committee, whatever expenditure you will spend. Demand Oriented work should be carried.

At the same time, there is two portions – one is pollution and one is development. There are 6-7 items which creates pollution in India. Industry is one of it. Your production is useful to the society. In India, most of the environmentalist always blame to industries for pollution. In India, approximately 50 crores of vehicles are running on the road. 35 crores of diesel is used//burned in India every year, which is source of major pollution. Fertilizers of 6.0 crore tons per annum is used in India, which is also one of the major sources in India. One crores of liters of pesticides are used in India every year. There is adulteration of food. Otherside some environmentalists, unnecessarily blaming the industrial development. Just blaming brings pressue to the public consultation process.

Hence, I appeal Govt. of India to exempt certain industries for public consultation, otherwise within six

months, the industry should be granted Environment Clearance. Unemployment is major pollution in India. I am demanding that this industry should be granted unconditional permission.

Here, Convener of the Meeting appealed all to raise only environmental suggestions and objections about the proposed project only.

9) Shri Manish Holkar, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

RO reject will be used for the cooling tower. Is it appropriate to use it for a cooling tower? Is it necessary to extend any treatment?

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested Project Environmental Consultant that in the presentation you have shown the rejection of R.O. Reject to the cooling tower.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked whether scaling would make a difference in production if we use its MEE, ATFD and its condensate before using it for the cooling tower?

Project Environment Consultant said the condensate has a higher TDS, 2,000-3,000 TDS. R.O. Reject will not go to the cooling tower as it is. It will be processed first.

Member and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that corrections should be made in Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Presentation.

10) Mr. Chandrasekhar, Environmentalist-NGO:

I welcome the project in this public hearing on the environment. Let me make a few suggestions-

A green belt should be developed in and around the project area; employment opportunities should be provided to the people of the villages in the project area; the CSR funds of the project should be spent for the development of the villages in the area. Also, safety equipment should be made available to the workers in the proposed project expansion,

I am requesting Government to grant Environmental Clearance to this project.

11) Mr. Venkatesh, Environmentalist:

I request in this Environment public hearing that while employing local people in the project, keeping in mind the educational qualifications and providing similar employment opportunities in the skilled and semi-skilled cadres. Also, when the vehicles and tippers are needed in the project, it should be taken from the local people only. I request Government to grant Environmental Clearance to the said project.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee requested Chairman, Environment Public Public Hearing Committee to give suggestions on the proposed project and guide the meeting.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and said that the suggestions, views, opinions or objections as raised in the meeting by the participants in respect of proposed project have been noted.

However, anyone who wish to register environmental comments, views, or objections regarding the proposed project may still do so. Convener of the Meeting has already stated that they can be submitted in writing also.

Those who are unable to submit the same today in the meeting may submit their suggestions or objections in writing at the Sub-Divisional Office, Dharashiv.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested Project Proponent that, in addition to complying with environmental guidelines, they should implement educational and health-related schemes in the surrounding villages using Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, as part of their social responsibility.

During the meeting, some participants expressed great satisfaction with the green belt developed as part of the

project and congratulated the project management. Such work will certainly be welcomed by the government as well.

There is currently much discussions regarding El Nino, which is particularly intense. By this time last year, the rains had already begun; however, with June 15th fast approaching, there is still no sign of rainfall. Nevertheless, if water conservation works could be undertaken in the villages surrounding the project area using CSR funds, it would be possible to meet the water requirements of both the project and the local villages.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed all to raise any suggestion/objection in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said if anybody desires to submit written suggestions/objections regarding the proposed project, it can be submitted at Sub Divisional Office-Dharashiv. Acknowledgement will be given to it and it will be sent to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Office at Latur.

Chairman of the Committee informed Convener of the Meeting to proceed the meeting.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed Project Proponent to prepare a plan regarding the

directives given by Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee for implementation of water conservation, soil conservation, educational, and health-related initiatives.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that suggestions, views or objections as raised by the participants in the meeting have been noted. It will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Minutes will be prepared in Marathi and in English. After approval of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, minutes of the meeting, Revised EIA report and written suggestions/objections will be submitted to Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai. An Expert Committee there will take further decision.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee again requested participants to raise any suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants. He requested Chairman of the Committee to conclude the meeting.

Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked public who came to attend the meeting,

government officials, project officials, Police Administration and declared that Environment Public Hearing is concluded.

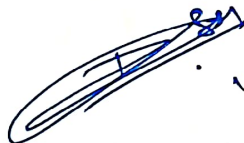
Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

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