

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 11.01.2018 AT 11.00 AM IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT BY M/s. MANGALORE CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LIMITED(MCF) AT MCF PREMISES, NEAR MAIN GATE, PANAMBUR, MANGALURU, DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		M/s Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (MCF) premises, Near Main Gate, Panambur -575 010, Mangaluru, D. K. District, Karnataka State
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri. Sasikanth Senthil, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru	Chairperson
2	Sri. K.M Lingaraju, Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru	Member
2	Sri. K. Keerthi Kumar, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Officer, Mangaluru	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Dr. H. Lakshmikantha, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Udupi	
2	Sri. Jayaprakash Nayak, Senior Scientific Officer, KSPCB, Regional Laboratory, Mangaluru	
3	Sri. Ravi S. Gali, Scientific Officer, KSPCB, Regional Laboratory, Mangaluru	
4	Sri. Vivek C. Gunaga, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Mangaluru	
5	Kum. Maheshwari Kumari Singh, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Mangaluru	

Elected representatives present:	
1	Sri. Mohiuddin Bawa, MLA, Mangaluru North Constituency, Mangaluru
2	Sri Shashidhar Shetty, Member, Mangaluru City Corporation
3	Sri K. Mohammed, Member, , Kunjathbail Ward, Mangaluru City Corporation
4.	Smt. Prathibha Kulai, Member, Hosabettu Ward, Mangalore City Corporation
Representatives present on behalf of M/s. Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (MCF)	
1.	Sri. Prabhakar Rao, Director Works, MCF
2.	Sri. Krishnappa, Joint General Manager, MCF
3.	Dr. Yogish, Deputy General Manager, Medical Services, MCF
4.	Sri. Keerthan Kumar, Deputy General Manager (SNF) MCF
5	Sri. S. K. Jain, Director, M/s EQMS India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
6	Dr. Alok Singh, Scientist, M/s EQMS India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
	The details of the general public present in the Environmental Public Hearing is enclosed in Annexure-1 .

PREAMBLE :

M/s Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (MCF), Panambur, Mangaluru, D. K. District has proposed expansion of following projects at the existing facilities in Mangalore;

1. Energy Improvement Project of Ammonia and Urea Plants
2. 1 Million Tonn/year DAP/NPK project
3. Poly Carboxyl Ether (PCE) Project of 18,000 Tonn/year.

The project proponent is required to obtain Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notificaion dated 14.09.2006 (as amended till 2009) issued under the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

As the proposed project is classified under Category-A of the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the MoEF and Climate Change, Government of India.

Accordingly, the project proponents have made an application to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in prescribed format.

MoEF and Climate Change after scrutiny of application made by the project proponents, issued Terms of Reference(TOR) wide letter No.J-11011/159/2016-IA II(I), New Delhi, Dated:23.09.2016. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the project proponents have submitted Rapid Environment Impact Assessment(REIA) Report and Executive Summary both in Kannada and English prepared by EQMS India Pvt. Ltd. India, Delhi to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 25.10.2017.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru requested the Deputy Commissioner, Mangaluru to suggest suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Managluru has given consent to conduct the meeting on 11.01.2018 at 11.00 AM at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published environmental public hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely "Udayavani" (Kannada) and "Deccan Herald" (English) on 11.12.2017 and local Kannada daily newspaper "Vartha Bharathi" on 17.12.2017 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days.

Continuation to the above, the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report in English and copies of the executive summary in Kannada and English were kept in the following places for the perusal of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru.
- District Industries Centre, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru.
- Mangluru City Corporation, Lalbagh, Mangaluru.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Mangaluru.
- Ministry of Forest and Environment, South Zone, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills in surrounding villages of the proposed project area.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing was commenced on 11.01.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Mangaluru at the proposed project site at 11.00 AM.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:

Sri.K Keerthi Kumar, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, welcomed the gathering and requested the Deputy Commissioner, Mangaluru to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri K.M Lingaraju, Senior Environmental Officer, Bengaluru and also member of public hearing meeting, informed the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that the proposed project proponents have to obtain Environmental Clearance and also informed that all required procedure mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006(as amended till 2009) before conducting public hearing have been followed with.

Further, the chairperson of the Public Hearing Panel informed the project proponents to present the technical details of the proposed project .

Accordingly, Sri. K Prabhakar Rao, Director-Works, Sri. B. Krishnappa, JGM-EHS & QC, and Dr. Yogish, DGM-Medical Services of MCF explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report taken up with regard to the proposed project by EQMS India Pvt. Ltd. India, Delhi. The salient features put forth in the presentation are as follows:

1. The proposed expansion project comprises of following units
 - Energy Improvement Project of Ammonia and Urea Plants by modernisation and capacity enhancement of Ammonia form 2,47,500 Tonn/year to 3,28,500T/year and Urea form 4,29,000Tonn/Y to 5,69,400Tonn/Y.
 - 1 Million t/y DAP/NPK project for the additional production of 10,00,000 Tonn/year to the existing 4,01,500Tonn/year.
 - Poly Carboxyl Ether (PCE) Project of 18,000 Tonn/year.
2. Proposed project site is located within the existing industry premises of MCF and no additional land will be required for this project.
3. Present power requirement is 36MW after implementation of the project power requirement for Ammonia and Urea plants will reduce by about 6 MW. This will cater to the requirement of the new DAP/NPK and PCE plants. So no additional power will be required for this project.
4. No additional water requirement after commissioning of the plants. The marginal increase will be met by existing waste water recovery unit.
5. There is generation of about 400 number of additional employment by this project.

6. The additional sewage generation during the operation of proposed project will be treated in the existing STP

(Copy of the power point presentation is enclosed as Annexure- III)

After the presentation, The Chairperson of the Environmental Public hearing panel requested the public gathered at the meeting to express their views/opinions/objections/Suggestions if any and informed to restrict their views to environmental issues only.

Accordingly, the public expressed their views/opinions/ objections/Suggestions as below:-

Sri. Mohiuddin Bawa, MLA, Mangaluru North Constituency- expressed his happiness saying that the Mangaloreans are opened for industrial development in this area. He observed that there is a few residences in this industrial Area mentioning the migration of people to nearby Krishnapura and Katipalla area during the establishment of MCF and KIOCL. He appreciated the efforts of industry in utilizing CSR funds for developmental activities of schools and also organizing medical camps. He further urged the company authorities to reserve the jobs created during expansion project for local people as they are the one facing the immediate consequence of the industry. He also added that CSR funds should be reserved for the developmental works in local areas like Kuloor. He requested the management to respond immediately to the local people who faced problems due to the activities by industries if any.

Further, he mentioned the problem created due to the railway line passing across the National Highway meant for transporting the materials to the industry and its operation and asked the company authorities to find out the alternative to this. Mentioning the problems created by the spillage of fertilizer on road during transport through train wagons he said that the urea spillage is creating a havoc to the bike and commuters on the road and many people had lost their lives because of this and he also reminded the incident where he suffered personally from this problem. Talking about the installation of desalination plant he asked the company authorities to install a desalination plant under the CSR fund which could be helpful not only for the company requirements but also to the general public.

He promised to take up any issues of the industry as an MLA and also from Government side. He once again drew the attention towards the problems faced by people due to the operation of industries like MRPL and BASF and suggested to control the same. He asked the SEZ officials present in the meeting to conduct the Public Hearing in the line with this meeting whenever there is a polluting industries are proposed at SEZ and he extended his support to the proposed project

Sri Shashidhar Hegde, Ex-Mayor, MCC- He thanked the organiser of the meeting for conducting the public Hearing for the good cause and informed that MCF itself is paying about 1.2-1.4 Crores out of 3.0 Crores of monthly to Mangaluru City Corporation as Water Cess. Extending his full support for the proposed expansion on behalf of Mangalore City Corporation and Mangaloreans he suggested the organizers to incorporate all the suggestions and opinions from the local people and representatives of various organizations in the EIA report and then proceed with the expansion of the project. He once again expressed his complete support to proposed expansion of MCF which has been backbone of farmers all over state and country.

Sri. K. Muhammad, Corporator, Kunjatabail said that Company representative had represented only the benefits of the project but not said anything about the possible problems which could arise during the operation of the company. Expressing his anxiety over the problems arises after the start of the project, asked the authorities regarding the action plan to mitigate such problems.

He reminded about the problems faced by public from Sulphur and petcock unit in MSEZ and the protests conducted by Jokkate and nearby villagers and also said that there are no plantations are taken up in the area reserved for green belt development to protect environment. He demanded the MCF company to abide by their commitment to take up 33% plantation out of 192 acres land.

Mentioning about the Bhopal gas tragedy he expressed his displeasure over the attitude of initiating the action only after the problems occurred. Mentioning the storage of chemicals like of Ammonia in MCF industry premise he once again asked the authorities regarding the action plan to tackle such situation.

He said he has no objection for the proposed expansion project but again reminded the authorities to provide take proper action for the problems created by the industry.

Mentioning the problems of flood in Gurupura river he requested to reserve CSR fund for the construction of retaining wall to the bank of river and also for the construction of *Anganavadi* buildings.

Extending his support to the project on behalf of Kunjattibailu ward he asked the concerned authorities to take proper steps to prevent the dust and smell nuisance created by the industries in the area as it is more adversely affecting to the children health in the locality.

Sri. Dayananda Shetty, Corporator said that generally people residing near the industry are much concern about its consequences and the residents of residing in Melkoppa and Kulur village are suffered most. Referring to the nuisance created by the industries such as burning sensation in eyes, vomiting, smell nuisance particularly during

morning and evening hours demanded to conduct survey on problems faced by Melkoppa, Kulur and Atribail villagers by concerned Government authorities and also mentioning the health problems suffered by the children in St. Antony Church School due to bad odour and demanded to pay attention to such problems.

He demanded to incorporate the latest and safer available technologies needed to be adapted in Ammonia plant for safety. Alleging that the existing Ammonia Storage unit is in open space expressed his concern over its safety. He demanded to operate the Ammonia Unit safely and asked the authorities to share the information in this regard with public.

He alleged that the industry is not investing the funds under CSR properly and demanded to give priority in jobs to the local people, either Contract or permanent.

Smt. Pratibha Kulai, Corporator, Kulai speaking on bad condition of National High Way stretch extending from Baikampady Junction to Kulur informed that many lives had been lost due to this and urged the company officials of both MCF and KIOCL to take up the responsibility of maintaining this road throughout the year. Further she said number of foreigners visit Mangalore and they entered the city from NMPT. She expressed her concern over their impression on this city by seeing this area which lacks greenery and cleanliness. Again insisted the authorities of both the industries to take some interest in beautifying this region and make Mangalorean feel proud.

At this point, **Sri. Mohiuddin Bawa**, MLA requested the chairman of the meeting that people from Kulur Village are the ones facing immediate effects of MCF industry and hence they should be given first opportunity to speak. He again mentioned about the spillage of urea on roads during transportation from NMPT leading to road accidents and demanded the concerned officials to take strict precautionary measures to prevent it. He suggested taking utmost care to avoid any kind of disaster from Ammonia plant inside the industry premises.

Headmistress of Government Higher Primary School, Kulur complained about the smell nuisance and dust problems in their school. She informed that nearly 400 students majority being poor students from Badami and Bijapur region discontinue their studies as their parents refuse to send them to schools due to smell problem and requested to look into the issue. She expressed her displeasure on not receiving any help to her school under the Company's CSR fund. As it is Government aided school except Mid-Day Meal and Free distribution of milk they are not getting any facilities from the Government and they themselves are paying their teachers through their pockets as salary.

Sri. Uma Shanker enquired about the installation of online system to monitor environmental pollution.

In response, Sri. Krishnappa, Joint General Manager, MCF said the stacks of the industry are provided with continuous online monitoring system since 2016 to monitor Ammonia and particulate matter and Sulphur coming out from them and it is connected to Central Pollution Control Board server and it has the provision to sending alert messages in case the levels cross the prescribed limits. Similarly continuous air quality monitoring devices to monitor 8 parameters has been installed in the industry premises and the results are continuously displayed on the display Board installed at entrance gate.

Sri. B. Dharanendra Kumar, Zilla Panchayath Member said MCF is one of the reputed industries in South India and its products helped the farmers in increasing their yield and thus making them self-reliant in food production and with this the food which was used to be imported before has been stopped due to contribution of this industry.

He informed regarding the programs organized by the company in Belthangady taluk under CSR fund such as free health checkup camps, eye checkup camps and cardio checkup camps. Further he expressed his pleasure that the MCF has helped in starting Science branch in the college of his village which helped village and poor students. He praised the company for conducting the soil test in Alangadi and Gundura which helped the farmers to increase their yield.

Dr. Vishala Samarth, Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Mangalore said that MCF company helped Mangalore to get recognition in global level. Students who did internship projects and training in MCF have succeeded in getting good jobs not just in India but also abroad and she particularly thanked MCF for making it possible. She suggested that suitable measures to be taken to follow Environmental pollution related rules and regulations and requested to grant permission for MCF for the expansion project.

Sri. Anil Baliga sought more information on Poly Carboxyl and response to this **Sri. Keerthan Kumar, MCF** said Poly carboxyl is construction chemical extensively used in India but presently it is not being produced in India. Currently it is being imported from Korea and in the proposed project the production technology is also provide by Korea. He said the company aims to manufacture sufficient quantity Poly Carboxyl in India under Make in India project. He said all the by products produced from Poly Carboxyl manufacturing unit are recyclable and it is a zero discharge unit, hence there is no environmental pollution from the unit.

Sri. Gaurav Hegde, Kanara Small Scale Industries Association, Baikampady said MCF is one such industry in Mangalore about which they are proud of. He informed that many ancillary activities of MCF industry are carried out by small scale industries

located at Baikampady Industrial Area. Further he said any industrial activity will have impact on environment and there are certain limits prescribed, if the industry sticks to these limits a balance between industry, employment, finance and environment can be maintained. He said while modernization of the industry the industry must adapt latest environment friendly technologies which will considerably reduce the negative impact on environment due to industrial activity. The industrial expansion activity is beneficial as it encourages small scale industries because of its ancillary activities and extended the support for the project on behalf of the Association.

Smt. Vathika Pai, Canara Chambers of Commerce and Industries said MCF which commissioned 40 years ago not just has given the employment to around 1000 Mangaloreans but also helped their dependent families and changed the economy of Mangalore. She said as stated in the proposal increase in the production of Ammonia will lead to reduction in its selling price which in turn promotes Agro based industries and farmers cause. She expressed her confidence on MCF in giving utmost importance to environment and prevention of pollution and requested the industry authorities to publish the data in this regard annually. Further she said this project will improve the financial status of not just the State but the Country as well and expressed her support for the project from Canara Chambers of Commerce and Industries.

Sri Shekher Poojary said that as we are aware around 6 to 7 million lakh ton of Urea is being imported and because of its low cost farmers are using urea excessively resulting the contamination of ground water and decrease in soil fertility.

Production of DAP and NPK and their use by the farmers will help to maintain balance in soil fertility and keep ground water quality safe. Further he said that the said project will enhance local employment and investment potential in Mangalore and extended his support to the project.

In response the Deputy Commissioner expressed his assertion that the company might not be able to say in usage of urea fertilizers as it depends on the Government policy.

Sri. Satish Kumar, President, Grama Panchayath, Aladangadi said he himself being a farmer in occupation and many farmers are approaching him regarding the shortage of fertilizer during every pre-monsoon and post-monsoon farming seasons. He extended his support to MCFs expansion project and insisted further increase in the production capacity.

Sri. Shivananda Naik, Social Worker said that he owns a transport business and informed that there is a huge demand for fertilizers manufactured in MCF company. But said that the production is not in par with demand. area He wished for enough and timely supply of fertilizers after expansion. As the project does not require any extra land requested to give permission to the project and requested to start at the earliest.

Sri. Diwakar Kadri, Ex-Mayor, Mangaluru City Corporation speaking about the sea water desalination unit suggested that the island on the river flowing adjacent to the company is suitable for setting up of desalination unit and requested to consider the proposal and welcomed the DAP and urea expansion project as it would benefit farmers.

Sri Vishwanath Bangera, S/o D. Ramappa Bangera on behalf of farming community said that they would welcome the proposed expansion project and they have no objection for the said project.

Sri Ramesh K. J., Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management said as a lecture he would teach about Core Sectors and the deficiency in the Fertilizer sector which is one of the core sector is covered by the expansion in production capacity of industries like MCF and said the Mangalorean should be proud of MCF. Speaking about the problems of the industries he said that every problem has its solution but companies like MCF helps to gain self-reliance and he opined that in this regard the project is helpful.

Sri. Balakrishna H, Retired GM, KIOCL said that every industry has its own positive and negative elements and said that MCF has efficiently presented and asked to implement the project as they presented. He expressed his praised the MCF authorities for conducting the mock drill along with other surrounding industries. Further he congratulated the MCF management for going for expansion while other industries are in the verge of shutting down.

Sri Harish Kumar, Grama Panchayath Member, Belthangady informed about the free medical checkups carried out by MCF for around 350 people and free eye surgery for around 120 people in the villages of Belthangady taluk. He appreciated the service lent by MCF in rural areas even though the industry is located at Mangaluru. He appreciated the discipline of MCF staffs.

Sri. Dinesh V Shetty complaining about the nuisance caused by the industries such as headache, nausea, vomiting etc. in the neighbourhood villages. He said that the company is not providing the jobs for locals as a result they are migrating to other places in search of jobs.. He alleged that, comparing to its benefits company had created more problems in the area. Mentioning the water pollution in Phalguni river due to the industries in surrounding area said that such a situation could have been avoided if MCF or other big companies had built dam across the river. Further he alleged that the company had not taken up any programme under CSR fund in the surrounding villages referring to the lack of basic facilities in nearby Kudru Village. He demanded the jobs in the company should be given to the local people.

Further he demanded the concerned authorities to visit each affected house and address to their grievances. He said that he has no objection of the proposed expansion project provided the industry operates without causing problems to anyone.

Sri. Mosel Monterio, extending his support for the proposed expansion project by MCF pointed out that industry authority has given information on air, water and soil quality but not regarding the sound levels and requested to provide information on sound levels.

In response, **Sri. Krishnappa, Joint General Manager, MCF** gave the information about the noise monitoring conducted at different places and said that the noise levels during day time and night time are within the limits of stipulated standards.

Sri. H. Madhubabu, Social Worker congratulated the industry for going for expansion and stressed the need for increasing the greenery in order to maintain environmental balance. He further insisted the industry to explore the possibility to increase the green belt coverage from existing 33% to 50% and suggested to take up mass plantation project in nearby villages rather than only inside the industry premises. He suggested the industry to adapt rain water harvesting system as the industry utilizes large quantity of water and the region is facing water scarcity problem during summer season.

Sri. Chennakeshava Reddy, Social Worker extending his support to the project said that the proposed project would lead to Regional development and development of the Country in general creating more employment opportunities and said MoEF should approve the project. He insisted that the CSR fund should be spent for only affected region and villages and residents. He asked the industry authorities to develop green belt in affected regions and abide compulsory 33% plantation and also to regularly monitor the sewage and effluent treatment plants and arrange for periodic free medical camps for nearby villagers.

Sri. Muneer Katipalla, State President, DYFI said that the proposed project has been effectively presented by the industry authority and there is no issue regarding the land as project is proposed to be done inside the industry premises. Mentioning the previous Public hearing held at Ganeshpura, Kaikamba 5 months ago with respect to MRPL BS-VI, he alleged that the chances of finding solutions for the problems expressed during Environmental public hearing is least which is reflected in the environmental clearance given to MRPL for expansion and hence appealed the Chairman of the Meeting and Deputy Commissioner to look into the matters expressed by the public even beyond the aspects of this meeting.

He further complained that there is a sever smell problem existed in the stretch from Kulur to Mukka area and the concerned authority and District Administration are well aware of this problem. Even though no industry is taking responsibility for this, the existence of problem cannot be denied. Reminding about the incidence of school children

suffered by ill health caused by smell nuisance he said that during night and early morning hours the smell problem is more severe and people experiencing breathing problems and insisted that the MCF authorities to put some efforts to control smell nuisance and requested the Deputy Commissioner to monitor this.

He pointed out that during the presentation industry authorities have informed that they have conducted studies on Soil, Air and Water quality for an extent of 8 km in the surrounding of the industry but not informed the public regarding the method of analysis/study taken up and expressed his doubt over the genuineness of the results. He enquired whether study was conducted on the water quality of other water sources such as Baggundi lake in the study area.

He informed that the villagers of Kulur, Thokkotu, Melkoppala are mainly agriculturalists depending upon the Phlguni river water for cultivation but because of its pollution now the water cannot be used for agricultural purpose or for fishing and also complained about the skin disease caused due to the contact of water.

He questioned industries claim over providing of 64 acres green belt area as stipulated and demanded concerned department authorities to conducted survey to confirm the same. He also requested the Deputy Commissioner to direct the concerned departments to conduct survey to verify the facts presented by the industry side and insisted to share the information with public.

He alleged that though the authorities of the industry had mentioned about the employment generation but not stated the exact number of contract and permanent jobs. He urged to give preference to the local people in jobs.

Sri. Prashanth, Resident of Krishnapura: He alleged that newspaper notification was given on the day of public hearing but the arrangements seems to be pre-planned by the authorities by contacting many people to express the views in their favour. But he said that this is the first time that he was seeing such meeting conducted when the industry is expanding and thanked the Deputy Commissioner in this regard.

Further he complained that it is because of industries that the diseases are occurred in this area and expressed his displeasure on the working of Environment Department. Further on green belt development he said that, though the company has grown significantly but no such growth can be seen in green belt area and alleged that the industry authorities had not given much importance to greenery.

Further he opined that even though company helped in generation of employment, betterment of certain families, helps farmers, but did not agreed that it helped country's overall development. He urged that Industries while expanding should plant more trees and once again alleged that the company authorities had not taken up enough plantation

even in rehabilitation villages. He demanded, the report represented by the company officials claiming their green belt area as per the norms must be surveyed by the concerned Government Departments for clarification.

Further he said Environment means not only planting of trees but the management of wastes generated in the industry which has to be properly managed and demanded to share the report with public in this regard.

Mentioning participation of less number of local people he expressed his displeasures for conducting the Public Hearing within the industry premises as many people could not attend the meeting and wished it could be conducted in some other places outside the industry premises.

Speaking about the salary of the company labourers he alleged that contract workers are not given minimum wages as per the act and hence insisted urged to proper implementation of Act related to minimum wages. Mentioning the hardship undergoing by public and their employee because of lack of bus stop facility, he alleged that company is not using CSR fund properly. He ended by saying the company should grow along with Environmental concern.

At the end the **Deputy Commissioner, Dakshina Kannada** District said that this meeting was conducted as a legal requirement and in this regard newspaper notification were published in 3 newspapers 30 days before the meeting which has been executed and the meeting has been done accordingly.

He said the public have expressed their views and objections and also some have directly contacted him in this regard and said that all the views expressed are noted down and shall be considered and he said that he had the responsibility of preparing a proceedings including views expressed by the public and submit to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. He said, the entire proceedings of the meeting has been video and audio recorded and will be submitted with stipulating applicable terms and conditions.

Further he said that Issues mentioned during the meetings like, public sentiments, smell nuisance problems, environmental issues, employment to local, CSR funds, safety measures to be taken by the industry were noted down and will be include in the proceedings . He said that to tackle other issues like damaged roads and Phalguni river pollution requires a joint effort form the industry and the concerned authorities and will be addressed properly in future. Expressing his overall view he said that it seems public are not against the proposed project but the same time are concerned with their environment. He thanked all those who expressed their views and those who expressed on behalf of public and further he said that public can personally visit him or DC office in

case of any grievances and assured positive response in addressing the problems, having said this he concluded the meeting.

10 No.s of written statement in favour of the proposed project and 5 No.s of written objection by the public were received during the meeting and are enclosed as Annexure IV.



(Sri. Sasikanth Senthil, IAS)
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate,
Chairman, EPH committee,
Dakshina Kannada District.

ANNEXURE

1. A copy of extract of registers containing names and signatures of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-I**.
2. A Copy of extract of Register containing names and signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-II**
3. **Copy of the power point presentation is enclosed as Annexure- III**
4. Written statement/objection from public participants is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**
5. The copies of photograph CD of the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.
6. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers on 08.01.2018 is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**
7. The copies of handbills circulated to public on 08.01.2018 for vide publicity on public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-VII**
8. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**



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