

**Minutes of Public Hearing for Proposed Construction of 50 MLD CETP in
Tarapur Industrial Area, Plot OS-30 Dist. Palghar**

Date & Time of Public Hearing : 29.11.2014 , 11.00 am.

Venue : Tima Auditorium, TIMA plot No. P-14 MIDC
Tarapur , Taluka & Dist. Palghar

Public Hearing Committee Members present at the Public Hearing.

- 1) **Mr. Rajesh Katkar** : Additional District Magistrate, Palghar &
Chairman of the Public Hearing
- 2) **Mr. S. R. Bhosale** : Sub Regional Officer MPC Board Tarapur - I &
Convener of the Public Hearing

Beside above, Shri. N.G. Nihul, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Thane, Shri. Kalkute Executive Engineer, MIDC, along with his Shri. Nanaware and Shri. Karva, Deputy Engineer. were also present. List of attendance enclosed herewith (two copies).

At outset Hon'ble Chairman Mr. Rajesh Katkar welcomes MLA- VilasTare, dignitaries, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Members, Press reporters and Villagers of nearby Tarapur Industrial area. Further he directed the convener to proceed further for public hearing process. Sub-Regional Officer, Tarapur-I and convener also welcome the committee members, Reporters, Police officials and the participants. Thereafter convener explained the purpose of the public hearing with information such as CETP/TEPS has submitted EIA report to MPCB on 26.08.14 for the conducting public hearing. MPCB has published public hearing notice dt 23.10.14 and dt. 24.10.14 in Indian Express and on 23.10.14 in Daily Sakal news paper. The Convener stated that public hearing is related to environmental issues and main motto of this hearing is to explain and take consent for the proposed project of 50 MLD CETP. Thereafter he outlined the public hearing procedure and informed about the MoEF notification on Public hearing. He further requested the participants to put forth their objection or suggestions etc. only after presentation by the Project Proponent. He then requested project proponent to make the presentation.

Thereafter Chairman outlined the Public Hearing procedure and requested participants to putforth their objections, suggestion any related to environmental issues only.

With the permission of chair Mr. Somnath Malgar, representative of project proponent consultant made audio-visual presentation in Marathi regarding Proposed 50 MLD CETP Projects. His presentation is based on EIA report and Executive summary. Further he elaborated on the treatment process, designed inlet and outlet parameter and chemical to be used for the treatment process. He also explained the present status and impact with respect to water quality, ambient air quality and noise quality as per the EIA report and narrated in nut shell.

The Hon'ble Chairman requested to the participants to putforth their views, opinion, question and suggestion etc only on environmental issues only.

The details of question-answer session is given below:

Sr No.	Name of participant	Question/objection raised
1	Shri.Kishor Thakur –Member of SalvadGrampanchayat	He thanked for conducting public hearing and welcomed proposed 50 MLD Project. 1. He state that, there is a water pollution in the bore well ,Since 25 MLD project is not running properly. 2. There is a disposal of acidic effluent without treatment from the industries. Therefore the problem of water pollution arises frequently. 3.If we protest, the government official file case against us for nothing doing. 4. We do not believe that only 23 persons will need for this 50 MLD CETP project work. This current 50 MLD Project should work safely by giving employment opportunity to local peoples.
2	Shri..Bhavani Shankar Joshi – Working Chairman, Maharashtra EktaPatrakarSangh, Palghar	This said project is really necessary to us? In 1972, MIDC has established in Tarapur. In 1972 there was CETP of only 2 MLD capacity. In 2003, Tarapur MIDC is declared as 5th rank in pollution potential. He opposed for this project as 25 MLD project is sanctioned by TEPS which should be only for SSI Industries and not for LSI & MSI. Previously 7 MLD effluent is generated from SSI unit, then why is requirement of 25 MLD CETP& now 50 MLD CETP. Maharashtra Govt. had given subsidy for this project. and CETP is encashed this subsidy. In 2011 M/s. Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd were advisor with this project & therefore I clearly opposeto this project as the work of M/s. Vidya consultant Pvt. Ltd. is question able. In 2013 there are 56 industries whom closure order were given but what happened further we don't know. Some LSI & MSI industries like Bombay Rayon, Mudra Textile are sending their polluted effluent to the nearby creeks, so we should put meter at outlet to this industries to calculate their outlet details & that details should be checked by MIDC & MPCB .TEPS-CETP is collecting water charges from the industries but they are not treating effluent upto mark in-spite of Govt. has given subsidy for this project, where common man money is involved.
3	Shri.RohitNamdev Bari – Villager of Navapur	In Present 25 MLD project, 60 to 65 MLD water is collected in existing 25 MLD CETP and released to NavapurCreek due to which it affects the creek fish catching. Even if capacity of CETP is 25 MLD to treat the effluent but there is a generation of 60 to 65 MLD, then what is the status of 50 MLD CETP in future.

4	Shri.Vijay Bari – Villager of Navapur	Presentation shown is not understandable and not explained properly. For this project we are not believing on TEPS. TEPS is not following guidelines of MPCB & CPCB. TEPS should involve local representative to their projects. In 1972, MIDC is established, before the CETP, MIDC collects drainage from industries and releases to Navapur Creek. That time water pollution problem was not that much severe but since CETP established most of the Industries are not operating their ETP properly. What will be the status of 25 MLD CETP after completion of new 50 MLD CETP. At present there are 1500 members of CETP and further you are giving membership to how many more industries be explained to us.
5	Shri.Ramkrishna Tandel – Secretary, Maharashtra Machimar Sangh, Kelwe	The said project should have been start in the year 2012 but it is sanctioned in 2014, Now additional 5 years will be required to complete it. By that time newly arised Pollution problem should be solved properly otherwise there is no use of this project. Now there is a discharge of excess effluent from 25 MLD CETP.
6	Shri.Raju Choudhary – Villager of Murbe	Proposed 50 MLD should be well managed for achieving the zero discharge if possible. He is not against this project, but local people should be involved in this project. How you will keep control on LSI Industries, how you will transport that sludge, if you store that sludge it will affect land of nearby farmers.
7	Shri.Ganpat Pimpale – Member of Grampanchayat Kolvade	He said that existing 25MLD CETP project is failure. What is the reason of that? Whether there is any study done on these reasons and it should be inform to the local people.
8	Shri.Vijay Tammare – Villager of Dandi	He has asked four questions as follows. 1) What is the operating cost of 25 MLD CETP for last Five years? 2) What is the quantity of sludge generation for the last Five years? 3) Whether this sludge has sent to the CHWTSDF. 4) What is the revenue collected by TEPS CETP from member industries for the last 5 years and what is their utilization. Chairman requested him to ask the question about environmental issues related to this project. You may ask above questions separately to the TEPS-CETP. He also expressed that there are events of fish killing incidences frequently. Therefore fishermen are against this project. He said that there is excess bill charged for 70 to 75 MLD & this excess water is discharge into the sea without removing the sludge. Due to this, there is cost reduction by three times.

		Where this saved cost is used? Whether this money will be used for public welfare. If this will happens continuously then we will oppose to this project.
9	Shri.Sameer More –Villager of Nandgaon	He openly supported to this project. He said that it will be better if this project is established by coordination of villagers & MPCB. He also told that treated water under new project should be clean & pure at any cost, Also he requested that CETP TEPS to involve the local villagers in the committee who are technically experts.
10	Shri.AjayPatil– Villager of Nandgaon	He is happy for organizing public hearing. He questioned that how many industries are going to connect to this new 50MLD CETP. He also admits that Enviro Agro industry is generating cyanide waste, How the permission granted to this company by MPCB and CETP.
11	Smt.Pradnya Tare-Sarpanch of MurbeGrampanch ayat.	She said that no. of industries discharging polluted waters in Murbe & Navapur creek. due to this, these creeks are polluted. She requested on behalf of villagers that do not discharge the polluted water in this creek as Murbe creek is ours. She gave support whole heard to the said CETP project. She requested to recycle the treated water from CETP and not to discharge in to our creek.
12	Smt.Anjalibari – SarpanchNavapur Grampanchayat.	She supported to this 50 MLD CETP Project, but she said that this 50 MLD CETP project should be properly operate and maintained, so that it should not be happen like present 25 MLD. She also expressed that 100 % water should be neutralized. There is a possibility of failure of proposed 50 MLD CETP just like existing 25 MLD CETP. She also requested that whether there is any action taken on the Large Industries which are not operating ETP Properly at their level.
13	Smt.Vaishanavi Thakur – Sarpanch of GrampanchayatAl ewadi.	She said that fishery, farming activity has slow down. There is a ignorance towards the Pipeline leakages by midc She said that if the village is not pollution free, then how the cleaning activity should be done.
14	Smt.HemalataSankhe – Up Sarpanch, KolvadeGrampanc hayat	She supported to this project. In 1972 MIDC purchased our land at the rate of only Rs. 2500/acre. Further she said that we are fed of this pollution problem. We request you to give free medical treatment & free water from MIDC to us.
15	Shri.ManishSankhe – Member of KolvadeGrampanc	He welcomed this project. He said that why there is delay for this project. Also he said that if there is a insufficient

	hayat.	capacity of existing CETP (25 MLD) , how the MPCB given consent to operate to the no. of Industries. He asked that what is mean by Zero discharge and its implementation. He requested that affected villagers should get free water & free medical treatment. He also requested that there should be declaration of drought for uncultivated land & should have the compensation for this. He said that members of TEPS-CETP are also the industrialist, who are already creating the pollution. The TEPS CETP is not operating the CETP properly. He also insist to appoint project affected people on the committee of this 50 MLD project for better operation and maintenance of this project. He requested that after approval of DPR by experts committee as per Hon'ble High Court order then only the work of this project will be started. RO Thane requested to give the date of Hon'ble High court order. But Mr. Manish Sanke was unable to give date of. Hon'ble High Court order. He requested that to look into the back history of this contractor (RamkyEnviro Engineers Ltd) Kindly check the earlier CETP project installed by this contractor. He requested that this new 50 MLD CETP should be highly technically sound. He said that some of the industries discharging polluted water into the nearby ponds, farms by tankers. He requested to RO Thane, to give the direction to the SRO Tarapur to attend the complaint on priority basis. He mentioned that M/s. Indrox Global is collecting polluted water from Gujarat & discharging into the MIDC Tarapur. He requested to honorable chairman of public hearing committee to look into this matter to avoid any type of pollution in midc area.
16	Shri.NeelamSankh e – Up SarpanchBoisarGr ampanchayat.	He said that, we are supporting this project. He stated that at the first BARC came in Tarapur, we never opposed to BARC project like Jaitapur. He requested that there should be proper planning of water distribution done by MIDC Tarapur and there should be reduction in water charges from Rs. 7.5 per KL.He also requested that, there should be minimum charges on the water given by MIDC to us. We have demanded from 1998 to lift the solid waste from total 8 Grampanchayat.They have registered committee of sarpanch of 8 Grampanchayat along with two non-government organization for management of municipal solid waste generated and informed to the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Palghar. They demanded the OS-30 plot in MIDC Tarapur for solid waste dumping, but unfortunately it is allotted to 50 MLD CETP project and requested to MIDC to allot the some other plot for scientific disposal of municipal solid waste.

17	Smt.RanjanaSankh e – SarpanchKolawad eGrampanchayat	She supported the project on behalf of Kolwade Grampanchayat. She insist to waive of MIDC pending dues of water, She also request to give free medical treatment facility as we are suffering from pollution problem due to development of industries in the MIDC Tarapur area.
18	Shri.Madhukar Vishnu Bari – President NavpurMachimarS angh	He himself along with villagers of grampanchayat supported this CETP project. He said that existing CETP is of 25 MLD capacity but there is a discharge of 60 to 65 MLD effluent in Navapur creek, due to which fish catching activity is affected. Further, he requested that to give the compensation to the affected fishermen and to give employment to the people of age of more than 50 years old.He also requested to give free water & free medical treatment.
19	Shri.KundanSankh e-Boisar	He said that, He fully support to this project. He requested that, grampanchayat surpanch should be involved in this CETP project and if there is future projection of expansion, CETP should have capacity of 75 to 100 MLD. MIDC should implement such project which helps to improve the local employment and welfare of the society at large. TEPS should form committee of nearby villages for the transparency.
20	Shri.RameshPagd hare – Member of NavapurGrampanc hayat	He would like to know how many Industries will be joined to this New CETP project & also what will be the quantity of Effluent generation. He also said that due to the Industries like Bombay Rayon & Mudra life style, there is changes in colour of sea water from red to black. MIDC not taking any action on the Zero Discharge industries. He requested to give the water supply to village at free of cost by midc.
21	Shri.MohanRane – Villager of Nandgaon	He asked the question to the SRO Tarapur-I, how many visits he has done to the existing 25 MLD CETP project. Whether CETP has provided water meter at outlet of CETP. Chairman instructed him to ask the question related to this project.
22	Shri.GaneshGhara t- Up sarpanchPasthalG rampanchayat	He said that we have to face to the pollution for next 5 years till completion of proposed 50 MLD CETP. He asked that whether this pollution will be controlled or not? Excess effluent which is flowing from the Pasthal village, we will stop immediately if the actions are not taken by authority.
23	Shri.DheerajGavan d –villager of Nandgaon	He has shown disappointment about circulating him the executive summary and presentation going on the project is different then what circulated He said that TEPS is not Government organization, who controls on it. He insisted to appoint all surpanch as a member in this project. He requested that to form a committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble District Collector to find out the borewells in the

Chairman, Maharashtra EktaPatrakarSang h, Palghar	incidence occurs in the MIDC Tarapur, you have to take precaution by forming of flying squad. Before such incidence happened and you have to take action against zero discharge industries accordingly.
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Then Regional Officer, MPC Board, Thane requested project proponent to give the answer to the questions raised by the participants. After this President of TEPS – CETP and Director of TIMA Shri.D. K. Rautgiven the answers to the questions raised during the session, which is as follows:

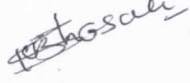
D.K. Raut- President of TEPS – CETP and Director of TIMA

He explained that this 50 MLD project will require 18 months and not Five years for completion since it is already delayed due to code of conduct of Legislative assembly election 2014. We have proposed for 50 MLD CETP by taking the consideration of future. Expansion of coming industries in Tarapur, 50% subsidy from Government on total project cost is not correct and there is a limit for getting the subsidy above 15 crores which is not given by government, However Rupees 65 crores will be collected by us from the industries as a contribution for implementation on this project as total cost of project is 79.5 Crores. Existing 25 MLD CETP is failure due to excess effluent generated from the industries. Due to this we are going to propose this new 50 MLD project and for approval of this project we personally follow-up the matter with MIDC for sanction of 50 MLD instead of 37.5 MLD even though there is a generation of 32 MLD. We assures that this new projects will be technically sound with high quality of treated water from the project as per MPCB norms and the existing CETP will be in working condition even after completion of new 50 MLD CETP. He said that during last 2 -3 years we have spent 5 crores for the 25 MLD CETP project. He also assured to support the adjoining villages and further he inform that, whether local representative will be included in the committee or not, such type of proposal will be kept before management of the CETP. He assured that we have discussed with the industries those who are consuming more water ,also trying to reduce the water consumption & also inform to the TEPS-CETP management, MIDC and MPCB regarding unauthorized water tankers, who provide water to the member industries

After hearing of all the objections Mr. N. G.Nihul, Regional Officer MPC Board, Thane requested to Mr. Rajesh Katkar ; additional District Magistrate, Palghar and Chairman of Public Hearing for the declaration of completion of public hearing .

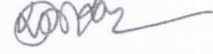
Lastly Hon'ble Chairman stated that whatever concerns and suggestion made by villagers and reply given by the project proponent will be recorded and submitted to Environment Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra for technical appraisal of the project and voted

thanks to all dignitaries, villagers, media personnels who were present for this public hearing & lastly declared the successfully completion of the Public Hearing of 50 MLD CETP.



(S.R. Bhosale)

Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Tarapur-I &
Convener of the Public Hearing



(Rajesh Katkar)

Additional District Magistrate &
Chairman of the Public Hearing