

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED FOR OBTAINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FROM MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE BY M/s KOTHARI PHYTOCHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL (DIVISION OF KOTHARI PHYTOCHEMICALS AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED) FOR THE PROPOSED MODERNIZATION OF SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING UNIT LOCATED AT S.F.NO. 3/1A, 3/1B, 3/2, 4/1, 5/1A, 5/1B, 5/2, NAGARI & 12/1A, 12/1B, THIRUVALAVAYANALLUR VILLAGE, VADIPATTI TALUK AND MADURAI DISTRICT, HELD ON 21.08.2019 AT 11.00 AM IN AKSHAYA MINI HALL, SITHALANGUDI, NAGARI VILLAGE, VADIPATTI TALUK, MADURAI DISTRICT.

**Present:**

**Thiruvalargal:**

1. Thiru S.M.K. Mahalingam : Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer  
Madurai  
(Nominee by District Collector)
2. Thiru K. Ravichandran : Zonal Deputy Tahsildar  
Vadipatti  
Madurai
3. Thiru. K. Siva Sankaran : Assistant Director, District Industries center  
Madurai District  
Madurai
4. Er. M. Vijayalakshmi : District Environmental Engineer  
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board  
Madurai
5. F. Akbar Sheriff : Assistant Environmental Engineer  
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board  
Madurai

**Project Proponent**

1. Thiru S. Joseph Pitchappa : Vice President,  
M/s Kothari phytochemicals International  
(Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and  
Industries Limited), Thiruvalavayanallur Village  
Madurai
2. Dr. S. Rajamohan : EIA Consultant,  
M/s. Enviro Care India Private Limited  
Madurai
3. Thiru J. Thirumalesh : EIA Consultant  
M/s. KKB Envirocare Consultants PVT LTD  
Hyderabad

Public attended : 116 Nos. (List Enclosed)

**The District Environmental Engineer Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Madurai**

The District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Madurai welcomed the Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer and other officials from various Departments, Presidents and representatives of local bodies, representatives from M/s Kothari phytochemicals International (Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and Industries Limited), Thiruvallavayanallur Village, Environmental Consultant and the public who have participated in the meeting. The District Environmental Engineer has informed that M/s Kothari phytochemicals International (Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and Industries Limited), Thiruvallavayanallur Village propose to modernize its API & Phytochemicals manufacturing to produce 173.88 TA from existing production capacity of 888 TPA.

In the continuation of the public hearing, the District Environmental Engineer has requested the Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer, Madurai to address few words to the gatherings.

**The Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer, Madurai :**

The Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer welcomed all and informs that the public hearing is conducted to obtain the opinion of the public for the proposed modernization of M/s Kothari phytochemicals International (Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and Industries Limited), Thiruvallavayanallur Village. He requested the public to raise their questions in short and clear, so that it will be recorded and sent to the competent higher authorities.

**The District Environmental Engineer Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Madurai**

District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu pollution control Board has requested the representative of M/s Kothari phytochemicals International (Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and Industries Limited), Thiruvallavayanallur Village, to explain about their proposed modernisation project and Environmental Impact Assessment report to the public gathered in the public hearing.

In continuation to that Dr. S. Rajamohan EIA Consultant has presented the details of the project and EIA report and the proposed Environmental Management Plans through power point presentation.

**Dr. S. Rajamohan, Environmental Consultant**

Dr. S. Rajamohan Environmental Consultant welcomed all and explained in detail about the modernization of the M/s Kothari phytochemicals International (Division of Kothari Phytochemicals and Industries Limited), Thiruvavayanallur Village and its locations, product of existing and after modernization, water requirement, waste water and treatment process, results of analyzed parameters and greenbelt. Similarly he explained the details of Air pollution control measures and all parameter of water analysis. He also explained about solid waste management, employment opportunity and Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR).

**The District Environmental, TNPC Board, Madurai**

District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB has requested the public to raise their questions one by one after giving their name and Village.

Accordingly the following village people have raised some comments and questions in the public hearing and necessary reply have been given by above said Officials are mentioned below.

**No.1: Thiru. Chandran - Thiruvavayanallur village.**

He informed there is no adverse impact to the nearby villages due to the operation of the existing industry, there's no sound and other pollution due to the operation of the industry and he requested to maintain the same after modernization of the industry. Also he is requested to give the employment opportunity for the nearest village people.

**No.2: Mr Panjam, Ex. President - Thiruvavayanallur Village.**

He informed, the industry is in operation for the past 45 years and there is no impact due to the operation of the industry still now. He raised question regarding, how the industry going to handle the waste which will be generated due to modernisation and how the excess waste water will be treated. So far no issues due to the operation of the industry. Also he is requested to provide employment opportunity for the nearest village people, the District Collector should give assurance in this regard.

**No.3: Thiru. M. Karupaiya - Thiruvavayanallur Village**

He informed that he is the Ex president of Thiruvavayanallur. He is requesting to provide job opportunity not only for the nearby village people, also for the other people. He said that, there is no production like before, now the kothari phytochemical international is

lacking of production. The Government Officials should support the industry for its improvement. He said that, due to the companies located in the villages, the students got employment after finishing their studies. He requested Government Officials to support kothari Phytochemicals Company. He thank to Kothari Company for the modernization. Finally he requested the Government Officials to accept his personal petition. The District Environmental Engineer informed him that, we are not that field officers, but we will forward your petition to collector office.

**No.4: Thiru Murugesan, Pudhur Village.**

He informed that, there is no air pollution due to the operation of kothari phyto chemicals. After expansion also it shall be maintained same and kothari have to give the job opportunity for the village people.

**No.5: Thiru. Rajangam – Kallupatti Village.**

He informed that he is residing 2 km from kothari phyto chemicals international. Kothari Company has given the job opportunity to their villagers and nearby villagers for the past several years. After expansion, the unit shall provide more job oppurtunities to the near by villagers. He added that, there's no objection for this expansion activity of M/s Kothari Phytochemicals,

**No.6: Thiru. Saminathan – Paravai Village.**

He told that, there are tree felling activities were carried out, for road construction work and to compensate, tree saplings were planted, but the tree saplings are not maintained properly. He requested that, the organisation may adopt a particular area for development of green belt.

**Answer: Thiru Ashok Kumar.P, Manager (Quality Control), M/s Kothari Phytochemicals International:**

He replied that, this organisation will definitely do this type of activities.

**No.7: Thiru. Murugan – Paravai Village.**

He said that, kothari phytochemicals disposing the waste water without any treatment out side the premises and release toxic gases to the environment. They are giving the job opportunity for the north Indians for the lowest salary, thereby the employment opportunity for the local people is affected.

Answer: Thiru . S. Joseph Pitchappa, Vice President, Kothari Phytochemicals International., Madurai.

He answered that, no waste water disposed outside without treatment and no toxic gases released to the Environment. Online monitors are provided and Pollution Control Board is watching us in this regard. Also he informed that they are not recruiting the employees from north India, recruitment from the nearest villages only.

Thiru . S.M.K. Mahalingam, Deputy Collector / Inspection Cell Officer, Madurai

Gave advice to Murugan; on what basis, you raised this question, have you seen personally and you have to register the true information only.

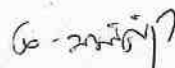
The District Environmental Engineer, TNPC Board, Madurai


District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB thanked the public, representative of the industry and other officials present in the meeting.

The entire public hearing process was ended with the vote of thanks by the District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Madurai.

Enclosures :

1. Copy of press release (Public Notice published in the daily News paper Tamil & English) for notifying the public hearing meeting.
2. Bit notice distributed to the public's of nearby villages.
3. Copy of attendance sheet at the public hearing, 12 pages, 116 Members.
4. Copy of Audio & Video (DVD – Disc 1) of the public hearing proceedings.
5. Copy of photographs of the public hearing proceedings
6. Soft and Hard copies of EIA Report, Executive Summary in English & Tamil, Project Report submitted by the Project Proponent.

  
District Environmental Engineer,  
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,  
Madurai.

  
District Collector,  
Madurai