

Minutes of the meeting held with S.P. Rural, Pune and I.G., Kolhapur
@S.P. Rural office at 5pm on 02-04-24

S. P., Pune - Mr. Pankaj Deshmukh

I. G., Kolhapur - Mr. Sunil Phulari

1. Dy. SP Mr. Mohite welcomed those present
2. A representative of Ranjangaon MIDC thanked the SP and the police department for their continued efforts in curbing hooliganism of those who would disrupt the functioning of companies. This is controlled up to 90%, he added.
3. The representative also said those activists who misuse RTI for their personal gains should be checked on, to this S.P. sir said they cannot stop anyone from using RTI as it is their fundamental right.
4. President of Kurkumbh Industrial Association spoke about the problems they face from local activists and goons who threaten the companies of RTI Act. Water crisis is another challenge they are facing due to which companies are closing down their operations.
5. I.G. Mr. Sunil Phulari again reiterated that RTI Act is a right of every Indian. However, if someone is misusing the act to extort money & blackmail – we will deal with such people severely, he added. Similarly, if unauthorised MATHADI are trying to extort money, it should be brought to our notice.
6. Mr. Kulkarni from Lupin Industries said contract labourers who are hired for a specific duration threaten the company of suicide at their gate if they are not re-hired after specific duration. Mr Pankaj Deshmukh, S.P advised to register a police complaint against such persons since it is solely the company's decision to rehire/reinstate an employee.
7. Ramdas Kuthe, President of Jejuri Industrial Manufacturers Association spoke about the following

a) Jejuri is the only town which does not have a bypass road and therefore it causes heavy traffic congestion. Mr Pankaj Deshmukh replied that this issued should be highlighted with traffic department. Further, bypass road is on the cards of the state roadways department, he added

b) Private Policing - Mr. Kuthe said individuals and activist behave as if they can exercise the control like police and they resort to abuse the law through RTI Act. Mr Sunil Phulari reiterated that RTI can be used by any one and the police department cannot officially interfere.

c) Industrial Security - Mr. Kuthe cited the example of Berger Paints in which a contractual employee died on duty. Berger Paints duly compensated the family and fulfilled all their demands. However, local activists and goons created a ruckus at Berger Paints by damaging property, harming H.R. personnel and shutting the operations for 6 days. Mr Deshmukh, replied that such untoward behaviour will

not be tolerated and he will try to find out more information on this matter and will personally look into it.

8. A representative of Berger Paints requested for expediting the process of police verification of labourers, from other states and suggested to make it online. Mr Deshmukh responded that it is difficult to expedite the process of verification since other states are involved in it and a thorough background check of any worker for any criminal antecedents is essential before allowing them to be employed in state.
9. The above representative from Berger Paint also spoke about local goons who are interested in buying Industrial Scrap from Company. These guys use foul & threatening language with the company representatives by calling them at odd hours. Mr Sunil Phulari I.G replied that companies do not come forward to lodge the Police complaints to curtail the menace at the right time.
10. Mr Phulari specifically spoke about Chemical and Pharmaceutical companies which are being used unlawfully for anti-social activities. Such companies must be highlighted to the S.P. immediately for controlling such activities.
11. Representative of Ranjangaon Ind Association spoke about traffic congestion, specially by the heavy containers which are carelessly parked along the road. Such vehicles disrupt vehicular movement. Mr Deshmukh replied that they will conduct checks. Mr Deshmukh further suggested to RIA to increase traffic wardens to manage the congestion.

As there were no further points to be discussed the meeting closed at 6 pm.

The meeting was attended by around 50 persons