CHAPTER – IV
PROFILE OF
KURKUMBH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

4.1 INTRODUCTION

After the formation of Maharashtra State on May 1, 1960, the Government of Maharashtra constituted a "Board of Industrial Development" (BID) on October 1, 1960, under the Chairmanship of Shri. S. G. Barve, I.C.S. The various committees recommendations received in the industries department were taken up for implementation and as per the Borkar Committees recommendations; development of Ulhas Valley Water Supply was entrusted to the Board of Industrial Development (BID).

The BID framed the legislation and it was introduced before the state legislation and passed in the form of "Maharashtra Industrial Act" which gave birth to MIDC, as a separate corporation on August 1, 1962. The BID were the first personnel strength of MIDC.

A small ceremony at Wagle Estate Thane, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister Shri Y.B. Chavan, marked the birthday of MIDC on August 1, 1962. The Board of Industrial Development during it's existence between October 1, 1960 to August 1, 1962, has done enough spade work to identify the locations for setting up industrial areas in different parts of the state. Thus, right in the first year of establishment MIDC has come up with 14
industrial areas, to initiate action for infrastructure and help entrepreneurs set up the industrial units in those areas.

The key historical policy decisions taken by MIDC certainly changed the social economic scenario of the state as its activities spread in the interior. The important policy decision of setting up "independent filtered /potable water supply system of adequate capacity" as essential infrastructure for industrial development was the most intelligent step taken by MIDC right in the beginning. It stabilized the population base near the industrial areas. The strategically wise decision taken simultaneously to provide water supply to nearby domestic population from the capabilities created by MIDC of their own water supply system resulted in a phenomenal urban growth in the nearby small towns and villages. The growth of Kalyan complex and Pimpri-Chinchwad are results of this key policy decision taken by MIDC.

For a planned development of industrial units comprehensive fundamental infrastructure i.e. electricity, developed roads, water facility, street lights, common facility centre providing banking, post, transport, telephone exchange etc. are provided by the MIDC.

MIDC has developed specialized parks based on sectors such as:

- Automobiles and Auto Components
- Biotechnology
- Consumer Durables
- Chemicals
- Engineering
- Electronics Hardware
• Information Technology
• Petrochemicals
• Pharmaceuticals
• Transportation
• Textile
• Wine

Achievements

• Built 225 industrial complexes with 1,300,000 acres (5,300 km²) of land
• Developed specialized parks for different industrial sectors, including IT, BT, wine (grape processing) Park, Silver Zone, gems and jewellery, textiles, leather, chemical industry, electronics, food processing, floriculture etc.
• Elaborate network of industrial & domestic water supply, total quantity supplied 1285 MLD

4.2 KURKUMB MIDC

Kurkumbh is located in Daund Taluka of Pune District at a latitude 18.10683 and Longitude: 75.77747, on Pune Sholapur National High Way No. 9. It is 75 Kms away from Pune and 10 kms. away from Daund Railway Junction. The nearest air port for this location is at Pune.
Keeping in tune with its avowed policy of reaching out to the potential centres for industrial development, in the year 1991 Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) acquired 483.29 Hectares of land at Kurkumb for the development of industrial estate. As the location is most convenient because of proximity to Pune and Daund Railway Junction, there is a great demand for the developed industrial plots in this MIDC. In order to give boost to the industrialization this location has been classified under ‘C’ category which envisages speedy development and providing incentives for the new industrial units coming up in this MIDC. The land acquired by the
MIDC has been divided in 181 plots of which 150 plots have been fully developed and are under industrial usage. Currently 80 industrial projects are functioning and progressing of which 15 are large scale industrial units. 60% of the plots are reserved for the engineering industries. 252 plots have been plotted and 213 plots are already handed over to the entrepreneurs seeking to develop industrial activity. Asphalting of the internal roads to the tune of 23.06 Kms., has been completed and the remaining work is being developed gradually. All the streets are illuminated by 492 H.P.S.U. lamps.

The industrial units in MIDC Kurkumbh have provided regular employment opportunity directly and indirectly to a large number of youths of this locality. Climatically also the location is well suited for the development of industries. Its temperature is max. 40 to 42\(^0\) C and the humidity is 51.1 in the morning and 46.13 in the evening.

So far as water requirement of the industrial area as well as for the human population of this area main lake has been taken up at Varvand near Kurkumbh, MIDC wherein water is made available through canal on Khadkwasala dam. For this purpose MIDC has laid down pipe line of 700 CM dia and 11.5 Kms. length from Varvand. The water supply is regular. Currently for this MIDC a water supply of 12 T.M.C. water is available for the MIDC. Currently 9 T.M.C. water is being used by the MIDC.

Power is the fundamental requirement of any industrial organization. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. has made arrangement to provide requisite power through a separate tower line from Lonikand.
One of the key requirements in the MIDC area is the availability of the Fire Fighting Station within the MIDC complex. In the year 1993 on a plot of 4800 sq. ft. construction of Fire Fighting Station of 543 sq. ft. is completed and w.e.f. 21st July 2008 a full fledged fire fighting station has been put into operation.

In order to maintain the ecological balance, the MIDC has planted and grown over 20000 trees on both the sides of the streets and in its area which certainly helps in bringing down the pollution level.

In order to have speedy telecommunication the MIDC had in the beginning reserved 56 land lines under Own Your Telephone scheme and those were released as per the demand. Now there is a full fledged Telephone exchange with a capacity of 400 lines.

The MIDC has in the year 1993 constructed a Common Facility Centre on a plot of 10,000 sq. ft. with built up area of 908 sq. In the said CFC, State Bank of India has a branch office, Post office, Photo copying shop, a few shop units, a small auditorium, guest house, MIDC’s Regional Office and the office of the Kurkumbh Environment Protection Coop. Society Ltd.’s office is housed.

In this MIDC there are engineering industries as well as chemical and pharmaceutical industries. There are both large scale and small scale industries in this MIDC area. Keeping in view the location of the MIDC, the total environment, this MIDC has ear marked some plots specifically for the chemical and pharmaceutical industries as a result of which good number of renowned industries have their plants located in this MIDC. The names of the
major Chemical and Pharmaceutical industries have been furnished hereunder:

**Table 4.1 : Names of the chemical and pharmaceutical industries in the study area**

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*Source: Kurkumbh MIDC Bulletin*

Apart from these large scale industries there are number of small scale industries which are flourishing in this MIDC.

Because of the industrial waste from chemical and pharmaceutical industries there is a threat to environment because of the pollution level. For establishing such chemical and pharmaceutical industries there is need to have a separate plant to dispose of the industrial waste scientifically. The water waste which is treated is given for irrigating the agricultural lands nearby. Therefore, these industries are required to seek approval from the Pollution Control Board as well as from the Head Office of the MIDC.

Due to the location of this MIDC industrial estate, number of large and small scale industrial units have been established in it, which provide permanent job opportunity to the unemployed youths from Daund, Patas, Varvand and the other villages in surrounding area of Kurkumbh. Actually the MIDC is situated in the command area of Pandharewadi Grampanchayat. Because of the location of MIDC in this Grampanchayat area the local body also gets sizable income by way taxes from the MIDC.
As there is no residential accommodation available for the work force, the MIDC has developed residential flats on Kurkumbh Daund Road, on a plot of 9 hectare plot. This facilitates the workers to stay near their work place. As the local workers have got gainful employment the social impact of it can be visually seen in the gradual improvement in their lifestyle. Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation has made provision of ST Buses to Kurkumbh from Daund and the nearby villages which facilitate the workers and the staff. This MIDC has given boost to the development of trade at Kurkumbh.