

A conducts seminar on CTC phase-out plan

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BHA Industries Association, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) and GTZ jointly conducted a seminar on 'National CTC Phase Out and use of safe alternatives' on Wednesday at VIA Hall in Udhaygiri at Civil Lines in the city. Speaking at the inaugural function, V M Motghare, Regional Director - MPCB, expressed happiness over organising the event, which would create awareness among participants related to environmental protection.

He said that the use of CTC in industries are being monitored regularly and it is expected that CTC will be completely phased out and industries will have to submit a plan on elimination of CTC in industries within next couple



From left, Neelima D'Silva, V M Motghare, Sudhir Paliwal and V Ramasubramanian at a seminar organised on Wednesday.

of months.

Earlier, in his welcome address Sudhir Paliwal, spoke on the importance of the topic.

During the technical session, Neelima D'Silva, Focal Point GTZ Proklima, said that CTC has applications across a wide range of indus-

tries. It has been produced in large quantities to make refrigeration fluid and propellants for aerosol cans. Since many refrigerants and aerosol propellants have been found to affect the earth's ozone layer, the production of these chemicals is being phased out. Consequently, the manufacture

and use of carbon tetrachloride declined a great deal.

In the past, carbon tetrachloride was widely used as a cleaning agent in establishments as a degreasing agent and in households as a spot remover for clothing, furniture, and drapery (including). Carbon tetrachloride is also used in fire extinguishers and as a fumigant to kill insects in stored grains.

V Ramasubramanian, A Director - GTZ Proklima, made a presentation on 'CTC and Alternatives'. He said that there is a need to identify a universal substitute for CTC. He said that the identification of alternatives options depends on the particular industry, he added.

A question answer session followed the presentation by Ashit S. He also summed up the discussion and proposed a vote of thanks.