

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED
PROJECT OF M/S BAHILAMPUR LIMESTONE &
DOLOMITE MINE FOR (Area 47.12 Ha; Production
Capacity @ 0.05 MTPA Limestone/Dolomite) BY
SHRI RAJA KHANDERAO DESHMUKH PALSIKAR**

The public hearing for proposed project of M/s Bahilampur Limestone & Dolomite Mine for area 47.12 Ha; Production Capacity @ 0.05 MTPA Limestone/Dolomite at Village-Bahilampur, Khasra No.42 & 46, Tal- Zari Jamni, District- Yavatmal proposed by Shri Raja Khanderao Deshmukh Palsikar, Nanded was conducted on 16th May, 2017 at 11.30 noon at the site of the proposed unit.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order E - 36 of 2017 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-1915, dated 09-05-2017 :-

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| 1) Sachindra Pratap Singh,
District Magistrate, Yavatmal | - | Chairman, |
| 2) Shri P. M. Joshi,
Regional Officer, MPCB
Chandrapur
(representative of the MPCB, Mumbai) | - | Member |

3) Shri P.N.Dhumal
I/c Sub Regional Officer, MPCB
Chandrapur

-Convener

Shri Dhumal, I/c Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur, Convener of the said meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Members of Public Hearing Panel, company representatives, general public and informed that, as per EIA Notification of GoI, MoEF dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur was in receipt of application of M/s Bahilampur Limestone & Dolomite Mine for area 47.12 Ha; Production Capacity @ 0.05 MTPA Limestone/Dolomite at Village-Bahilampur, Khasra No.42 & 46, Tal- Zari Jamni, District- Yavatmal for conducting public hearing.

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification, the project falls under Category No.1 (a). The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project was appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) during its 29th meeting held during 15-16 January, 2015. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers on 01-04-2017 in Daily Hitavada for English and in Daily Loksatta for Marathi.

Convener further informed that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at Ministry of Environment & Forest Office, Nagpur and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Yavatmal, Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal, Sub Divisional Office, Tal-Zari Jamni, Dist-Yavatmal, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal, District

Industries Centre, Yavatmal, Grampanchayat, office at Bahilampur, Tal- Zari Jamni, Dist-Yavatmal, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that two suggestions in writing were received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur and the concerned person was asked to attend this meeting. He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Sachindra Pratap Singh, District Collector & District Magistrate, Yawatmal, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He further appealed general public to

give objection / suggestion if any, about the project after informing the Environment Management Plan.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company informed production activities of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

After hearing regarding Environment Management Plan, Chairman of Committee informed general public to ask any questions for the proposed project in respect of environmental angles only.

Shri P.M. Joshi, Member of the Committee welcomed all and read two suggestions received by the MPCB office at Chandrapur. One is from V. Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad and another one from Rural Environment Education & Health Awareness Society, Bahilampur, Hyderabad. Shri Joshi informed that both the suggestions will be attached to the proceedings of the minutes and it will be sent to MoEF& CC for further consideration.

Shri Pitambar Tanba Thakre, resident of Bahilampur village, District – Yavatmal thanked Collector of Yavatmal, for coming to remote Village i.e. at Bahilampur as Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee. Shri Thakre stated that it is their experience that when any projects starts, then after few days, the problem of pollution arises. Due to this mining project, the livelihood of the area will be affected. The free movement of villagers and also of domestic animals will be affected. He said since last many generations, the domestic animals of agriculturists in this area are eating grass here. Hence the domestic animals will be starved. Hence project proponent should avoid pollution.

Shri Raju Bhaskar Bhoyar, resident of Bahilapur village informed that the vicinity of the village is just 300 Mtrs away from the project site. Due to mining activities, the dust will spread in the area and villagers will suffer. The dust will spread in the nearby fields, which will affect

the crops. Hence utmost precaution should be taken by Project Proponent to avoid dust pollution.

Shri Damodar Shankar Khadse, resident of Bahilampur village the project is just adjacent to the agriculture fields of the local farmers. We are not against the project and development. But the project proponent should take effective steps to avoid any sort of pollution.

Chairman of the Committee Shri Sachindra Pratap Singh asked him to state any specific problems due to this project. Shri Kadse, resident of the Bahilampur village informed that due to this project, the movement of villagers from here to another area will be affected. The area is totally irrigated and the farmers are cultivating the fields since many generations. The agriculture production will be affected due to dust, which will be created in the mining process.

Ms. Jaya Manoj Panave, Sarpanch of Bahilampur village expressed her fear about the obstruction in the

free movement of children and villagers due to this project. She remarked that due to dust, the villagers may suffer asthmatic problems. Ms Panave appealed alternative solution for the above problems.

Shri Ramesh Bhaurao Shirpure, Police Patil and resident of Bahilampur village informed that their ancestral agriculture fields are adjoining the project site. The area is totally irrigated and the local farmers are taking crops whole year such as Cotton, Soya bin, Peanuts etc.

Shri Shirpure said that they are not against the project, but whether local farmers should give their irrigated land for the project. The farmers who are giving their land should be rehabilitated. An alternative solution should be implemented for the affected farmers. Also due to this project, if any pollution occurs especially by dust, the package of compensation should be prepared with discussions with local people and it should be

implemented. If the local people health suffers due to the mining activities, the project proponent should extend the medical help.

Shri Shirpure further suggested that project proponent should make policy to extend financial aid in every financial year for education to atleast ten poor students of the area.

Shri Sunandan Reddy, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad who has given written suggestions appealed project proponents to take confidence of local people and constitute a Committee of officials of projects, local people to implement the suggestion for the success of the project.

Shri Vinod Bhaskar Bhoyar, Dy. Sarpanch of Bahilampur village and local resident stated that his agriculture fields are three sides of the project site. Hence if due to this project pollution fields get affected, compensation should be given to him and to other

affected persons. The local students who possess the requisite qualification should be given priority in the job opportunities.

Shri Joshi, Member of the Committee asked Technical Consultant of the project to inform the details of pollution control measures for the objections raised in the meeting. Technical Consultant informed that the vehicles will not go through the village. It is planned and will be constructed by the co-operation by the local people outside the village area. There will not be heavy transportation of trucks or dumpers as the production quantity is meager. The dust suppression system will be installed in the project. Hence there will not be dust pollution. The project proponent does not wish to acquire irrigated land for the project.

Technical Consultant informed that Sprinklers will be installed for water spraying. Shri Joshi, Member asked to give exact figure of sprinklers. After detailed

discussions, it is assured to fix 30 (Thirty) sprinklers. The Technical Consultant also assured to take periodical medical camp for the villagers.

Chairman of the Committee opined that the project proponent has carried the baseline survey of the project, in which there should have baseline agriculture and health survey of the project area. Shri Joshi, Member brought to the notice of the committee that as per ToR granted to the project proponent on page no.105, it is specified to take pre and post medical status of the project area.

Shri Joshi further asked project proponent to give assurance to local people about job opportunities. The project proponent informed that at the beginning, there is requirement of 30-35 personnels for the job. He opined that without co-operation of local people, the project will not succeed. Hence co-operation of the local people will always required.

Chairman of the Committee further suggested that for the requirement of personnel, the management should bifurcate the posts as per requirement just as skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled and inform to the local youths of the project area. He further informed that Govt of Maharashtra has undertaken "Skilled Development Programme" to train the unemployed youths. The scheme can be implemented here, so that local youths and lady students will get an opportunity to learnt the skill development.

Shri Joshi, Member asked to give assurance regarding education facilities. The project proponent informed that ten local student who are below poverty line will be extended financial aid for education. The plan will be prepared after discussions with local people.

Chairman of the Committee directed to constitute a Village Development Committee comprising of Sarpanch, Police Patil, Gramsevak, Talathi (local officials) with local

people to implement the suggestions made in this meeting.

Shri Joshi, Member while asking the developmental activities under CSR Fund informed that while taking compliance report for pollution of water, air, noise, soil, it is observed that noise levels found at higher side. Shri Joshi, further suggested to carry monthly survey of air pollution and make results of the same in public domain. As the project is in remote area, it will be better that common man should know the pollution levels of the area. He suggested medicines to local people at subsidized rates to be given. Shri Joshi, Member informed that guidelines for carrying health survey mentioned in ToR. Hence health survey should be carried and it should be included in Final EIA report.

Chairman of the Committee informed Shri Joshi, Member to conclude the meeting on behalf of Chairman.

Shri Joshi while concluding the meeting on behalf of Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, project officials and general public who attended the meeting in large number and given certain suggestions. The suggestions will be inserted in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to the Expert Committee of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi for consideration.

Shri Joshi, Member further informed that minutes of meeting alongwith CD of the proceedings of meeting will be handed to Grampanchayat for taking cognizance of the suggestions and assurance by the project proponent.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

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(Sachindra Pratap Singh)

Chairman of the Committee

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District Magistrate, Yavatmal,

Dist – Yavatmal

(Pravin M. Joshi)

Member of the Committee

& Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur

(P. N. Dhumal)

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