

**The minutes of Public Hearing in respect of proposed  
M/s Ganeshpur Limestone & Dolomite Mine (Lessee – Shri Gulab M. Gedam)  
& Crushing Project (1.0 MTPA on 26.0 Ha lease area) at Gat No. 28,  
Village -Ganeshpur, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal conducted on  
31/07/2014 at 11.00 AM at Tahsil Office, Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal**

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Shri S. D. Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Chandrapur was the Convener of the Public Hearing. Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur was the Member of Public Hearing Panel. Shri Shriram Kadu, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal & Shri A. G. Dewkar, Tahsildar, Zarijamni were also present during the public hearing. The Public Hearing started at 11.00 am with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel.

First of all, the Convener welcomed to all of present for the Public Hearing. He told that, the Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 and amended Notification dated 01/12/2009 of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi. He told that the project proponent received Model Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed project from Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra according to the decision taken in the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) meeting dated 17/02/2011. Project Proponent submitted their application to the Board on 12/12/2013 requesting for conducting the public hearing.

The copies of draft EIA/EMP and Executive Summaries in English and Marathi submitted by project proponent and copy of public notices published in newspapers were made available to the offices of (1) Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai (2) M. P. C. Board (HQ), Mumbai (3) District Collector, Yavatmal (4) District Industries Centre, Yavatmal (5) Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal (6) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur (7) Sub-Divisional Office, Kelapur, Dist. Yavatmal (8) Tahsil Office, Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal (9) Grampanchayat, Ganeshpur, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal for the knowledge of concerned.

The public notice for the said public hearing was published in English Daily *The Hitvada* and Marathi daily *Lokmat* dated 26/06/2014 stating date, venue and time of public hearing. In the public notice, it was mentioned that the documents about proposed project are available at the above Government offices and objections / suggestions regarding the project, if any can be filed within 30 days from the date of public notice to the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur. The Member Secretary, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai has issued the office order no. E-70 of 2014, dated 17/07/2014 for panel formation of this Public Hearing.

Convenor of the Public Hearing further informed to the participants that no written representation was received regarding public hearing till the date of public hearing. He further appealed to the participants that, they can file their written objections / representations during Public Hearing and they could express their views orally after the power point presentation that will be given by the project proponent. He further clarified to the participants that the Public Hearing panel is not here to accord / recommend Environmental Clearance to the project, but for recording the objections / suggestions of the participants, which will be video graphed and will be submitted to the Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra through Head Office, of M. P. C. Board along with minutes of public hearing for further necessary action. During public hearing no written representation was submitted by the people.

The convenor, with the permission of Chairman, then requested the project proponent to give information about their project through power point presentation in local language.

**Shri. Chandrakant Jadhav (EarthCare Labs Pvt. Ltd.)** on behalf of project proponent gave the information about the project in local language (Marathi) through presentation on the proposed project of M/s Ganeshpur Limestone & Dolomite mine & Crushing Project.

**Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan** (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur) appealed people to express their queries, objections, suggestions or comments regarding the proposed project.

The details of the questions raised by the people during the public hearing and the replies given by project proponent are given below.

1] **Shri D. L. Shrinath (wani)** asked about the plans of project proponent regarding economic and social environment.

**Project Proponent Shri Gulab Gedam** replied that developmental works will be carried out through public participation. Health camps will be organized in the village. Plantation will be carried out and green belt will be developed. Direct and indirect employment will be generated after commissioning of mining project. Rules regarding pollution control and environmental protection will be strictly followed.

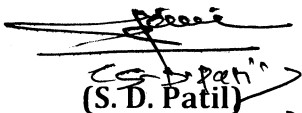
2] **Shri Bhaskar Narayan Tandle (Rajur)** said that mines are not in operation since last 2 years due to which labours and workers are unemployed. He demanded to start the mines so that people of the region will get employment.


**Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur)** said that consent for operation of mine is given to mines having environmental clearance. Project Proponent should apply for environmental clearance and public hearing should be conducted. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will grant consent to the mine thereafter. He added that mine authorities should follow the consent conditions strictly.

3] **Shri Pravin Daulatrao Rode** said that Zarijamni Taluka is Adivasi region and many people are unemployed. Agriculture is the major profession of the people there. He said that projects should be started in the region and employment should be generated.

**Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur)** said that any mine proposal is not pending at MPCB and Government will give permission to new project after due compliance of the rules. He enquired that whether anyone has to ask more questions or what? Thereafter nobody came forward to express their views and he requested Chairman to conclude the public hearing.

**Chairman Shri Rajesh Khavle (Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal)** enquired that whether anyone has to ask more questions or what? Thereafter nobody came forward to express their views. He said that participants expressed their views regarding the proposed project and project proponent replied satisfactory on their questions. He instructed project proponent to follow all environmental rules and regulations after commissioning of mine. He assured that all issues raised by participants will be incorporated in the minutes of public hearing. He then declared that the public hearing is concluded.

  
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& Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

  
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Member of Public Hearing  
Panel & Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

  
(Shri Rajesh Khavle)  
Chairman of  
Public Hearing Panel &  
Additional District  
Magistrate, Yavatmal