

**The minutes of Public Hearing in respect of proposed  
Expansion Project of M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd. Awarpur Cement Works  
(Clinker 3.3 MTPA to 4.5 MTPA & Cement 4.48 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA),  
at Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur  
conducted on 16/06/2014 at 11.00 AM at Project Site**

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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 Shirish Pande, Sub-Divisional Officer, Rajura was 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 Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed project from Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India on 10/09/2013. Project Proponent submitted their application to the Board on 15/04/2014 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) Additional Environment Regional Officer, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Western Region, Bhopal (2) Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai (3) M. P. C. Board (HQ), Mumbai (4) District Collector, Chandrapur (5) District Industries Centre, Chandrapur (6) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur (7) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur (9) Tahsil Office, Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (10) Gat Grampanchayat, Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur, (11) Gat Grampanchayat, Nanda, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (12) Gat Grampanchayat, Bibi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (13) Gat Grampanchayat, Bakhardi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (14) Gat Grampanchayat Talodhi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur & (15) Grampanchayat Naukari, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur 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 15/05/2014 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-52 of 2014, dated 10/06/2014 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 Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi through Head Office, of M. P. C. Board along with minutes of public hearing for further necessary action. During public hearing total 30 written representations were submitted by the people, as below.

- 1) Sarpanch and Secretary, Grampanchayat Talodhi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 2) Shri Shashikant Dive and others, Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 3) Shri Abhay Ashok Puname, Nanda, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 4) Sarpanch and Secretary, Grampanchayat Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 5) Shri Yashwant Musale and other villagers, Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 6) Villagers of Awalpur, Nanda, Bibi, Bakhardi, Talodhi & Naukari, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 7) Shri Bharat Aatram, President, Krantojyot Yuva Bahu-uddeshiy Krushi Vidnyan Mandal, Bibi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur
- 8) Sarpanch & Secretary, Grampanchayat Bakhardi, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur

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. Rajesh Sambre (M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd.)** gave the information about the project in local language (Marathi) through presentation on the proposed project of Ultratech Cement Ltd.

**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 Bharat Aatram (Bibi)** said that the nearby villages are developed due to the CSR activities of the existing project. He added that industry constructed cement road, provided pre-primary school, carried out renovation of Zilha Parishad School by providing shed and benches, provided street lights on Nanda to Bibi road, developed playground, provided training to ladies and farmers, provided veterinary hospital, conducted health camps, developed rainwater harvesting system at school, provided bore-well at various places in villages, constructed community hall etc. in the villages.

He further said that industry carried out tree plantation and avenue plantation to control the pollution. Community hall is constructed at Nanda Village. Sewing machines were distributed to widows under women empowerment scheme. He demanded for the provision of an ambulance for the villagers. He said that classes for competitive examination preparation should be started for the youths of villages. He demanded students from villages should be permitted to study in the industry's school and concession should be given in fee under CSR funds.

2] **Shri L. S. Tajne (Sarpanch, Awarpur)** said that the industry had helped villagers by carrying out developmental works in the villages. He added that industry has constructed road in the village and demanded to construct road of 300 meter more. Industry had provided common lavatory in the villages and also provided personal aid of ₹ 5000.00 to each family for the construction of toilet. Industry has carried out tree plantation in the villages and also constructed concrete barrages on the river for water conservation. Industry has carried out rainwater harvesting in the villages. He further said that desks and benches were provided to the Zilha Parishad School by industry. Also, street lights were provided in the villages. Half of the fee of economically backward students was paid by the industry under CSR funds. He added that although several works are carried out but many other works are yet unattained. He demanded for permanent employment to one member of each family in the expansion project, proper arrangement for pollution control, waste generated in mine should be provided to farmers, technical employment to youths by giving ITI training to them, avenue plantation on Awarpur road and construction of community hall in the village.

3] **Shri Shashikant Dive (Awarpur)** said that industry representative stated that there is no additional land acquisition and employment generation in the proposed expansion project. He claimed that local people are counted out in the employment process. He demanded for employment to locals.

4] **Shri Sainath Gite (General Secretary, Worker's Association)** said that the industry started in the year 1983 in the region and that time population was less. Now the population of nearby villages is more than 25,000. He added that industry worked for the development of the villages. Plantation was carried out in the villages which created a green belt in the region. Industry has installed all pollution control equipments to reduce the pollution.

He informed that industry has taken the work of avenue plantation on 27 km state highway, but as the work for four lanes is started, the avenue plantation work could not be started. He alleged that intensity of pollution increase due to bad condition of roads and requested Chairman of the public hearing that condition of avenue plantation should be included in the agreement with the contractor who construct the roads. He added that Government should start primary health centre in the region. He demanded that industry should provide an ambulance. He said that other industries should also carry out avenue plantation.

5] **Shri Arun Nimje (Agriculture Chairman, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur)** said that industry had given employment to almost all local qualified persons in the project when it started. Industry had carried out many works in the villages under CSR. He added that industry works for environmental conservation and development of nearby region. He requested industry representative for construction of roads in nearby five villages.

He further said that number of villages should not be restricted and developmental works should be carried out in other nearby villages also. He demanded for the opening of Industrial Training Institute in the region as the unemployment among the youths is increasing. He said that nearly 77 % land is dry land which is not useful for agriculture and demanded for employment to locals.

6] **Shri Arun Ragit (Grampanchayat Member, Palgaon)** said that industry carried out several works in the villages. Villages adopted by the industry are well developed. Industry constructed roads in the villages. He supported the proposed expansion of the project.

7] **Shri Bandu Vararkar (Deputy Sarpanch, Nanda)** claimed that Primary Health Centre was sanctioned at Nandgaon but the fund for the same was returned due to non-submission of required documents by concerned officials within time. He demanded that industry should start primary health centre in the village. He informed that Hon'ble MP has agreed to provide an ambulance.

He added that industry has carried out several works under CSR in the nearby villages. Industry has constructed road and community hall in Nanda village. Also streetlights were provided to the Grampanchayats. He demanded to construct the safety wall beside *nalla* and to increase the height of the bridge. He further demanded to increase the CSR funds. He added that primary health centre is sanctioned and it should be started early.

8] **Smt. Rekha (President, Women Saving Group, Awarpur)** said that industry led to development of villages and living standard of people of this region increased due to the industry. Employment was created in the region due to industry. Also women of the region get financially independent as a result of various schemes implemented by industry under woman empowerment programme. He added that industry always helped villagers in all aspects.

9] **Shri Purusottam Nibhrat (Nanda)** said that industry carried out very good work of plantation in the region. However, more plantation is needed in some parts. He said that attempt should be made by industry to raise groundwater level and water conservation by constructing barrages on *nallas* and river. He added that quality of construction work done by industry is always good. Industry has created artificial lake which leads to increase in water level. He said that Government participation should be increased in the development programmes. He added that industry always help the villagers in all aspects. He demanded to increase the CSR funds and to give admissions to students from villages in the school owned by industry. He showed his support to the proposed expansion of the plant and said that locals should be given preference for employment in the new project. He demanded for an ambulance and development of green belt on barren land.

10] **Shri Haridas Jenekar (Bakhardi)** said that industry didn't carried any developmental work under CSR in Bakhardi village. He added that discussions about land purchase by industry from Bakhardi village is in progress and demanded industry should adopt Bakhardi village and carry out developmental works in the village.

11] **Shri Indrajeet Durge (Talodhi)** said that crops are affected due to pollution. Also number of asthma patients had increased due to increase in air pollution. He added that proposed project is adjacent to agricultural land and can affect the crops in future. Due to which it will not be possible to take crops in such land. He added that process of land acquisition in Talodhi and Bakhardi villages is in progress and demanded that employment should be given to each project affected person or his son.

12] **Shri Pranavkumar Saha (Nandaphata)** said that power cable line connected to M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd. is above his house and there is a continuous risk to his and other family members' life due to the high voltage cable. He demanded for shifting of power cable line or any other alternative arrangement by industry in this regard.

13] **Shri Sunil Dhavas** introduced himself as local farmer and worker in the industry. He said that there is no effect of pollution on crops as industry has provided all necessary arrangement for pollution control.

14] A villager (Nandaphata) said that pollution will increase after commissioning of new project and demanded that power cable line of the project should be located at safe distance from human habitation.

15] Shri Abhay (Nandaphata) said that condition of roads is already worse due to continuous traffic of cement and coal loaded trucks. He demanded that roads should be constructed before giving permission to the new project.

16] Shri Shivchand Jagannath Kale (Chief Executive, Ultratech Workers' Union) said that industries lead to the development of the region. M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd. has carried out many developmental works under CSR activity and few are remaining which should be taken by the industry. All type of pollution control arrangement is provided by the industry. He demanded that hospital should be started by industry and industry should adopt more villages in surrounding region.


17] Shri Vitthal Maroti Niwatkar (Palgaon) said that his village is 1 km away from the existing plant of M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd. and due to natural gravity rainwater enters into the nalla which flows from his village. He added that every year industry removes the excess water from the nalla. He showed his support for the proposed expansion and demanded that road should be provided for farmers through mining area.


Representative of Project Proponent said that utilization of CSR funds is finalized after discussion with villagers. He assured that all demands raised by participants will be positively considered.

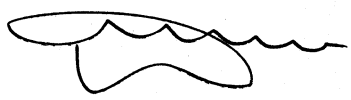
Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur) said that all issues raised by participants is noted and will be incorporated in the minutes of public hearing.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Dr. Deepak Mhaisekar said that meeting of major industries was conducted at Collector Office regarding CSR activities and instructions were given in the said meeting for the proper utilization of CSR funds. It was also instructed that instead of binding the CSR activities in providing basic needs, industry should prepare developmental action plan of villages for the next 25 years. Issues like water, employment, solid waste management, agriculture etc. shall be given preference in the action plan. Suggestions and demands from the participants shall be considered in the future developmental works.

He said that water utilization will increase due to the proposed expansion and industry should carry out rainwater harvesting for conservation of water. He instructed industry authorities to carry out assessment of air, water and soil pollution periodically. He informed participants that suggestions about proposed expansion project can be submitted to Collector Office or Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office even after public hearing. 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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