

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BHATADI OC EXPANSION PROJECT OF WCL CHANDRAPUR AREA AT TEHSIL; CHANDRAPUR, DISTRICT; CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA FOR INCREASE IN COAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 0.975 MTPA TO 1.465 MTPA WITHIN THE EXISTING EC AREA OF 847.37 HA. PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S BHATADI OPENCAST EXPN. COAL MINE OF WCL CHANDRAPUR AREA LOCATED AT TEHSIL; CHANDRAPUR, DISTRICT; CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date : 13.09.2019
Time : 11.00 AM
Venue : WCL Durgapur Auditorium, Durgapur,
Tal. Dist. Chandrapur (M.S.)

Preamble:

M/s Bhatadi OC Coal Mine of WCL Chandrapur Area had applied for grant of Environmental Clearance for enhancement of coal production capacity from 0.975 MTPA to 1.465 MTPA within existing EC area of 847.37 Ha. to Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change , New Delhi through online portal dt; 06.02.2018. The matter regarding the same was discussed in the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of Thermal & Coal Mining projects of the Ministry in the 28th EAC held on 17.04.2018, 36th EAC held on 31.08.2018 and 42nd EAC held on 24.01.2019.

It was observed in the EAC that "The last Public Hearing for the project was conducted by the State Pollution Control Board on 20th July 2004 i.e.; much before the inception of EIA Notification, 2006 presently in force. The committee desired the compliance of the present provisions of the said notification, and insisted on fresh public hearing for the proposed expansion from 0.975 MTPA to 1.465 MTPA, even if the project area remains the same."

As per the direction of 42nd EAC held on 24.01.2019 (copy attached as **Annexure -I**) the fresh public hearing is to be conducted & hence project proponent has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conduction of Public Hearing as per the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 and the directions issued by EAC. In this connection MPC Board decided to hold public hearing of the said project on 13th September 2019 in consultation with District Collector Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published notices in Marathi newspapers "Loksatta & Deshonnati" and English Newspaper "The Hitvada" on 10th August 2019 local newspapers. The Appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections,

suggestions, complaints, comments in respect of the said project to the concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft E.I.A Report along with Executive summary of the said project was made available in English & Marathi in the following offices to appraise the public regarding Environmental aspects.

1. Environment Department, 15th floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya Mumbai-400032.
2. Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd & 4th floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion(E), Mumbai-400022.
3. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
4. Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
5. Collector Office-Chandrapur.
6. Zilha Parishad –Chandrapur.
7. District Industries Centre, Chandrapur.
8. Sub-Divisional Office, Chandrapur, Tal. District-Chandrapur.
9. Tehsil Office, Chandrapur, Tal. District-Chandrapur.
10. Tehsil Office, Bhadrawati, Tal. Bhadrawati, District-Chandrapur.
11. Panchayat Samiti Office, Chandrapur, Tal. District-Chandrapur.
12. Panchayat Samiti Office Bhadrawati, Tal. Bhadrawati, District-Chandrapur.
13. Gat Grampanchayat Office Payali Bhatadi, Tal. District-Chandrapur.
14. Gat Grampanchayat Office Vichoda (Chandsurla), Tal. District-Chandrapur.
15. Grampanchayat Office Chek Tirwanja(K), Tal. Bhadrawati, District-Chandrapur.
16. Gat Grampanchayat Office Padmapur (Kitadi), Tal. District-Chandrapur.
17. Gat Grampanchayat Office, Tirwanja(Mokasa), Tal. Bhadrawati, District-Chandrapur.

All the authorities at Sl. No.5 to 17 above were requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authority.

The venue of the said public hearing was decided at WCL Durgapur Auditorium, Durgapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The said venue was decided considering the easy accessibility of the local people.

A Public Hearing Panel was constituted vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-3207 (Office Order No. E-61 of 2019) dated 29/08/2019 by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA Notification dt;14th September 2006 and as amended thereto issued by the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change , New Delhi.

1. **District Magistrate, Chandrapur** - **Chairman**
Or his representative not below the
Rank of an **Additional District Magistrate**
Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
2. **Regional Officer-M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur** -**Member**
3. **Sub-Regional Officer-M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur** -**Convener**

Objections/written submissions were not received. Attendance sheet of the Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerned who participated for the Public Hearing is attached as Annexure II.

Minutes of Public Hearing:

At the outset on behalf of the Public Hearing Panel the convenor Shri. Ajit Patil-Sub Regional Officer-MPCB, Chandrapur welcomed all those present and commenced the Public Hearing. He appraised the people with the introductory information about the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections, comments, if any about the environmental aspects of the proposed expansion project. He thereafter requested the Hon'ble Chairman to commence the Public Hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed the people about the concept and objective of the public hearing. He made an appeal to all participants to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding environmental aspects. He said that videography of the public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that presentation about the proposed expansion project will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/objections shall be raised by the participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name and address before raising any query/objection so that the name of the participant along with the views shall be included in the minutes of the meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the project with its salient features.

After that Shri. Rajendra Harde, on behalf of Environment Consultant, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute –Nagpur (CMPDIL) made a power point

presentation on the environmental aspects of the project including salient features in Marathi Language. The project proponent elaborated the details of the project on the following ground;

- Project Description.
- Base line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, settlements etc.
- Impact likely to be occur due to the project on Air, Water, Land, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements, Biodiversity and Forests.
- Mitigation plan and Environment Management Plan during the operation of the project.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA report including CSR etc.

Thereafter the Convener of the public hearing announced that the forum was open for questions and answers. The summary of the issues raised and the replies submitted by project proponent is as below:

Sl.N o.	Issue Raised	Comments made by Project Proponent/Public Hearing Panel.
1	<p>Shri.Milind Pandhari Katkar, Resident of Tirwanja Mokasa Village, Tah-Bhadrawati, Dist-Chandrapur</p> <p>a) My land was acquired by WCL in 1990, out of which on balance 25 percent land due to Western Coal Fields Ltd. (WCL) Overburden Dump (OBD), dust & water have entered my fields and caused damage to crops and WCL is neglecting the same.</p> <p>b) Increased land compensation amount not given.</p>	<p>a) 4.55 Ha. land was acquired from Shri.Milind Pandhari Katkar in 1990 by WCL .Two numbers of jobs and land compensation amount has already been provided by WCL. No such issue was raised by him during land acquisition.</p> <p>b) This issue was not raised in 1990 during land acquisition but in 2002. In case of objections if any he may approach Special Tribunal Court on this issue. Decision of court shall be binding on WCL.</p>
2	<p>Shri Sonu Agashe, Resident of Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist-Chandrapur.</p> <p>a) In 2016 when 1100 acres land was acquired why was the balance 5 % land not acquired? It is not possible to farming on balance 5 % land due to increased pollution,</p>	<p>a) It is essential to do produce coal with minimum possible land acquisition so as to make project viable. Balance 5% land acquisition can be considered during future expansion. Pollution control measures deployed in</p>

	<p>hence balance 5 % land should also be acquired.</p> <p>b) When will be the balance 5 % land acquired? and Resettlement should be done before expansion.</p>	<p>project have already been illustrated in the presentation.</p> <p>b) Unless Grampanchayat provides duly approved resolution and the site for resettlement is not decided resettlement process cannot be implemented.</p>
3	<p>Shri. Mohan Turankar, Ex gram panchayat member, Resident of Payali Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist-Chandrapur.</p> <p>a)At the time of Land acquisition payment was made for 7/12, but payment was not made for Occupant-2 (bhogvatdar-2)</p>	<p>a) The process of converting Occupant-2 (bhogvatdar-2) to Occupant-1 (bhogvatdar-1) is being undertaken by WCL.</p>
4	<p>Shri Narayan Budhaji Raipure, Resident of Payali Bhatadi Ward no.2, Tah & Dist-Chandrapur</p> <p>a)There is an increase in pollution in Payali Bhatadi Ward No.2, at night time animals enter houses, there is filth near the houses, Rocks are reaching our houses due to blasting, First land compensation should be paid & then resettlement should be done.</p>	<p>a) Resettlement site should be identified and confirmed. WCL is ready to implement resettlement.</p>
5	<p>Shri. Chandu Satpute, Resident of Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist-Chandrapur.</p> <p>a) Due to Bhatadi opencast mine the persons working in fields have become unemployed, they should be given work, they should be given job on contract basis, educated groups be provided/eligible with/for tenders, Houses are developing cracks due to blasting, there should be a solution to this problem, site</p>	<p>a) 359 jobs have been given and compensation has been given. Local management is providing training to project affected persons and arranging for jobs with private contractors. Provision has been made for petty contracts. WCL is committed to Bhatadi resettlement. There will be settlement between company and villagers. Resettlement site cannot be declared immediately as this requires mutual consent.</p>

	for resettlement should be conveyed.	
6	<p>Shri Madhukar Lad-Regional Officer MPCB, Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Has permission been obtained for nallah diversion?</p> <p>b) What will be the proposals for pollution control?</p>	<p>a) Erai river diversion will be done after obtaining permission of Central Design Organisation, Nashik-Irrigation Department Govt. of Maharashtra.</p> <p>b) In addition of existing mobile tankers and fixed sprinklers in operation a new mechanical road sweeping machine shall be deployed for cleaning of coal transportation roads and village roads. Construction of pipe conveyor system is in progress at Bhatadi OCP and in future all truck transport shall be eliminated, this shall reduce air pollution to a great extent.</p>
7	<p>Shri. Umashankar Bahadule-Field Officer MPCB, Chandrapur</p> <p>a) What will be the ash % of the coal to be generated?</p> <p>b) Why do rocks fly during to blasting?</p> <p>c) What is status Of CAAQMS for Bhatadi OCP?</p>	<p>a) As per the Central Institute of Mines & Fuel Research-CIMFR laboratory analysis results the ash % in the coal produced is about 24 %</p> <p>b) Blasting is carried out as per permission of DGMS. In order to control fly rocks controlled blasting is practised by use of shock tubes. Currently excavation is being carried out at a distance of 900 mtrs from village hence there is no question of fly rocks entering the village.</p> <p>c) One number CAAQMS is already under installation at Durgapur OCP of WCL Chandrapur Area on a cluster basis. On basis of its performance and if required CAAQMS for Bhatadi OCP can be considered.</p>
8	<p>Shri Bandu Shankar Sontakke-Resident of Village Bhatadi, Tah & Dist- Chandrapur</p> <p>a) WCL officials are misleading people on blasting related issues. Distance between Shri Shankar</p>	<p>a) Blasting work is carried out as per DGMS permission.</p>

	<p>Mahaskolhe and Blasting site should be measured.</p> <p>b) Locals should be preferred for employment.</p>	<p>b) As per company norms project affected people are given land compensation and offered jobs. Under CSR, WCL has sponsored training of locals through CIPET and many of them have secured employment. Training has been arranged for villagers through MCED for electrician, beauty parlour and fashion designing. This has benefitted local villagers.</p>
9	<p>Shri. Bandu Namdeo Lohat-Resident of Kitadi Village Tah & Dist-Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Due to construction of causeway by WCL for truck movement, flow of Erai river is reduced and water is entering Kitadi village.</p> <p>b) Was this causeway removed before onset of monsoon?</p>	<p>a) WCL had constructed temporary causeway by taking permission from government.</p> <p>b) Yes, the temporary causeway was removed before the onset of monsoon.</p>
10	<p>Shri .Subhash Gaurkar-Ex Panchayat Samiti Member-,Bhatadi Village ,Tah & Dist-Chandrapur.</p> <p>a) Pollution is created by WCL</p>	<p>a) WCL is regularly adopting the necessary pollution control measures.</p>
11	<p>Shri Pramod Suresh Khirwatkar-Resident of Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist Chandrapur</p> <p>a) When will balance 5%land for Bhatadi OCP be acquired, When will solution for damage to houses due to blasting be implemented, When be taken for bad roads.</p>	<p>a) Action will be taken on these issues and conveyed to government authorities.</p>
12	<p>Shri Kishore Suryabhan Tajne-Resident of Bhatadi Village,Tah, & Dist Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Not received job till date</p>	<p>a) His land was acquired under L.A Act and as per norms prevailing then he</p>

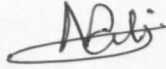
		was not offered job due land less than 3.0 acres. If he has objections to this he can approach higher authorities/courts.
13	Shri. Subhash Gaurkar-Ex Panchayat Samiti Member- ,Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist-Chandrapur. a) It is necessary to resettle Bhatadi Village, Resettlement should be done to a good place and balance 5 % land should be acquired soon and farmers interests should be protected.	a) Noted and WCL shall take suitable action.
14	Shri. Mahadev Punjaram Deotale-Resident of Bhatadi Village,Tah & Dist Chandrapur a) No road to approach fields, roads to be made.	a) WCL assured that road will be made, after end of this year rainy season.
15	Shri Sagar Shravan Katkar-Resident of Payali Bhatadi Village, Tah. & Dist-Chandrapur a) Resettlement of Payali Village should be carried out along with Bhatadi Village.	a) Payali village shall also be resettled as per the revised project report of the future expansion.
16	Shri. Rajkumar Raipure Ex Sarpanch a) Resettlement of Payali Village should be carried out along with Bhatadi Village.	a) Payali village shall also be resettled as per the revised project report of the future expansion.
17	Shri Vinod Mahadev There-Resident of Kitadi Village, Tah & Dist –Chandrapur a) At the time of resettlement will the houses valuation be done as per 2011 rates or as per 2019 rates.	a) At the time of resettlement house valuation shall be done by PWD, Maharashtra Govt. as per the 2011 rates above which 12 % escalation charges and 30 % solatium will be paid as per norms.
18	Sau Sunanda Sanjay Kulmethe- Sarpanch, Tirwanja Mokasa Village, Tah. Bhadrawati, Dist-Chandrapur. a) WCL has implemented	a) WCL has taken up these activities

	<p>beautification of Village pond, 3 nos. hand pumps, Samaj Bhavan and ponds and wells in village. Drains are cleaned on daily basis and 300 mtr concrete road has been made.</p>	<p>under CSR and shall continue them in future as well.</p>
19	<p>Shri Rajkumar, Deputy Sarpanch Tirwanja Mokasa Village, Tah. Bhadrawati, Dist-Chandrapur.</p> <p>a) Resettlement of Payali Village should be carried out along with Bhatadi Village.</p>	<p>a) Payali village shall also be resettled as per the revised project report of the future expansion.</p>
20	<p>Smt.Kanchan Ganpat Awale-Sarpanch Chek Tirwanja Village, Tah-Bhadrawati, Dist-Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Due to WCL Dumping Erai river water turbidity is increased and villagers health is getting affected hence they should provide R.O Water plant for village, adopt the village prepare village road by using overburden.</p>	<p>a) R.O Water plant shall be provided and village road construction shall be taken after end of monsoon.</p>
21	<p>Shri Manoj Waghmare-Resident of Chandsurla village, Tah. & Dist Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Due to WCL dumping water is entering the fields and causing damage.</p>	<p>a) WCL shall carry out inspection and take necessary action.</p>
22	<p>Shri. Sonu Agashe-Resident of Village Bhatadi, Tah. & Dist-Chandrapur</p> <p>a) When WCL creates road or temporary causeway for coal transportation which agency's NOC /Permission is taken?</p>	<p>a) Work is done only after obtaining permission from Maharashtra Govt.</p>
23	<p>Shri Balkrishna Panghate-Resident of Village Chek Tirwanja, Tah.Bhadrawati, Dist Chandrapur</p> <p>a) Due to dirty water the</p>	<p>a) Chairman of the Public Hearing</p>

	inspection to damage of fields was done after one and a half year.	Panel directed WCL that dumping shall be done at authorised/planned locations only. WCL informed that directions shall be followed. WCL responded that directions shall be followed.
24	Shri Praveen Upare-Resident of Bhatadi Village, Tah. & Dist Chandrapur a) My work related to employment was done by Shri. Kude & Shri. A. C. Singh –AGM hence I am thankful to them.	a) WCL has already given job to Shri Praveen Upare.
25	Shri. Vikas Pendram-Resident of Bhatadi Village, Tah & Dist Chandrapur a) Earlier change in name was accepted by stamp paper affidavit, but now court decree is being demanded.	a) For change in name, in case of doubtful cases, necessary order/decreed from Hon'ble Court are required. Otherwise stamp paper affidavit will serve the purpose.
26	Shri. Sathish Maruti Junghare-Resident of Chek Tirwanja village, Tah-Bhadrawati, Dist-Chandrapur a) WCL should tell what mitigation measures have been taken for environment.	a) Details of Pollution control measures have already been made in presentation. Mobile tankers and fixed sprinklers are used for dust suppression. Tree plantation has been done to provide green cover. WCL has also procured Mechanised sweeping machine for cleaning of roads. Installation of pipe conveyor is also in progress which will eliminate truck transport in the future.

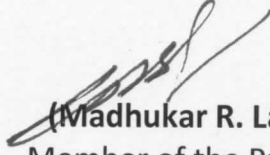
The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel called upon the Public present if there are any other issues/questions the same may be asked. However nobody had any further questions hence he announced that the copy of the proceedings and CD of Public Hearing will be available in due course of time with MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding summarized the various points raised and declared that the public hearing has ended and concluded the public hearing with a vote of thanks.



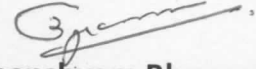
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