

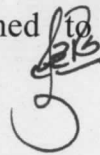
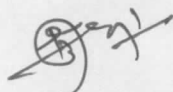
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT FORM/S. GAURALA & SOMNALA LIMESTONE & DOLOMITE MINES – 116.13 HA, 833.3 TPD, VILLAGE: GAURALA, TAL. MAREGAON, DIST. YAVATMAL PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. MAHARASHTRA STATE MINING CORPORATION LTD., PLOT NO. 7, AJNI SQUARE, WARDHA ROAD, NAGPUR.

Date : 29/05/2019
Time : 11:00 AM
Venue : Project Site, Village Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

Preamble:-

M/s. Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Ltd., Plot No. 7, Ajni Square, Wardha Road, Nagpur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for proposed project of M/s. Gaurala & Somnala Limestone & Dolomite Mines-116.13 Ha, 833.3TPD, Village: Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal. The matter regarding same was discussed in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi in its 13th meeting held on 18th – 20th September, 2018. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 18th – 20th September, 2018. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent had submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 15th March, 2019 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. However, due to some untoward reason, this scheduled hearing has been postponed & informed to the concern by publishing a public notice on 14/03/2019 in leading newspapers namely "Loksatta" & "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada". In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 29/05/2019 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspapers namely "Loksatta" & "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 22/04/2019. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions,



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

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 3) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, UdyogBhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 4) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, UdyogBhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) District Magistrate Office, Yavatmal;
- 6) ZillaParishad, Yavatmal;
- 7) District Industries Center, Yavatmal;
- 8) Sub Divisional Magistrate Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 9) TahsilOfficeWani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 10) Tahsil Office Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 11) PanchayatSamiti Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 12) PanchayatSamiti Office, Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 13) Gat-Grampanchat Office, Akapur (Net), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 14) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Bhandewada (Bodad), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal
- 15) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Nimbala (Kh.) (Somnala), Tal. Wani Dist. Yavatmal
- 16) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Warud (Salebhatti), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 17) Grampanchayat Office, Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal
- 18) Grampanchayat Office Rajur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 19) Grampanchayat Office Kolgaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 20) Grampanchayat Office Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

All the Authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 20 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, Village Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra. The said venue

was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

1. Shri. Lalitkumar Varhade, - **Chairman**
Additional District Magistrate,
Yavatmal.
2. Shri Raju R. Vasave - **Member**
I/c Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri Pratap Jagtap, - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur

Shri. Raju Vasave, I/c. Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur was unable to attend the Public Hearing. The written submission received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"I" and "II" respectively.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections and comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

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

Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Prashil Shukla, Environment Consultant made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

1) Mrs. Pranita Mohammad Aslam, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Rajur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	Regarding unemployment.	Project Proponent informed that, this is a Govt. project and the manpower required after commissioning of the project. Preference will be given to local people for employment according to their educational qualification and as per Govt. Rules.
2	How many funds will get to our village?	Project Proponent informed that, according to the new rules and regulations, 10% amount has to be deposited in Mineral Development Fund as a royalty. 30% amount out of this 10% royalty amount is expedited as CSR funds through Zilla Khanij Pratishthan. Development work in the Project affected villages will be carried

		out through these funds.
3	What pollution control measures are proposed?	Project Proponent informed that, Wet Drilling procedure will be implemented while carrying out mining activity to control pollution. As per the rules & regulations of Mines Notification, 1961 of Directorate General of Mines Safety, wet drilling procedure will be implemented & water will be sprinkled to control dust emissions.

2) **Shri. Suresh Nanaji Kale, Ex-Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-**

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	The Project Proponent Company's name has been mentioned as a lease on our 7/12 from last 20 years on 850 acres of land of this area. After expiry of Lease same was extended without issuing any notice to the villagers.	Project Proponent informed that, according to Govt. Rules, if mineral deposits are available in a certain area then that area is notified as Mine Production area and the same is mentioned on 7/12. Lease has been granted by the State Govt. Whenever survey of this area is conducted, Govt. might have found some limestone deposits and wherever there are mineral deposits govt. can notify that area as mining area. Out of 850 Ha. Of land only 116.13 Ha. Of land has been allotted to Maharashtra State Mining Corporation.
2	Out of 116.13 Ha. Of land only 24.56 Ha. Land has been acquired by the project proponent. Remaining land has not been acquired. Will it be acquired freshly or else? It has come to our notice that MSMCL will acquired the land.	Project Proponent informed that, MSMCL will definitely acquire the land if required after negotiations between land owner & state authorities.
3	Gaurala Gram Panchayat has not received any fund for the social development. Due to this project there will be adverse impact on environment and ground water	Project Proponent informed that, after commissioning of the project the manpower will be required and preference will be given to local people for employment according to

	<p>table will get depleted. Till date employment has not been provided to single person.</p>	<p>their educational qualification and as per Govt. Rules. Direct & indirect employment will be generated due to this project.</p> <p>A new rule has come into existence in the year 2015 for CSR. Ministry of Mining, GOI has made a provision in this rule regarding the amount to be incurred for environment, road development, health camps etc. Further a provision has been made for incurring this expenditure from 10% royalty.</p>
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3) **Mrs. Darshana Manwatkar, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Bhandewada, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-**

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>How many persons will be given employment or MSMCL is willing to give? Outsiders are given employment but project affected persons from Grampanchayats are not given employment. Tree plantation programme has not been implemented through CSR funds till date. Also there are WCL mines in this area but till date tree plantation has not been carried out.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the rule of utilizing 10% royalty for CSR activity came into force in this year. After sale of ore whatever 10% royalty is being paid, 30% of that is deposited in Mining Dept. and the amount deposited in this account is utilized for a particular work. A committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Guardian Minister & Proposals can be submitted through this committee.</p>
2	<p>10% of royalty is given to Grampanchayat as per the statement of MSMCL authorities. If royalty was received to the Grampanchayat then this situation does not occurred. Bhandewda village did not receive such type of royalty in last 4-5 years. How much funds can the Project Proponent provide?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, provision has been made to utilize the amount through Pradhanmantri Khanij Kshetriya Kalyan Yojana. Provision of Rs. 50/- Lac has been made to provide fluoride-free water, Rs. 50000/- for awareness programme & Rs. 25000/- for health camps. All the above programmes can be implemented only after commissioning of the mine.</p>
3	<p>Till date, no any fund from Mineral Development</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the project proponent does possess any</p>

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<p>Department has been received even after submitting proposal. Right on the funds is of the project affected village and it shall be utilized for this village only. Is there any provision regarding the same?</p>	<p>right to utilize CSR funds. The right is with Zilla Khanij Pratishtan.</p>
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4) Shri. Keshav Porte, Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Lease has been imposed on our land in the year 1975 which has expired in the year 2005 & the same lease was in force till the year 2015. Due to which buying & selling of land could not be done. Land purchasers did not come to purchase the land. If a person goes through financial crisis & requires money, then land could not be sold by the land owner as lease was in force from last 34 years. Hon'ble Dy. Collector is requested to tell a solution for such situation. Can a land be on lease for 34 years?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, a survey is carried out by the Govt. and if there are mineral deposits beneath the land then lease is imposed by the Govt. The land is on lease till the year 2024 & it has been imposed as per Govt. Rules.</p>

5) Shri. Manoj Dhadare, Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>MSMCL has acquired the land (116.13Ha.) since last 34 years but till date mine could not be commissioned. Due to which none of the farmers can carry out projects of Green House, Polyhouse, etc. to increase the agricultural production because there is uncertainty about losing their land. MSMCL will again extend the lease of the land for another 20 years & land could</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, Mining activity is not operational since last 34 years. The said mine is a dolomite mine & dolomite does not have a market value and demand is also less. If mining activity was carried out in past then the finished product would not get profitable value. Now-a-days there is a demand for dolomite. As per new rules, mining lease can be renewed for the period upto 50 years. After that lease is not renewed.</p>

not be utilized. Is this fair?

There will be dust generation during mining activity and it will spread in surrounding areas. Farming activity is still carried out on lease area. Will MSMCL carry out mining activity by providing adequate pollution control measures so that it will not cause any loss to agricultural crops? MSMCL has not carried out tree plantation on lease area till date. If production of cotton & sugarcane is decreased in this area, will the project proponent take responsibility of the same & provide compensation to the farmers?

What measure will MSMCL will take if the bore-wells in the surrounding area are damaged due to blasting activity? What compensatory plan does MSMCL have if any person could not carry out farming due to blasting activity?

The Overburden which will be generated through mining activity will be 6 meters. What measures will MSMCL provide to prevent the rain water discharge through overburden?

The issue of existence of honey bees in the area have not been incorporated in the EIA report.

Statistical data of cotton yield & sugarcane yield has been obtained from State Agricultural Department.

Tree plantation could not be carried out as mine was not in operation. If plantation was carried out earlier, then the issue of survival of those plants would have raised. Plantation will be carried out as soon as mine is operational. Plants of 1.5 meters to 2.0 meters height or plants of 5 years old will be planted so that dust emissions will be controlled.

Tree plantation will be carried out on overburden. Garland drains will be provided in order to prevent the discharge of rain water into nearby agricultural land. A buffer zone of 7.5 meters will be provided as per guidelines of Director General of Mines Safety. The rain water collected in garland drains will be utilized for dust suppression & tree plantation.

Tree plantation will be carried out along the mine haul road & on both the sides of village roads which will help in increasing the population of honey bees in the area.

<p>MSMCL has engaged a private company for the study of environmental impact in the area.</p> <p>All the things mentioned in the EIA report are still proposed.</p>	<p>Ms. Enviro Techno Consultant Pvt. Ltd. is a NABL accredited institution by which the work of Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out.</p> <p>Yes, after receipt of Environmental Clearance as well as consent from M. P. C. Board the activities mentioned in the EIA report will be carried out as per the conditions mentioned in the same. Mining activity will not be carried out till receipt of EC & Consent.</p>
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6) Shri. Vishwas Nandekar, Former MLA, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>This area is a mining area. 20 years ago permission was granted to the said mine. Why the mine is not in operation till date? Compensation is also not given to the persons whose crops are damaged by pigs. MSMCL shall justify whether this issue will be looked after or not. Also whether proper fencing will be provided around the mine area or not?</p> <p>Land shall be returned to the land owner after expiration of lease.</p> <p>Local people were not made aware of Public Hearing. Meeting of GramSabha should have been called for the same. MLAs, MPs were also not informed about the same. The administration is misguiding people and carrying out Public Hearing. Therefore, the Public</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, lease has been allotted by the State Govt. and as soon as the lease get expired, the land shall be returned to the State Govt. Mining activity will not be carried out before carrying out tree plantation programme. Also proper fencing of barbed wire will be done around the mine area.</p> <p>Shri. Pratap Jagtap, Convener of the Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur informed that, as per the EIA Notification, 2006, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board published public notices before 30 days of Public Hearing in Marathi newspapers namely "Loksatta" and "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 22/04/2019 mentioning about date, time & venue of Public hearing. Also the copy of EIA report & Executive Summary were made available at all the Grampanchayats in the vicinity of 5.0 KM radius from the</p>

<p>Hearing shall be cancelled.</p> <p>Huge amount of royalty is deposited but it is not utilized for local people. People are suffering from major health issues but health services are not made available for local people.</p> <p>Regarding wild animals nothing has been mentioned in the EIA report.</p>	<p>Project site before 30 days of the Public Hearing.</p> <p>Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, as per the provisions of EIA Notification dtd. 14/09/2006, District Collector does not possess the right to cancel the Public Hearing. But due to some untoward reason, a scheduled Public Hearing can be postponed. The suggestions made by you during the Public Hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of Public Hearing and Video-Shooting of the same has been done.</p> <p>Village bio-diversity plans will be prepared and representative from local people will be included in the committee.</p>
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7) Shri. Gajanan Santosh Wade, Sarpach, Grampanchayat Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>The land of Shri. Keshav Kisan Thengane at S. No. 135 is acquired by MSMCL but till date compensation is not received. It is requested to provide compensation to the person immediately.</p> <p>There is a serious issue of unemployment in this area and a written commitment shall be made by the project proponent to provide employment to the villagers of Mangrul village.</p> <p>If drinking water issue arises due to mining activity then MSMCL shall take responsibility of solving the issue.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, enquiry shall be done & appropriate decision will be taken regarding the issue.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, preference will be given to local people for employment according to their educational qualification and as per Govt. Rules.</p> <p>Fluoride free water will be made available to the villagers & necessary plants will be installed.</p> <p>Tree plantation programme will be</p>

<p>MSMCL shall not commission the mine before carrying out tree plantation programme.</p> <p>MSMCL shall ensure that, there will be no loss to the farmer due to blasting activity</p>	<p>carried out in the monsoon season. Wet Drilling procedure will be implemented while carrying out mining activity to control pollution. As per the rules & regulation of Mines Notification 1961 of Directorate General of Mines Safety, wet drilling procedure will be implemented & water will be sprinkled to control dust emissions.</p>
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8) Shri. Sushil Ambadas Adkine, Rajur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>There is a serious issue of unemployment in this area. Industries like Gupta coal Washery and other are not in operation from a long time. What will be the percentage of employment for Rajur Village?</p> <p>What primary health facilities will be provided to the injured persons during operation of the mine?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, provision has been made to provide employment for 60 persons. Preference will be given to local people for employment according to their educational qualification and as per Govt. Rules.</p> <p>First aid facilities will be provided at mine. As per mine safety rule, immediate transport facility like ambulance to nearby hospital will be provided in case of severe injuries.</p>

9) Mrs. B. U. Chawhan, Secretary, Grampanchayat Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-

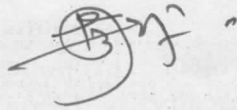
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1	<p>Mine is in existence under Gaurala Grampanchayat area but till date the Grampanchayat has not received any professional tax.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, Royalty is being paid to the State Govt. Also if any construction is done in the Grampanchayat area then tax will be paid to the Grampanchayat. Grampanchayat shall raise a demand regarding tax liability and it will be paid accordingly.</p>

10) Shri. Sambhaji Bhagat, Zilla Parishad Member, Rajur, Tal. Wani,
Dist. Yavatmal:-

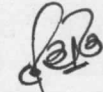
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1	<p>Copies of presentation shall be made available at all the Grampanchayats so that the Grampanchayats can study the same & can submit suggestions.</p> <p>MSMCL shall inform that, will there be any generation of allied activities regarding Limestone & Dolomite?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the copies of EIA Report & Executive Summary has already been submitted to the concerned Grampanchayats.</p> <p>Minutes of Public Hearing will be made available for public on Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's website.</p>

The Chairman of the Public Hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, UdyogBhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

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



(Pratap Jagtap)
Convener of the Public Hearing
Committee and
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur



(Lalitkumar Varhade)
Additional District Magistrate,
Yavatmal and Chairman of the Public
Hearing Committee