

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WESTERN COAL FIELDS LTD., PAUNI-II OPEN CAST COAL MINE FROM 0.6 MTPA TO 3.25 MTPA WITH INCREASE IN ML AREA FROM 316.30 HECTOR TO 1152.66 HECTOR LOCATED IN TAL. RAJURA, DIST.CHANDRAPUR

Date : 01/12/2018
Time : 11:00 AM
**Venue : Manoranjan Kendra, Sasti Colony, Near CGM Office,
WCL Ballarpur Area, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur**

Preamble :-

M/s. WCL Pauni-II Expansion Opencast Mines, WCL Ballarpur Area has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for proposed project of Coal Mine, Village Sakhari, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur for Expansion in production capacity of 0.60 MTPA to 3.25 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum) from 316.30 Ha to 1152.66 Ha. The matter regarding same was discussed in Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA-II (Coal Mining) Division, New Delhi in its 6th meeting held on 27-28 February, 2017. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 27-28 February, 2017 copy enclosed herewith as annexure-I. 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 Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 3rd November 2017 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. However, due to some untoward reason, this scheduled hearing has been postponed & informed to the concern by publishing a public notice on 03/11/2017 in leading newspapers. Again, 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 Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 1st December, 2018 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" & "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 30/10/2018. 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.

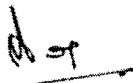
Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- 3) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 4) Collector Office, Chandrapur
- 5) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur
- 6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur
- 7) Sub-Divisional Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 8) Tahsil Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 9) Tahsil Officer, Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 11) Panchayat Samiti Office, Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 12) Gram-Panchayat Office Sakhari, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 13) Gram-Panchayat Office Waroda, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 14) Gram-Panchayat Office Chincholi (Khurd), Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 15) Gat-Grampanchayat Office. Nimani (Hirapur & Navegaon), Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.

The Authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 15 above, were requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Manoranjan Kendra, Sasti Colony, Near CGM Office, WCL Ballarpur Area, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur. 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 Ghanshyam Bhugaonkar, - **Chairman**
Additional District Magistrate,
Chandrapur,
2. Shri Raju R. Vasave - **Member**
I/c Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri Pratap Jagtap, - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur

This office has not received any written submissions regarding objections, suggestions, complaints, comments from the concerned persons. The attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"II".

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 & 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 & 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 & 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. Kaushik Chakraborty, General Manager (Environment), WCL Nagpur & Shri. Ekambaram, Mine Manager, WCL Ballarpur 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 Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri Ramchandra Jitara Lande, resident -Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	We are happy as project will be executed in our village. But our family have some land at Nimni village. After commissioning of the project, there will be no approach road to go to our land. Hence project proponent should build a approach road for us. Otherwise project proponent may acquire our plot which is at survey number 11, 12.	Project Proponent informed that, after obtaining prior approval from Zilla Parishad, new approach road will be constructed. Regarding the same tender is already issued by this office and we will complete the work at the earliest.





2) Professor Umesh Rajurkar, Dy.Sarpanch, Nimni village, Dist-
Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The place fixed for conducting the public hearing is totally wrong.	Member, Public Hearing Committee informed that as per EIA Notification, the place for conducting the public hearing should be near the project and shall be convenient to local people.
2)	The farmers who have given their land for the project came here from 20.0 km. It was expected to arrange the public hearing in Sakhari village. Hence this Public Hearing shall be cancelled. The details of Public Hearing was known to Grampanchayat office only, and general public was not aware about the public hearing. We came here as informed by the Sarpanch.	Project Proponent informed that, the vehicular arrangement is made to the people of Sakhari, Nimni and Chincholi villages for their convenience.
3)	Hirapur village is facing water scarcity and the water level at Sakhari nalla is deteriorating. It is necessary to take efforts to increase the water level.	Project Proponent informed that, in past same problem had been experienced by the Sakhari village. The project proponent has spent Rupees 38.0 Lakhs for installing pressure filter and sent the water through pipeline in Sakhari pond. The positive action will be taken here also as and when required.

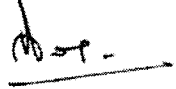
3) Shri Milan Nanaji Kartode, resident of Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question
1)	<p>Adjourning of this Public Hearing is not an issue. There is no need of adjourning the meeting. Now our age is also increasing. Local people need job opportunities. The local people are expecting the commissioning of project at the earliest and they shall get job opportunities. The meeting should not be suspended. It should be completed.</p> <p>The plot which belongs to Revenue Department is demarcated for Pauni-III was encroached by some farmers. If the land is acquired for the project then there will be no source for the livelihood of the farmers. Hence the respective farmers shall be given compensation.</p>


4) Professor Umesh Rajurkar, Dy.Sarpanch, Nimni village, Dist- Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The availability of water has become a serious issue. Hence steps should be taken immediately to save the water. The Project Proponent shall give written commitment for the same to the Grampanchayat.	Project Proponent informed that, they have taken note of the suggestion. The Nimni Lake will be de-silted and water will be provided through pressure filter.
2)	Where the Nimni Hirapur nalla will be connected?	Project Proponent informed that, Nimni nalla will be connected to Pauni Nalla. The detailed survey will be carried out by Central Design Organization, MERI (Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute), Nashik, which works under Govt. of Maharashtra. Work will be carried out as per their approved design.
3)	This year heavy rain is experienced in the Region. Due to which the land of nearly 150-200 hectare surrounding	Project Proponent informed that, the Central Design Organization, MERI (Maharashtra Engineering





	<p>the nalla has become barren. If the Nimni nalla is diverted, the land where the nalla will be diverted may become barren. What precautionary measures will be taken to avoid the same?</p>	<p>Research Institute), Nashik, which works under Govt. of Maharashtra will carry the detailed topographical and scientific survey of the area. The team of experts will be visiting soon. Under their guidance, the nalla will be diverted in such a way that the water will not go out in any situation. The proposal regarding the same will be submitted to the Grampanchayat and after passing the resolution, further action will be taken.</p>
4)	<p>What measures will be taken if the project affected farmers oppose? As due to this nalla, the surrounding crops will be damaged.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the policy of the Government is to commission the project in a less area with meagre loss. Government has sanctioned the project for certain area only. The topographical and scientific survey will be carried by the Central Design Organization, MERI (Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute), Nashik, which works under Govt. of Maharashtra. After that, The proposal regarding the same will be submitted to the Grampanchayat and after passing the resolution, further action will be taken. If any suggestion, objection are received, it will be complied.</p>
5)	<p>Local farmers have no approach road to go on their fields for cultivation.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, Government sanctions the project after considering the various issues in which availability of the land is prime</p>




		factor. The road will be developed as demanded by the local farmers.
6)	Due to this project, the habitation of wild life will be disturbed. What will be the policy of the Project Proponent for the same?	Project Proponent informed that, the issue/subject does not fall under the purview of Project Proponent.
7)	Project Proponent has promised to develop Nimni village as "Model Village." Nothing is done till date. Now project proponent can adopt the village and various social development schemes can be taken in hand.	Project Proponent informed that, this is policy matter. Project Proponent do appeal all for various social welfare schemes. The suggestion will be forwarded to Head Office of the Project Proponent at Nagpur. Decision will be taken at Head Office only.

5) Shri Baburao Ganapati Asvale, resident- Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The Project Proponent informs that the construction of road is already started. Hence the concerned road shall be shown on the map. Whether the road is from Hirapur or Varoda?	Project Proponent informed that, the proposed road will be constructed through Hirapur village. The map of the proposed road will be made available to the Grampanchayat.
2)	As there is no approach road, it is not possible to go on the fields for cultivation.	Project Proponent informed that, the planning and designing of the proposed road will be done by Central Design Organization, MERI, Nashik, which is Govt. of Maharashtra Organization. After receiving the design, the embankment will be constructed. 30 Meters width road will be constructed on it. This road will be very beneficial to the local farmers as they will get permanent solution.

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6) Shri Vinod Sadashiv Kavale, resident of Pauni Village, Dist-
Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Here we have gathered for Pauni - III. Project Proponent has declared the date for giving Compensation for acquisition of land for project is 25 th December, 2018. We are waiting for the information regarding same. Further all the villagers desire that compensation and job opportunities shall be given to the local people at the same time.	Project Proponent informed that, the proposal for land acquisition compensation is already submitted to the Head Office of the Project Proponent at Nagpur. Land Acquisition Compensation will be given upto the end of December, 2018. As process of compensation begins, the benefits of R.R. policy will be given.
2)	Project Proponent has given commitment that the land acquisition compensation will be started by the last week of December, 2018 and job opportunities will be given by the second week of February, 2019. It is appealed that the job opportunities shall be given to people residing in Ballarpur area only. It is also requested that job opportunities shall be given in open cast mining only.	Project Proponent informed that, this suggestion falls under "Policy Matter" and hence advice from Head Office of the Project Proponent will be sought and implemented. The appointment of security personnel from local and project affected persons has just started.

7) Shri Sheshrao Keshav Bonde, resident of Sakhari Village, Dist-
Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	125 days agitation was carried to get the job opportunities in the Pauni project. The job opportunity is denied. The project proponent is misleading the local farmers. It is informed from time to time in the past	Project Proponent informed that, the proposal of Land Acquisition Compensation is a policy matter and hence submitted to Head Office, Nagpur. There are 236 job opportunities at existing

	that compensation of land acquisition and job opportunities are in process. Hence project proponent shall give the exact date of giving compensation of land acquisition and job opportunities in written.	Pauni-II Project. Out of which 202 persons have been given job opportunities. For remaining posts, further action is under consideration. The land acquisition compensation will be started by the last week of December, 2018. The benefits under R.R. scheme will also be given from the first week of February, 2019.
2)	Project Proponent is giving misleading information that 202 persons are appointed in Pauni-II project. There is no land acquisition compensation and there is no job opportunities. Only false promises are made.	Point is noted.
3)	Project Proponent has still not deposited Rupees Ten Crores.	Project Proponent informed that, if there is dispute of land ownership, the land compensation amount has to be deposited at Tribunal. The requisite amount of ₹10.0 Lakhs for land acquisition compensation is deposited at Special Tribunal and Judgment of the Tribunal will be followed.
4)	The requisite amount for the Survey No.192 is not deposited.	The matter is subjudice.
5)	22 persons are not paid their salaries.	Project Proponent informed that, action in this regards will be taken after receipt of directives from Mantralaya, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. After receipt of the same, further action will be initiated. Hence the decision regarding 22 persons is pending.





8) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Local people are eagerly waiting for payment of land acquisition compensation and job opportunities. In how many days, the project will commission?	Project Proponent informed that, Land Acquisition Compensation will be given by the end of December, 2018 and the benefits under R.R. scheme will also be given from the first week of February, 2019.

9) Shri Prashant Kailash Karmatkar, resident of Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	In the Pauni-2 project, on survey no. 279/2, the 7/12 is in the name of my brother. The file is with Project Proponent. It is always informed that the matter is in process, since last two years.	Project Proponent informed that, As there is dispute, the matter is referred to Head Office, Nagpur. The decision will be informed accordingly.

10) Shri Ravindra Karmatkar, resident of Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	If there is name of two brothers on a particular land and if one prefers the compensation and another prefers job opportunity, then in how many days the second brother will get the job opportunity? If one brother gets the benefit immediately, the other has to wait for a long time. Hence, it is requested to give job opportunities at the earliest	Project Proponent informed that, this is family issue. If the documents submitted for claim of job opportunity are as required then the job opportunity may be given within 2-4 months.

11) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Is there any provision by the Project Proponent for the implementation of R.R. Policy? Are there any funds reserved for the implementation of the scheme?	Project Proponent informed that, there is no any provision regarding reserve funds for R & R scheme. The compensation or job opportunities will be given to the PAPs.
2)	In continuation with the issue raised by Ravindra Karmatkar, is there any provision for the compensation for the PAPs who are selected for job but kept on waiting?	Project Proponent informed that, there is no any scheme regarding the same.

12) Shri Pratap Jagtap, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The question asked by Shri. Ravindra Karmatkar shall be considered rightly by the Project Proponent. If the person who ought for Land compensation, gets it immediately, but if the person who ought for job is not given for four years, how will he survive? Hence, he demanded to give the job, immediately.	Project Proponent informed that, If the concerned person fulfils all the criteria as prescribed and if the documents submitted are as per the norms, then the person will get the job within 2-4 months. The Action Taken Report (ATR) will be submitted accordingly.

13) Shri Prashant Vijayrao Gharote, resident of Sakhari Village, Dist- Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	We welcome the project of expansion of Pauni-II at Sakhari, Waroda villages. There is a demand of local people that, compensation of land acquisition and job opportunities shall	Project Proponent informed that, Land Acquisition Compensation will be given by the end of December, 2018 and the benefits under R.R. scheme & job





	be given simultaneously. The project should be commissioned as early as possible.	opportunities will be given from the first week of February, 2019.
2)	Provide water filters to the schools which are located in the surrounding of the project site. The Medical Health Camps should be organized once in three months instead of once in a year.	Project Proponent informed that, the advice from Head Office will be sought for conducting Medical Health Camps once in three months rather than once in a year. But urgent medical help will be extended in the case of emergency.
3)	Environment Protection Programmes of the Project Proponent is shown in the presentation. The proposal submitted by surrounding villages since last 2-3 years for the betterment of villages under CSR Fund shall be considered.	Project Proponent informed that, various proposals are received for the betterment of villages under CSR scheme. However, all the suggestions received are submitted to Head Office for their consideration. After receipt of approval from Head Office, same will be implemented.
4)	The villages near the project suffer due to blasting activity carried out in the project. The severity of the blasting shall be minimized, which must be less than prescribed safety limits.	Project Proponent informed that, blasting activity is carried out as per the guidelines prescribed by CIMFR(Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research). Also blasting activity is carried out in the noon time only i.e. in between 13.00hrs to 16.00hrs.
5)	The crop damages due to the dust generated during transportation of coal. Hence, there shall be concrete policy regarding compensation.	Project Proponent informed that, while transporting coal, trucks are covered by tarpaulin to avoid fugitive emissions. Also advanced rain guns and mobile water tankers for dust suppression are provided.
6)	The agriculture fields surrounding the project is affected due to the coal dust from the project. Farmers are suffering unnecessarily. Due to overburden, the water enters in the	Project Proponent informed that, the garland drains have been constructed surrounding the overburden to arrest the flow of water into nearby agriculture





	nearby fields and affects the crops. In view of above, it is necessary to keep a buffer zone. Project Proponent shall also purchase the land surrounding the project.	land. The garland drains are de-silted every year before monsoon.
7)	Nimni, Chincholi and Hirapur villages will be affected after diversion of nalla. The nalla will be connected to Chincholi. Hence Chincholi and Gauri villages will be in threat of floods during monsoon. Though compensation is an alternative, the land which is not acquired shall be acquired by the Project Proponent.	Project Proponent informed that, the topographical and scientific survey will be carried by the Central Design Organization, MERI (Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute), Nashik, which works under Govt. of Maharashtra. After that, the proposal will be submitted to Grampanchayat. After passing the resolution by Grampanchayat, the diversion of nalla will be carried out. If any suggestion/ objection is received regarding the same, it will be incorporated.
8)	There will not be any approach road to the fields near the project. Hence separate road should be constructed or project proponent shall acquire the land near the project.	Project Proponent informed that, there is proposal for development of road which passes through Chincholi, Hirapur and Sakhari Villages. The planning and design of this road will be carried out by CDO. MERI, Nashik. After getting design approval, embankment will be built and 30 Mtrs. width road will be built. This road will be very useful for farmers will solve the problems of farmers permanently.

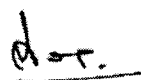
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14) Shri Amol Daulatrao Ghate, Dy. Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Sakhari,
Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Project proponent has conducted a constructive programme of distribution of the saplings. Such programme shall be organized every year.	Point is noted.
2)	Sakhari Village is suffering from water scarcity from last two years. The wells remain dry for almost nine months. The wells shall be recharged or drinking water shall be made available through water tankers to the villages by the Project Proponent.	Project Proponent informed that, the scheme for providing drinking water is already implemented by the Project Proponent in the past. The pressure filters and pipelines were provided. To increase the water level of Sakhari pond, deepening of pond has been carried out. ₹58.0 Lakhs were spent for this purpose by the Project Proponent. Last year, when there was water scarcity, the drinking water was made available by water tankers. The same service will also be provided in future, if required.
3)	The cracks have been developed to the houses near the Pauni-II project due to blasting activity. Blasting activity is carried at any time. The severity of blasting shall be minimized. The time schedule shall be fixed for blasting and it shall be informed to the adjoining residential colonies accordingly.	Project Proponent informed that, blasting is carried as per the guidelines of CIMFR, the agency appointed by the Govt. of India for Mines and Fuel Research. Blasting is carried in the noon time only i.e. From 13.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs.
4)	The unemployed youths in the local villages shall be given job opportunities. Skill Development Training Programme shall be carried	Project Proponent informed that, the youths particularly from Projected Affected Area will be given Skill Development





	<p>out for the youths in the Project Affected Areas (PAPs). The project affected farmers will get benefits through compensation or job opportunity. While nothing will be given to Agriculture Workers. Hence, priority in contractual job opportunities shall be given to agriculture labours. They shall be provided Driving, Mobile Repairing training and given job opportunities in the project.</p>	<p>Training. .Driving, Mobile Repairing Training will be given to them. The agriculture labours will be given priority in contractual work.</p>
5)	<p>Medical camps should be arranged every month instead of once in three months so that local people will be benefited.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the issue will be discussed with Head Office. The directives of the Head Office will have to be followed. But emergency medical help will be made available in emergency.</p>
6)	<p>When will the Project Proponent pay the Grampanchayat Tax? The local tax is not paid from three years and five reminders were sent to them by Grampanchayat.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the measurement of land for the payment of tax is carried out. The details of construction of buildings was carried out by Project Proponent is submitted to Grampanchayat to calculate the amount of tax and after calculation, tax will be paid immediately.</p>
7)	<p>The CSR Fund shall be used in the project affected area only rather than spending the same outside. CSR Fund shall be used for Pauni village only. But it is observed that same is utilized outside the project affected area i.e. Project Proponent has developed a garden at Chandrapur.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, various suggestions are invited from Grampanchayat to use the CSR Fund for social welfare programmes and same is implemented on priority.</p>
8)	<p>As project is developed in Ballarpur area by acquiring land of locals then job opportunities shall be given to the</p>	<p>Point is noted.</p>

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	PAPs in Ballarpur area only.	
9)	The roads near the Sakhari village are totally damaged. As maximum transportation on these roads is done by WCL, the roads shall be repaired by WCL only.	Project Proponent informed that, internal roads are maintained at their level. However, discussion with local governance is in progress for increasing the width & maintenance of the road which is coming from Rajura.
10)	Project Proponent declared that Sakhari Village will be developed as a Model Village. But nothing is done till date.	Project Proponent informed that, the project proponent is committed to develop Sakhari Village as Model Village. Whatever lacunas are remained will be completed. But local people shall also take responsibility for keeping the village clean.
11)	Project Proponent has made an agreement with person for Survey No.120. Now there are 80-100 houses in that area. Who will get the compensation?	Project Proponent informed that, as per Section 4 and 7 and as per 7/12, the present status of the land is just received. Also the information from Tahsildar Office will be obtained and will be sent to Head Office at Nagpur for necessary action.
12)	The job opportunities shall be given considering the educational qualification.	Project Proponent informed that, job opportunities will be given as per their qualification. Also Skill Development Training programme will be organized for local people so that they will become eligible for job opportunities.

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15) Shri Raju R. Vasave, Member, Environmental Public Hearing

Committee :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed Project Proponent to prepare Action Plan for land acquisition compensation and giving job opportunities.	Project Proponent informed that, Payment of Land Acquisition Compensation will start by the last week of December, 2018. The benefits of Rehabilitation & Resettlement will start from first week of February, 2019.
2)	Whether any case is filed under the Court of Law against this project? If yes, give the case number, name of the court and present status.	Project Proponent informed that, there is no case filed in the Court of Law against this project.
3)	Whether project proponent can publish a public notice in the local newspaper for extending the Skill Development Training Programme to the local youths and project affected persons, its date and place.	Project Proponent informed that, it is always officially communicated to Grampanchayat office regarding extending Skill Development Training Programme. Also, as directed now, the public notice can be given in the local newspaper which will be published well in advance.

16) Shri. Gangaram Bhagat, Former Sarpanch & Resident of Chincholi

Khurd,

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Chincholi village will be affected due to diversion of the nalla. The 200-250 acres of land will be affected. After diversion of the Sakhari nalla, the Chincholi village will be affected. The people of Chincholi shall be given compensation and job opportunities. Also this land shall be acquired and	Project Proponent informed that, the whole project will be completed in three phases. First phase is Pauni-2 Mines Development, Phase-II – Expansion of Mines and Phase-III – Diversion of Nalla. The topographical and scientific





	accordingly the direction of nalla may be changed. If it is not implemented, the people of Chincholi will do self-immolation.	survey will be carried by the Maharashtra Government's Agency i.e. MERI. After that, the proposal will be submitted to Grampanchayat. After passing the resolution by Grampanchayat, the diversion of nalla will be carried out.
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17) Shri. Uttamrao Bobade, Resident of Village Sakhari, Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	A lot of discussion has been done about PAPs. Now Project proponent shall inform us about when compensation of land acquisition & job opportunities will be given. Misleading information should not be given. Time Schedule shall be followed for the same	Project Proponent informed that, 1) The land acquisition compensation will be started by the last week of December, 2018. The benefits under R.R. scheme will also be given from the first week of February, 2019.
2)	The villages which are adjacent to the project suffer from dust pollution. Hence necessary measures shall be taken to avoid dust pollution.	Project Proponent informed that, for dust suppression water tankers are available & carried out water sprinkling.

18) Shri. Shailesh Ganapawar, resident-Sakhari village, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Project proponent shall inform us about when compensation of land acquisition will be given.	Project Proponent informed that, the land acquisition compensation will be started by the last week of December, 2018
2)	Why so much time is consumed for giving job opportunities?	Project Proponent informed that, after scrutinizing all the documents strictly, then only the decision is taken.

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19) Shri Bhimaji Dethe, resident of Varoda, Dist-Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	My land is acquired for Pauni-II project. I have no son. Hence job opportunities shall be offered to my daughter's son.	Project Proponent informed that, as per rule the job can be offered to grandson of a person. Regarding the same, considering this as a Special Case, the proposal will be submitted to Head Office.

20) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1)	As per Maharashtra Govt. Rule, girls are legal inheritors. Hence, the management of WCL shall take appropriate decision after discussing this issue at their Head Quarters.

21) Shri Narendra Nagothu, resident-Sakhari Village, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	As the villagers are suffering from machines installed in mines & due to dust pollution, an Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station shall be installed & reports shall be displayed digitally.	Project Proponent informed that, air quality is monitored in every mine, also air quality of village is monitored. The air quality of the respective village is monitored in every 15 days by CMPDIL which is a subsidiary company of M/s. Coal India Ltd. The air quality results are displayed on the website of Project Proponent. Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station will also be installed in future. The proposal is in final stage of approval.
2)	The Medical Camp shall be organized monthly or once in two months rather	Point is Noted.



	than quarterly.	
3)	Every student cannot learn by the books but it can learnt fast through audio-visual.	Point is noted.

22) Shri Ramdasji Chothale, resident of Sakhari village, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Our land is proposed to be acquired in Pauni-III Project. One of the relatives have sent us a Legal Notice for the claim. Hence Project Proponent shall record the same and land acquired compensation shall be given to us only.	Project Proponent informed that, the case will be sent to Legal Section of the Head Office and decision will be taken accordingly.

23) Shri Abhinav Pande, resident of Chincholi, Dist-Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Due to diversion of nalla, the land of 2-3 acres will be affected. Hence remaining land shall also be acquired by the project proponent and compensation shall be given to the land owners.	Project Proponent informed that, the Govt. of Maharashtra approved agency CDO, MERI, Nashik will carry out survey of this area. After that proposal will be submitted to Grampanchayat. After passing resolution by Grampanchayat work will be commissioned.

24) Shri Ravindra Sambhaji Hingane, resident of Chincholi, Dist-Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	Our land is near the nalla. If the nalla is to be diverted, our land will be affected. Hence our land shall also be acquired and compensation shall be given to us.	Project Proponent informed that, the Govt. of Maharashtra approved agency CDO, MERI, Nashik will carry out survey of this area. After that proposal will



		be submitted to Grampanchayat. After passing resolution by Grampanchayat work will be commissioned.
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25) Shri Shatrugana Petkar, Dy.Sarpanch, Babapur, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The Project Affected Persons are suffering from noise, dust pollution due to blasting activities. The cracks have been developed in the houses due to blasting activities. Also the medical camps are not organised periodically. Unemployed youth shall be given job opportunities after giving Skill Development Training.	Project Proponent informed that, Blasting activities are carried as per the guidelines of CIMFR. Vibro Meters were installed in the past in Sakhari Village and the vibrations were monitored & shown to local people. The vibrations were observed below the prescribed standards. If local people demand then again the survey will be carried out. Medical camps are organised from time to time. OPD (Out Patient Department) is in existence.

26) Shri Maruti Sakharam Kale, resident of Chincholi, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question
1)	We all know that who are Project Affected Person and who will be affected in future due to this project. Nobody is asking the wish of land owner. If any survey number is not considered then it shall be considered.

27) Shri Raju R. Vasave, Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1)	The local people shall be informed about the visit of the Committee which will be invited for finalising the survey of nalla diversion and preparation of proposal, so that local people can clear their doubts regarding the same. The Irrigation officials shall also be called for the discussions with the Committee.	The suggestion is noted.
5)	As per CSR Guidelines, Govt. of India has issued new guidelines for CER Fund i.e. Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund, which came into force from 1 st May, 2018 and modified on 19 th June, 2018. One of the directives of it is that local farmer can be given boost to change the cropping pattern of a certain crop. The directives under CER Fund may be complied accordingly.	Project Proponent informed that, 1) The directives issued under Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund will be included in the Final EIA report. CER guidelines will be strictly followed in this project. 2) Local people were given training with the help of M/s. CIPET at Chandrapur. Group Vocational Centre is already in existence at Ballarpur, where mobile repairing training is provided.

28) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1)	Land is acquired by WCL administration for their projects. All the work is done inside the boundaries of acquired land. However. Overburden is dumped at outside boundary of mine which creates a lot of problem in Monsoon and damages crops in adjacent fields due to water flowing from overburden. But this land is not acquired by the project proponent. Hence it is necessary to take appropriate decision by WCL at their Head Quarters regarding keeping buffer zone between adjacent fields & overburden.





Cotton is a main crop in Vidarbha Region. Due to dust generation from coal mining activities like excavation, transportation of coal & overburden, quality of cotton gets affected thereby causing loss to the farmers. Due to this photosynthesis, pollination & flowering process of crops are affected & approximately 40% of crops are damaged. As per the survey conducted by Govt. Authorities, there is a decrease in production quantity by approximately 50%. The efforts taken by M/s. WCL to control dust emissions seems to be inadequate. Hence, M/s. WCL shall encourage the farmers to change crop pattern and carry out tree plantation on large scale, water sprinkling arrangements, etc. Also WCL shall prepare a policy regarding giving compensation to the affected farmers at the end of survey.

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, Udyog Bhavan, 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.



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