

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKI MANGLI-II OPEN CAST COAL MINE PROJECT OF PROJECT OF CAPACITY 0.30 MTPA (NORMATIVE) AND 0.45 MTPA PEAK PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN TOTAL MINE LEASE AREA OF 339.467 HA. LOCATED AT VILLAGE-SAWALI, RUIKOT, PARDI & MUKUTBAN, TALUKA -ZARI JAMNI, DISTRICT -YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S YAZDANI INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED, 7th FLOOR, C-WING, FORTUNE TOWERS, CHANDRASHEKHARPUR, BHUVANESHWAR – 751 023, ODISHA

Date : 15-05-2023
Time : 11.00 A.M.
Place : At Project Site – M/s Marki Mangli – II Opencast Coal Mine Project, Security Post, Ruikot, Tal-Zari Jamni, Dist – Yavatmal, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/S. **YAZDANI INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED, 7th FLOOR, C-WING, FORTUNE TOWERS, CHANDRASHEKHARPUR, BHUVANESHWAR – 751 023, ODISHA** has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MOEF&CC) SEAC-1/SEIAA (Govt. of Maharashtra) for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for their Proposed Establishment of Marki Mangli-II, Open Cast Coal Mine Project of Capacity 0.30 MTPA (Normative) and 0.45 MTPA Peak production capacity in Total Mine Lease Area of 339.467 Ha. It is also proposed to extract sand from OB (3000 m³/day) and install solar power plant (5 MW) within the mining lease area located at Village-Sawali, Ruikot, Pardi & Mukutban, Taluka-Zari Jamni, District – Yavatmal, Maharashtra

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, SEAC-1/SEIAA (Govt. of Maharashtra) and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned vide letter no. SIA/MH/MIN/78839/2022 Dated 30.09.2022. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category B, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority/State Impact Assessment Committee (SEIAA/SEAC), Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai.

Project Proponent M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, 7th Floor, C-Wing, Fortune Towers, Chandrashekharapur, Bhuvaneshwar – 751 023, Odisha, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 18/01/2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing for their Proposed Establishment of Marki Mangli-II, Open Cast Coal Mine Project of Capacity 0.30 MTPA in Total Mine Lease Area Of 339.467 Ha. Located

at Village-Sawali, Ruikot, Pardi & Mukutban, Taluka-Zari Jamni, District – Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

District Collector, Yavatmal, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 15-05-2023 at 11.00 AM. It is directed to conduct the online public hearing. The meeting number and password was made available.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat, Nagpur Edition for Marathi on 14/04/2023 and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India, Nagpur Edition for English on 13/04/2023. An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing.

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summary in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under:-

- (1) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110003
- (2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd and 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, Yavatmal.
- (6) Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal.
- (7) District Industries Center, Yavatmal.
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Zarijamni, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (9) Tahsil Office Zarijamni, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (10) Panchayat Samiti Office Zarijamni, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (11) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Bhendala (Savli, Ruikot, Pardi & Bhendala), Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (12) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Mukutban, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (13) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Ardhawan, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (14) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Pandharkawada, Tal. Kelapur, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (15) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Marki Bu. {Marki (Bu.) & Marki (Kh.)}, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (16) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Khadki (Khadki & Rampur), Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.

- (17) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Ganeshpur (Bu.) {Ganeshpur (Kh.) & Ganeshpur (Bu.)}, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (18) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Mangli, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (19) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Pimparad, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (20) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Pawanar, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (21) Gram Panchayat Office Hirapur, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (22) Gram Panchayat Office Dongargaon, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (23) Gram Panchayat Office Kosargaon, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.05 to 23 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-32/2023 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-230426-FTS-0039, dated 26-04-2023 as under :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Yavatmal
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Chandrapur,
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Convener |

This office is in receipt 17 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any. complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Atul Satfale, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Amol Yedge, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Yawatmal and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office, MoEF&CC, Maharashtra Government, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai 400032 to State Environment Impact Assessment Authority/State Impact Assessment Committee (SEIAA/SEAC), Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai, who will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections, which will be forwarded MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further necessary action.. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding proposed project and Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi. Following points were explained in the meeting:-

The Mining Plan envisages normative production capacity of 0.30 MTPA and a peak production capacity of 0.45 MTPA within 339.467 Ha Mining Lease Area. The Project has been proposed to be worked by Mechanized Opencast Mining Methodology by

deploying Surface Miner for extraction of coal and Shovel/Dumper Combination for removal of Overburden. The envisaged Project Capital Cost is Rs. 189.89 Crores.

The total land requirement for the Project is 339.467Ha, out of which Revenue Forest is 146.996 Ha, Private land is 185.04 Ha and Non-Forest Govt. land is 7.43 Ha. The necessary application of diversion of this 146.996 ha Forest Land for mining purpose has been submitted to Forest Department on 20-05-2022 and is under active consideration. The private land shall be acquired through direct negotiations with the land owners. The village-wise acquisition of this private land is Savli (4.712 Ha), Ruikot (165.037 Ha) & Mukutban (15.292 Ha). No part of private land of Pardi villages falls in the ML area except some part of forest land. The compensation for the land shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013, and as applicable to Maharashtra State under provision of Act No. 37, dated 26.04.2018.

Taking cognizance of presence of tiger movement in the study area, M/s. YIPL had prepared Wildlife Mitigation Plan & Wildlife Conservation Plan and the same has been submitted to Forest Department. There is no human settlement within the proposed mining lease area and hence the Project does not involve shifting of villages located within the Project Area.

The Project envisages extraction of 9.58 Million Tonnes of coal along with Overburden Removal of 87.06 Million Cubic meter in 39 years of mine life (including construction period). The quality of coal is Grade G-9.

Out of the quantity of 87.06 Million Cum overburden, 76.99 Million Cum overburden is proposed to be backfilled into the mined out area. A final void of only about 51.78 Ha having a depth of 30 m shall remain post closure of opencast mine which will be converted into a Water Reservoir and as per approved mining plan and as part of the vision of MOC as stated in Sustainable Development Cell for gainful use of overburden wherein it has been suggested to recycle and reuse of OB in a sustainable manner by way of extraction of sand for use in construction projects and thereby restrict river bed sand mining. As such it has been proposed that the overburden stacked in this external dump shall in turn be crushed in a crushing unit for preparation of sand, which can then be utilized in the construction industry. This sand crushing unit is proposed to be installed in the mine lease area. Further as a green initiative it is proposed to initially setup a 5 MW solar plant on the reclaimed area after obtaining the due permissions.

The Project shall provide employment to 250 persons besides creating many indirect employment opportunities. The local persons shall be given preference in employment for mine as per their eligibility.

Necessary training shall be given to the desires unemployed male and female of the nearby villages. The indirect employment opportunities shall automatically be created with the re-opening of the Project in the region.

The Water Requirement of the Project is estimated to be initially 426 Cum/day and ultimately it is estimated to be 922 Cum/Day. Out of this, 150 Cum/Day of the water is required Dust Suppression, 648 Cum/day for Green Belt, 112 Cum/day for Workshop & other activities, and the balance 12 Cum/Day for drinking/domestic purpose. Domestic Water shall be sourced from ground water through bore wells for which necessary approvals shall be obtained. Water for Industrial Use shall be sourced through accumulated pit water & rain/surface water for which also the necessary application for approval from competent authority has been made.

The presentation furnished the following detailed Information:-

Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;

- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

Convener appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions or objections about the proposed project. While raising questions, inform the full name, village. He also informed Project Environment Consultant and Project Proponent to give appropriate answers.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee inform all present that this is this is an Environment Public Hearing. The attendees should express their opinion only once. He appealed to the participants that their suggestions and objections should be presented in brief, to the point and should not be repeated as there is limitation of time. Project Proponent is going to answer your every question.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent:-

1) Shri Ravindra Sudhakar Pulliwar, Residence- Ruikot, Taluka ZariJamni, District-Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Yazdani company is new. Before that, there was a Virangana Company. Ruikot village is adjacent to the company. All farms of Ruikot are in this company project. The owner of the coal company gets nearly 26 crore 12 thousand seven hundred for one acre. Coal extraction costs about Rs. 9 Crores. Farmers get nothing. Farmland is not available now. But now the remaining farm should be bought by the company. Twenty lakh rupees should be paid by the company to one Gut/group. One gut/group means five acres or two acres, three lakh rupees per acre, total fifty lakh rupees should be paid by the company, my son should be employed in the project. Also, since Ruikot village is adjacent to the company, it should be bought.	Officials of the project said that the participants told them the land price they expected. But we planned to acquire the land as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013.

2) Shri Anil Kuta, Dy. Sarpanch, Mukutban Gram Pachayat, Taluka ZariJamni, District-Yavatmal, Ruikot Project Affected Person:- I am speaking on behalf of all Project Affected Persons-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The entire land in the mines area should be purchased, in one go only after that excavation/projects should be started.	Project Proponent replied that Shri. Anil Kuta, suggested the company to purchase the land in one go. Company also wish to purchase land in one go but as per the law. The project will not buy land in piece-meal instead they will buy entire land in lump sum.
2)	In general, land should be purchased at 50 lakh per acre.	The land will be acquired as per the Land Acquisition Act, 2013. We are bound to implement the orders given by

		The Hon. District Collector, Yavatmal District
3)	The heirs of the project victims should be given training by the Project Proponent according to their educational qualifications and job opportunities should be given in the project.	The demand is well taken. Company is going to provide job opportunities to local youths and women in the project. After the selection of locals, company will train them to become employable and give them priority in the project. Company has trained some people even before starting of the mine. They are present here. Project Proponent Supports this demand..
4)	While providing various services/works in the company, priority should be given to the project victims and local people, e.g. providing of canteen services, servicing of company vehicles, security guards, various works in the company-plumbing, electrical works, carpentry etc.	Suggestion is good and well accepted and shall be implemented.
5)	Employees of the company should not work for more than eight hours a day. One hour break should be given in work. One holiday should be given in a week. Many factories Taking work twelve hours a day.	No additional work will be given to the workers. As per Labor Law work will be taken from laborers.
6)	Heavy traffic should be done within stipulated time. Mukutban has a market every Monday. At that time, the company should take the Gram Panchayat in to confidence.	All traffic rules will be followed. 2-3 persons will be kept near the village to guide the traffic.
7)	While purchasing the farm, the farmers should also be compensated if they have borewells, compound wall, orchards in their farms	If there is house, well in the farm, farmers will be paid additional compensation.
8)	For purchase of land company should declare price of land and that price should be followed unanimously for purchase of land parcels.	Project Proponent said that we do not have the right to decide the rate of the land. The rate will be considered as Land Acquisition Act.2013. PP said that even if it is a public hearing on environmental issues, separate public hearing on land can be held as per the Law.

Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants not to repeat the points which have been already discussed and raise other issues for discussions on some other points.

3) **Shri Rajesh Bele, Founder Chairman, Sanjivani Paryavaran Samajik Sastha, Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Project Proponent have submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment report. The report states that acquisition of forest land is required for the said project and the revenue forest land is shown to be 146.996 hectares.</p> <p>The citizens of the district have the right to this land. Government should prepare regulations so that the revenue collected for this should be spent here. Taluka wise expenditure plan should be prepared. This question has been addressed to Hon. Collector.</p>	<p>Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee replied that the said meeting is an environmental public hearing of the proposed project and the questions that will be asked will be to the project owner and the project owner/promoter will answer the questions.</p> <p>All suggestions and objections will be recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting and submitted respective authority of Government who will take further decision. Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. However, questions should be asked to the project proponent.</p>
2)	<p>Related to the environment is the forest, the trees, which are planted on this land. Project Proponent said that four lakh trees will be planted. However, the forest department should count the number of trees and decide how many trees there are.</p> <p>If one tree is cut down, there is a provision in the Environment Act and Forest Act to replace it with ten trees. Trees should be planted accordingly.</p>	<p>Environmental consultant said that questions had been raised regarding the enumeration of trees. The trees have been counted and there are 1,13,425 (one lakh thirteen thousand four hundred twenty five) trees in the forest area of 147 hectares. However, all the 1,13,425 (one lakh thirteen thousand four hundred twenty five) trees will not be removed by this company. Trees within the safety zone of 7.5 meters, will not be removed. They will also be kept intact. Trees within the excavation area, dumping area will be removed. That means maximum 70% trees will be removed. Thirty percent of the trees will remain there. To compensate this loss four lakh trees will be planted in lieu of removal of trees. Similarly, the land in alternative forest area has to be conserved. An attempt</p>

		was made to find 147 hectares of alternative forest area in Yavatmal district itself. But in Yavatmal district, 147 hectares of alternative forest area was not available, so the same amount of land had to be taken in another district of our State. So 1500 trees per hectare will be planted.
3)	Project promoters have mentioned PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} which are completely false. I have results of the same, which are as follows :- PM ₁₀ - 412, 118, 121, 219, 147 is the Ambient Air Quality AAQ index. While the project promoters have reported - 44.8, 60.64 is false.	Environmental Consultant further said that we are monitoring PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} for 24 hours. Air Quality Index is calculated based on 4-5 parameters
4)	Also the temperature here is 45°C - 46°C. The temperature here has also shown false.	At the time of baseline environmental monitoring, we had recorded the maximum temperature of 45.2°C
5)	I object that the traffic of the project would cause a lot of pollution. Big 50 ton dumpers are going to run. Due to this, the roads will be damaged, there will be pollution in the village. Project Proponent here has not informed that the road will be broken. He has not also informed that who will be responsible if the road breaks. Similarly, no funds have been ear-marked for road repairs.	Project Proponent while replying, said that the Project Environmental Consultant had given the correct answer. Alongwith the road problems, we are also suffering with the local people as well as other Mines Associates. He further said that Hon. Collector will be requested if the provision of alternate route for mineral transport is planned, our company will contribute to the financial outlay along with other companies to reduce the suffering of the villagers and to help to resolve the traffic problems.
6)	Also, Project Proponent said that a health camp would be held for their workers and employees and a health camp would be organized for the villagers once a year. The pollution from the project will cause the health problems to the local people. Hence, it is necessary for the company to open hospital here and provide medical facilities free of cost to all villagers.	Project Proponent said that Yazdani International Pvt. Ltd. is a company of Odisha. He told for the first time that maximum care will be taken in the field of education and health. Project proponent promises to start an International Standard School here. Project proponent is going to do as much as possible to enable and empower the services here, regarding health. If the opportunity prevails to

		build a Multi-Specialist Hospital, it will definitely be done.
7)	Due to this project, the pollution will increase, for that the pollution should be reduced by commissioning most advanced pollution control system in the project.	Project Environmental Consultant said that a sophisticated pollution control system will be installed in the project. Similarly, water will be sprinkled on the road from time to time to suppress the dust.
8)	Project will not only deplete the ground water in the company's premises, but also the ground water level in the surrounding areas. Hence, the company should take the responsibility of taking measures for that.	A question was asked about the ground water level. As we know that this mine is going to be 125 meters deep. Due to this, the ground water reserves here will definitely deplete. The water level will definitely decrease in the area. For this, the company will provide Water Security Plan in the surrounding villages. Water will be provided to the people of the villages for drinking, domestic use, washing of animals, drinking water for animals.

4) Shri. Chandrakant Ghugul, Taluka Shiv Sena Pramukh, Mukutban, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is requested that nearly 8-10 companies of Lime kilns, mines are operating in Zari Jamani Taluka. Dust pollution has increased in the Taluka. Many trucks are overloaded. The capacity of the road is not enough to carry trucks. Company officials does not sprinkle water to suppress the dust. Farmers in Mukutban are suffering due to dust pollution. Their crops were destroyed. Even after a year, they have not received any compensation.	Environmental Consultant said that Online Continuous Monitoring System will be installed in the project. So, we will get continuous information about air quality in the project. Similarly, water will be sprinkled on the road from time to time to suppress the dust pollution.
2)	Many things were wrongly stated in the presentation. The village of Pandharkawda is shown in another Gram Panchayat.	There was no mention of Pandharkawda Gram Panchayat in the presentation.

3)	The road here is two-lane. An accident happens here every 10-15 days. However, a four-lane road is needed here.	Project proponent while replying, said that Hon. Collector will be requested if the provision of alternate route for mineral transport is planned, our company will contribute to the financial burden along with other companies to reduce the suffering of the villagers and to help to resolve the traffic problems.
4)	The forest land of 146.999 hector will have to be acquired for the project. There is habitation of tigers in the area. It is not mentioned anywhere in the presentation. There are teak trees. They will be destroyed for the project.	Environmental Consultant said that the issue of tiger and teak raised in the meeting. It has been mentioned in our Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Wild Life Conservation Plan has been prepared and submitted to the Forest Department. A copy is available here. Rupees Eight crores have been allocated for Wild Life Conservation Plan. For the Wild Life Conservation Plan only and only, the Forest Department can act as per their prescribed standards.
5)	The forest area that will be acquired for the project has valuable trees like teak. There is wealth worth crores of rupees in that forest, it is not mentioned anywhere in the report. What are you going to do with that wealth? The forest land with forest is wealth of crores of rupees.	Teak trees and other species of the forest are mentioned in the report. An application has been submitted to the Forest Department for the process of Compensatory Forestation.

5) Mrs. Meena Jagdish Amburwar, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat, Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, Dist. Yawatmal:-

I am raising following points in the Environment Public Hearing meeting as arranged by the MPCB :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Coal is a national asset, it requires for power production.	The questions like employment, land acquisition, road, CSR fund. Questions have been answered earlier and they are repeated.
2)	Yazdani company should give land compensation with the mutual consent of the project affected farmers and their land	The land will be purchased in one go. Priority for job opportunities will be given to local people and PAP's.

	should be purchased in one go. The heirs of the project affected persons (PAPs) should be given job opportunities on permanent basis.	
3)	In a project here, heirs/ children of the PAPs and farmers have to protest for 80 days by way of Dharana Andholan. Still they have not been given justice. Such situation should not arise here.	Local people, PAPs will be given priority while giving job opportunities in the project.
4)	Ten years ago RCCPL Cement Company has acquired the land of the farmers. The company started operations after ten years. But this company was acquired/bought by another company. The project started, but the rehabilitation of PAP's and their heirs is still pending. Company is giving job opportunities to the expert from outside Maharashtra and thus doing injustice to local people and PAPs. Such type of activity should not happen in this company.	Company will extend training to the local boys and girls and will give job opportunities.
5)	Where the land is going in the mining area, there tree should be cultivated.	Suggestions have been noted.
6)	The truck coming out of the company should not be allowed to drive through the village road. All companies in the area should build their bye pass route and make transport arrangements from there. Due to this, the local people will not suffer. Water will be sprinkled from time to time to suppress the dust and dust control devices may be installed.	Regarding transportation, the answer has been given in the meeting that Hon. Collector is requested to call a meeting of all the companies and industries in the area and acceptable solution will be drawn regarding planning for road widening, participation in financial assistance. In order to ensure that the pollution due to dust is maintained within permissible limits regular water sprinkling by using mist spray system has been proposed in the report.
7)	Company should provide healthcare services, fire brigade system and ambulance for the patients. Also CSR fund should be made available for social welfare development of the area.	Necessary provision to provide healthcare services, fire brigade system and ambulance have been made in the report. After the commissioning of the project, the CSR funds will be spent for the necessary works in the village by taking the village panchayats into confidence. For this, a "Co-ordination Committee" will be formed and it will

		include Sarpanch of all Gram Panchayats, Project Proponents.
8)	Farmers outside the coal sector whose lands have been acquired should be paid compensation every year for damage of crops	After establishment of crop damage by the competent authority of State Government, further action will be taken as per the Orders of the Government.
9)	According to your Presentation as per Page No.3 Para 2, 250 job opportunities to individuals will get. The job opportunities should be given to local people only.	The question has been answered. Jobs will be given to the local eligible persons.
10)	According to the information in the report, 909 tonnes of coal per day will be transported. You have to transport it with a 36 dumpers. There should be restraint.	It is proposed to undertake the coal transportation by 50 tonnes dumpers.
11)	As per the information, CSR fund is made available of Rupees 89.90 lakh for the first five years and Rupees 20.11 lakhs per annum. You determine it.	After the Commissioning of the company, the CSR funds will be spent for the necessary works in the village by taking the village panchayats into confidence. For this, a coordination committee will be formed and it will include Sarpanch of Gram Panchayats falling in mining lease area and Project Proponents.
12)	She further objected that the various companies working at Mukutban do not carry any social welfare work. Though qualified and well conversant working force is available at local level, companies do appoint residents from other States. Hence, Environment Public Hearing Committee is requested to instruct Project Proponent to appoint local people. Else, we will agitate against the same.	Suggestions is noted.

6) Shri Sitaram Ingle, Residence – Adegaon, Taluka Zarijamni, District

Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The water level in this area is going down low. People are just taking bores, so the ground water level has gone down. The	Environmental Consultant of the project said that 416.0 m ³ /day of ground water will be depleted after the

company did not mention how much groundwater will be used in production activities. Due to this, the entire irrigated crops of the farmers are going to be damaged. Remedies for that may be provided. Also, after the closure of the mine, the land should be returned to the farmers to whom it belongs. Requesting Hon. Collector on behalf of all the farmers.	commencement of the project. The remaining water after will be used for the conservation of the green belt in the project and for suppressing the dust water. Will be made available to the surrounding farmers. Project officials said the life of the mine is 39 years. Initially 30 years mining lease is executed as per Law.
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For land acquisition, the entire land acquisition has to be done within three years after the application made to Hon. Collector.

7) Shri Gangadhar Sakharam Kolhe, Member, Gram Panchayat Bhendala, Ruikot, Sawali, Taluka Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In the public hearing, each company makes many promises. Then they do nothing. Farmers get 10-12 lakhs only after giving the land. His land goes forever. Farmers should be paid as per today's rates. In the public hearing, it is promised that village children will be adopted. But that doesn't happen. In the gram panchayat where this project is located, roads and development works within the gram panchayat limits should be completed. The companies here are transporting overloaded trucks by road. Wind blows the dust on the farmer's crop, destroying the crop and causing damage to the crops. Remedy may be provided on it. This project will destroy the beautiful forest resources here. What measures will be taken for it, because no company plants trees once permission is obtained. Farmers should be paid well, they should not be cheated.	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that if there are new issues, they should only be raised. He instructed Project Proponents that if the same old issues are raised, participants should be informed that it has been answered. Project Proponent said that all the points raised by Shri Gangadhar Kolhe have been answered. We see the anger of the local people. It may have some local causes. They say that only assurances are given in public hearings, then nothing happens. This public hearing is being held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble District Magistrate and minutes of the meeting are being prepared. We are committed to our promise.

8) Shri Santosh Vitthal Ghugekar, On behalf of Dy. Sarpanch, Khandala.
Ruikot, Savali, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal:-

I request that in our area Yazdani International Pvt. Ltd. the company has started to be operated. There are some conditions and issues for village development, it should be fulfilled –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The farmers whose lands are falling under the project should be paid a price of Rs.50 lakh per acre. One person from the project affected family should be employed permanently in the project. The heirs of the project victims should be given jobs after checking their skills. To provide health facilities, a hospital, a library should be built near the Zilla Parishad school. Schools and colleges should be arranged for the poor children of the village. A gym should be arranged for the children of the village to exercise. To control the smoke in the company and take care of the people, a water tank should be arranged here.	Project Proponent said that all the issues raised have been answered in the meeting. However, the list of schemes to be completed under the CSR fund should be submitted to the Gram Panchayat. If the Project Proponent receive a list from the gram panchayat, further decision will be taken by the company.

9) Shri Rameshrao Udakrao, Ex. Sarpanch, Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni,
District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	On behalf of the farmers in the area, it is demanded that freight transportation without by-pass should not be allowed to Mukutban. Because the road of Mukutban is the road of the people, the road of farmers in the market. As all have one road, no heavy traffic should be allowed unless the by-pass is completed. However, till then Chairman should not give permission to the project. Similarly, lands of farmers were taken for various projects. Farmers were cheated, they were not even	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that if earlier reply is given on the issues raised, Do not repeat the point. Your points should be neat and narrative. Nutshell Suggestions, Objections raised by the participants and answers given by the Project Proponent will be included in the minutes of the meeting. This is purpose of this meeting.

	paid properly. Despite the promise of employment in the project, the job has not been given, so the Bhumi putras have to protest and march. Instead of giving jobs to the natives, the immigrants /people from other States are given jobs. Bhumi putras are deliberately harassed.	
2)	He further said that farmers demand that they be paid Rupees 50/- lakh per acre and permanent employment for Bhumi putras should be given. Guarantee letter to farmers be given while buying the land. Similarly if the crops are damaged in the field due to dust falling on crops, compensation should be paid every year. Hence, it is requested to Hon. Chairman that Health, education facilities alongwith books, notebooks, school uniform also medical checkup facilities be made available. Hence, it is requested that without obtaining Guarantee Letter, permission should not be given to the mining activities. This is request.	Project Proponent answered that the points raised by Shri Udakrao have been answered previously. He demanded about medical facilities and medical checkup. Project Proponent intend to strengthen local medical services. Regarding the educational facilities, the answer has already been given and the locals are told that a school of international standard will be developed here. Project Proponent suggested that these demands may please submitted through Gram Panchayat.

**10) Representative of Guardian Minister Shri. Sanjay Rathod, District Chairman
Aakash Rathod:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am Representative of Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod. District Chief Akash Rathore At Post Marki Budruk. I had three hearings. In all three hearings, I have spoken. I can give on thousand rupees of stamp paper that not a single promise has been fulfilled by company till today. There were so many hearings, but no one has completed even a single issue, promised in public hearing.	Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing directed the participants to raise the suggestions on the environmental issues only.
2)	We opposed that trees will be cut here and saplings/green belt development in another District.	Project Environmental Consultant said that an application was made to the Collector, Yavatmal in 2021 regarding Compensatory Forest. The forest

	department's criteria is that they need 148 Ha of contiguous land for green belt development. Whereas intimation was received in writing from the Collectorate Office, Yavatmal that such area is not available in the district for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation. Therefore, land was taken in Ratnagiri district.
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Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed to the participants that their suggestions and objections should be presented in brief and to the point. Project Proponent is going to answer your every question.

11) Shri Maruti Khade, Residence – Bhendala, Taluka Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our children had gone to Nagpur for training. He has completed the training camp. So after starting the company, our children should get the job opportunities in the company.	Project Proponent replied that his son has been given basic training. We are committed to provide employment to the trained children. We want to give employment to local children only.

12) Shri. Satyanarayan Mittal, Farmer, Residence – Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Before this, Virangana company has taken land in very small area and that company has cheated us. Hence, we will keep possession of the land till the company starts, they promised to give employment to one person of our family after the company starts. He submitted a written statement.	Project Proponent said that dormers have sold the land to the former Virangana company. It has been duly registered. Those lands have been leased to us by the Government of India. So the land once sold to the company cannot be returned to your names.

13) Shri Samba Govinda Pardhi, Residence – Mukutban, Taluka Zari Jamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Chairman, so far hearings have been held here. Farmers suffered losses. There was a fight between brothers and sisters. Nothing helped. Last year we sat on hunger strike - against steel company. We are not benefited. We were assured that Isar Receipt would be received. It hasn't happened yet. We staged dharna agitation on 30-12-2022.	At that time, District Collector and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee replied that there are 2-3 types of reports received in the Collector's office regarding this matter. A uniform decision in this regard will be given in 2-3 days. After this meeting there is a meeting in Zari, where the issue can be raised. The said meeting is an environmental public hearing about the proposed project and if there are any environmental suggestions, objections about the related project, they should be recorded.

14) Shri Vikas Barokar, Residence-Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	As stated in the presentation, as 146.996 hectares of forest area will have to be cut for the project, compensatory afforestation will be done in Ratambe Village, Taluka-Sangameswar, District-Ratnagiri which is 900 km from the project location. Huge afforestation is underway. Instead of such long forestry, there is SLT on the side of the mine, the land outside the mine area. The land can be used for afforestation. Non-afforestation here is a loss to the people here. Because trees will be cut for the project, no afforestation will be done, so the local people will suffer from the dust from the project.	Project proponent said that the reason for going for afforestation in Ratnagiri district was given by the environmental consultant. At the time, when alternative afforestation was to be completed, the information was submitted in the Collector's office. At that time, Collector's office informed that there is no CA land available. However, we had to take private land for afforestation which was available in Ratnagiri. Later on the Food Security Act, 2013 guides the right to acquire agricultural land. It has been explained that the land should

	<p>be acquired accordingly, otherwise it should not be taken.</p> <p>Accordingly, prior permission of Hon. District Collector has been taken. There is a lot of farming here. But a survey was conducted to acquire agricultural land for forest. Ratnagiri Collector has given in writing that even if it is agricultural land in Ratambe, agriculture cannot be done there. Similarly, as per the instructions, the said plot is available at lump sum basis.</p>
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15) Shri Shriniwas Narayan Chital, Residence – Mukutban, Taluka – Zari Jamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Out of the entire land in the lease area, 121.341 hectares of private land should be started only after purchasing it in on lump sum and at one rate. According to the Land Regulatory Act, 2013, it should be taken only by paying five times more price, by giving a job to one of the heirs of the project victim, and by applying the LARA Act. Lara Act should be applied to farmers.</p> <p>If the company buys private land after 18 years, it will cause loss to farmers in future. The company through middlemen may buy the land at a bargain price and the farmers will suffer losses. However, information should be given as to when the private land will be purchased in on lump sum basis and at one rate.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that the land will be acquired subject to law under the Lara Act, which will be strictly followed.</p>

16) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I congratulate the company management. Being an environmentalist, I am only commenting on environmental issues. Your environmental consultant has done a survey of water, air, land. However, a survey should be conducted regarding the current condition of crops, health condition and ground water condition in the area. It will be useful in future. About 350 crore liters of rain water will be received from our land which will go to mining area.</p> <p>However, rain water harvesting should be implemented in the project. Although green belt development is permitted outside the district, medicinal plants and fruit trees should be planted wherever possible in the project area. Similarly, trees should be planted on both sides of the road in the villages in the project area.</p> <p>I am suggesting to take up the Skill Development Programme for the local youth. Thus local youths will become employable.</p> <p>I am recommending the formation of a Coordinating Committee for the implementation of the said scheme. The foreign exchange of the country will be saved due to the said mine. I request the Government of India to give permission to this project.</p>	<p>Project Proponent replied that the suggestions raised by him have already been incorporated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</p>

17) Shri Sudhakar Samanna Kallura, Residence – Mukutban, Taluka – Zari Jamni, District – Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Trained youth from Sawli, Ruikot and Pardi are seen. But no one from Mukutban village is seen. The land rate should be announced in front of all the farmers in this meeting.	Project Proponent replied that we have trained the youth of Ruikot Gram Panchayat and after visiting all remaining Gram Panchayat offices and taking the list, the program of training the youth will be announced. Company Administration has planned the training step by step and will implement it accordingly. Those who have received basic training, will be given further training

18) Shri Madhukar Rajurkar, Residence – Lahan Pandharkavada, Pardi, Tal. Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The youth of our village should be trained.	Project Proponent said that the matter has already been answered. This is the first phase of training. However, local youth should register their names.

19) Shri. Vilas Manjuwar, Residence -Mukutban, Tal. Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Company will pay the rate while acquiring the land, but what will be the policy of the government? What is the government's policy in recruitment of project victims?	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that this public hearing is about environment and the project promoters will answer the questions. Project Proponent said that we cannot answer about the Government policy. Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the government's

	policy for granting employment contracts to the project victims will be the same. There will be no special issue in this regard. Here the project owners are going to talk about the Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.
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20) Shri Jayant Someshwar Udakwar, Mining Engineer:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	What is a local? A local means the youth of Maharashtra? When we protest, it is said that all the youth of Maharashtra. There is a 2009 government order, which says that only 80% of local people should be given employment opportunities. Excavation was started by Virangana Company before this Yazdani Company. After the mining started, land was given in Ralegaon and Garwa villages for afforestation. So what was the need to leave the afforestation area of Yavatmal district and go to Ratnagiri?	The employment opportunity will be given only according to the definition of the word "local" as per the provisions of the Act by the Government
2)	The next point is that there are many coal and metals mines in this Jari Jamani area. However, we must first provide employment opportunities to the youth of Jari Jamani Taluka in various cadres of the project.	Local youth will be given priority in employment. Similarly, training will be given to local youth.
3)	Here is the forest department. Blasting will be carried while mining activities. Blasts will cause vibration, noise pollution. The Project Proponent said that there will be no sound and vibration during blasting. So what technology you are going to use should be explained.	Environmental Consultant of the project said that controlled blasting. The drilling and blasting has been proposed only for OB removal. The coal extraction is proposed by using Surface Miner technology wherein no drilling and blasting is required.
4)	2% of the production is CSR fund goes to the Collector office. Apart from that, we should make the funds available to Gram Panchayats for various social schemes in the village i.e. health care, education.	Project Proponent said that apart from the 2% CSR fund, the issue of making funds available to Gram Panchayats for various social schemes in the village. It has been answered in the discussions that the schemes will be implemented only in co-ordination with the Gram Panchayat office. Availability of

	additional funds will be considered keeping in mind the need of the work. He further said that the land was acquired in Ratnagiri district only after the refusal in Ralegaon and Garwa villages.
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21) Shri Bhima Reddy, Former Sabhapati, Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, District

Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The road on which we came to the meeting was contracted by the previous company for three lakhs. Later Survey No. 10 was also taken on company contract, the person is present here as a farmer. Dumping ground has been done by the previous company on that Survey No. 10. The previous company has cheated the farmers, but now the farmers should not be cheated.	Project Proponent said that our mine is yet to start. Hence, this question does not apply.

22) Shri. Laxman Bhimna Bondalwar, Residence – Mukutban, Tal-Zari Jamani, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our agriculture field is at centre. All sides are covered with soil. What do we do now? I'm illiterate. Hence, my agriculture fields should be purchased.	Suggestions have been noted

Shri Vithal Shivajirao Bhendala, Taluka Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Those whose agriculture fields are acquired, gets job opportunities in the project. Then, what should be done if anybody is unemployed and no agriculture fields?	Project Proponent replied that first we will give training to everyone, then as per our need, employment contract will be given.

Children from our Bhendala is not given opportunity for jobs in the project. So, should the children of Bhandala commit suicide? Project Proponent has not built water tanks in our village.	
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Shri Amar Satbhare, Residence – Nande, Taluka Zarijamni, District – Yavatmal

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Though there are four mines in the name of Marki Mangali, there are not 1 – 2% Marki Mangali citizens whom have got jobs in mines. Here, there is ITI College, University, Collages and many needy qualified boys and girls are there. Hence, campus interviews should be held and they should be given job opportunities.	Project Officer informed that suggestion will be considered.

23) Shri. Santosh Purviilkar, Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am a farmer and live in Mukutban. My farm is in Ruikot and Bhendala. I am speaking on behalf of the farmers. The company should not be allowed unless it gives Rs 50 lakh per acre. Now the Project Proponent said that the land rate will be decided after discussing with the Collector. But this is our Right. However, the land should be taken by fixing the rate of fifty lakh rupees per acre. Similarly, it is not stated when these lands will be acquired. All the farmers should get the list whose land will be acquired. However, first the rate of land should be fixed at fifty lakhs and then other matters should be taken up.	Project Proponent said that fixing the land rate is not within the purview of the company as stated many times in the meeting. A proposal under the Act will be submitted to the Hon. District Collector. We are committed to the provisions of the Law.

24) Shri Bandu alias Mahadev Damu Parkhi, At Post Marki BK, Chairman, Farmer Producer Company, Taluka – Zari Jamni, District – Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>To the creatures of creation, Environmental conservation for survival</p> <p>It is necessary to do. If there is a change in the environment, it affects the human life. The main occupation of the farmers in the project area is agriculture. If such companies come and pollution affects agriculture, then it is necessary to take pollution control measures. There is no opposition to the industry. Industries must come to the country. At the same time, agriculture should not be destroyed. Because the country will not progress unless industry and agriculture are combined. Industries are needed to increase the per capita income of the country. Due to this mining industry, the water level will decrease. The irrigation system in this area, bore wells, should be constructed by the project administration to prevent its water from depleting. Water should be stored in a farm and given to the farmer for irrigation. A lot of people have talked about tree planting. There should be equal justice. This company is creating discrimination among the farmers. One price for one farmer, another price for another farmer. However, Hon. President is requested that all the farmers should be given equal price. A lot of people have talked about development work. Development works are to be done in 73 villages.</p>	<p>Environmental Consultant said that all the issues raised by Mr. Parkhi were discussed by the participants and the answers were given at that time.</p> <p>The pumped water shall treated and used. The same provision has been made. Green Belt Development Scheme has been proposed. A Wildlife Conservation plan has been submitted to the Forest Department. In the proposed project nearly 300 (250 + 50) people will get employment.</p>
2)	<p>It should be declared how much help will be given in case of damage to the farmer's crop due to pollution.</p>	<p>As per the directives after establishment of crop damage due to our project by Govt.</p>
3)	<p>Talking about the wildlife, forest land will go in this project. There are many wild animals like tiger, deer, in this area. Tipeshwar is just 20 km from here. These wild animals should</p>	<p>Study has been carried out which is provided in EIA/EMP report. The necessary wild life conservation plan has been prepared and submitted to</p>

	be saved and at the same time wild animals are causing huge damage to our crops. The wild animal called pig is causing the greatest damage to the farmers. Some measures should be planned in this regard. I request that everyone in the village should get free healthcare.	competent authority and will be implemented as per approved authority.
4)	Infrastructural facilities like education, health, drinking water, roads should be provided to the project affected people. The coal is ours. Once the project starts, we request that electricity supply to agricultural pump should be provided during the day.	Provision has already been made under proposed CSR & CER activities.
5)	Agricultural fares should be held after the project. I will say as the President of Farmer Producers Union that I will support this.	Suggestion is noted.
6)	From here there is an ancient temple in the area of Kayar. I request to provide development fund for the temple. Hradakeshwar is a very old temple here. A request is being made to carry out development works for this temple through the company. If this industry is brought, positive works should be done.	If there is a proposal from the concerned Gram Panchayat regarding historical places, places of worship, it will be approved

25) Shri Nilesh Satpute, Bhendala, Taluka Zarijamni, District Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It was told in the meeting that the locals will be given priority in the project. Training has also been started for that. But the experience of the companies here is bad. Local children here have to go on hunger strike for employment. However, after the project starts, it is requested that foreigners should not be invited to the exclusion of locals.	Project promoters of the project said that as we said in the meeting, after the commencement of the project, the young boys and girls in the Gram Panchayat area of the project area will be given employment contract in the project.

26) Shri Pandhari Dhande, Residence – Bhendala, Taluka Zarijamni, District – Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Inform the type of coal. If we work in a project, they ask for salary. We do not know GR. We went to labour office in Chandrapur. They asked us the cadre, we couldn't tell because we didn't know. However, the companies here work on low wages. However, the salary should be made as per Government Order (GR).	If you are asking for the type of coal, the quality of coal is G9. Our coal is bituminous coal.

27) Shri Ashish Anandrao Khulsange, Taluka Congress Committee President:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	All have raised issues here. Here the issue of who is local was raised in the discussion. This country is ours. So, first priority should be given to the project victims of those villages whose lands were acquired first. It means the people of Sawli, Ruikot, Mukuban and Pardi villages of Zari Jamni taluka should be given first priority. Also, the farm labourers working on their farms will lose their livelihood. They should also be given priority. Project Proponent said that 440 people have been trained and a list will be sought from the sarpanch of the gram panchayat. So my suggestion is that the list should be taken from the Gram Sabha instead of the Sarpanch, because the Sarpanch will not accept some people as he belongs to a political party. However, the people and farm laborers of the four project-affected villages should be taken first. The same assurance was given by the Ispat Company, now all have been recruited there. People from other States are creating a rift between locals and migrants for no reason.	Project Promoter thanked Shri Khulsange for asking good questions. Local suggestions welcome. If there is a Mukutban by-pass and there is co-operation from the administration, we will also cooperate with it.

2)	The rate at which the land will be purchased should be registered, so the government rates of the land will increase	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	He demanded that the road ahead is only one. Vehicular movements on it is more than capacity. Also, the residents of Muktaban are demanding that a bypass should be from Mukutban. Last year a boy died in an accident in Mukutban and there was a big riot. Cases have been registered against the locals there. However, the method of recruitment by the Project Proponents should be elaborated.	Suggestions have been noted.

Project Proponent informed that private land of 121.341 hector have to be acquired.

28) Shri Vijay Anantrao Pidurkar, Ex. Zilla Parishad Member, Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Today the public hearing of the mine of Marki Mangli-2 is being held. The field is allotted to Yazdani International Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar. Company has to acquire 339.467 hectares of land at Ruikot, Mukutban Taluka-Zari Jamni, District-Yavatmal.</p> <p>The executive summary report stated that land acquisition will be done in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act, 2013. But according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, 2009, Central Government says that there should be direct discussions with the project-affected farmers. Because the price of Ready Reckoner is almost 6 lakhs. However, every farmer can get 8 lakh rupees. However, the directives of the Government of India have not been followed in the executive summary. The scheme for the benefit of farmers should be discussed today. Policy regarding the</p>	<p>Suggestion was noted.</p> <p>Mr. Pidurkar asked a question about truck traffic and whether the road has the capacity to transport 50 ton trucks. This has been discussed in the meeting and if the District administration takes the initiative and plans an alternative road, the company will cooperate in completing that arrangement. Farmers who have suffered damage due to dust in the project will be compensated as per Government rules. In the project, employment will be provided on the basis of equality between men and women.</p>

	<p>project promoter is expected to provide employment contract as per Gender Equality Act. Nowhere in the Executive Summary Report and Environmental Impact Assessment Report has it been mentioned that 50 tonnes capacity road will be constructed and transported by road.</p> <p>We have not arranged for 50 tonnes from Mukutban to Vani station. So, it should be guaranteed.</p>	
2)	<p>The farmers whose land is going to be acquired on which landless farmers who are dependent on it will loss livelihood, forest farming land will also be acquired for the project due to which tribals will also loss their livelihood.</p> <p>But, the report does not mention what alternative employment arrangements have been made for those landless farmers and tribals</p>	Suggestions have been noted and details on this issue have already been addressed in the report.
3)	<p>The project is said to generate 250 jobs. But the information about how much employment will be generated in the Solar Project that will be developed is not given</p>	Environmental Consultant said that in the Executive Summary Report at page no.3, it is mentioned that the project will provide direct employment to 250 people. Additionally, approximately 50 people will be employed in the proposed sand crushing and solar power plant
4)	<p>Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing is District Magistrate, while the Environment Impact Assessment Notification is issued by Government of India. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is an authorized body of the Maharashtra Government, but the discrepancy between the two reports made available to the public is serious and illegal in terms of public hearing.</p>	Public Hearing is being carried out as per the provisions in force.
5)	<p>While spending CSR fund for various social welfare schemes, it is necessary to the Project Proponent to appoint local Convener who is having educational qualification of MSW</p>	This is standard operating procedure and already mentioned in the report.
6)	<p>In the EIA report, it was necessary to study people with different educational qualifications in the local villages of Ruikot,</p>	Survey is carried as per EIA Notifications.

	Pardi, Mukutban, Savli during the social survey. It has not been done. Explanation should be given.	
7)	The report said that in case of damage due to coal dust, compensation will be provided by the government agency. However, the government needs to take a strategic decision that in case of damage due to coal dust, compensation should be given as per the decision of the Permanent Committee of Agriculture Department, Tehsildar.	If the damage to crop due to project activities is established by the competent State Government Authority then the farmers who have suffered damage due to dust in the project will be compensated as per government rules.
8)	Medicinal plants will be cut down while acquiring the land of forest department. It should also be disclosed whether the valuable plant will be planted elsewhere. Here Mr. Pidurkar objected that this amount seems less considering the amount of land you are going to take from the forest department and the valuable medicinal trees you are going to cut.	To the extent possible transplantation of the trees will be done in safety zone area and nearby locations under the guidance of forest department.
9)	The report says that OB is going to be converted into sand. EIA report and executive summary report do not explain whether the company has conducted a commercial survey, if it will use sand from the river to fill the potholes after sand production, whether it will get permission from the government. This is a serious matter.	30% of project O.B. will be converted into sand. There will be no pit.
10)	Dolomite will be produced alongwith coal, its royalty should be transferred to Gram Panchayat as per District Mining Fund.	There is no Dolomite.
11)	Whether banayan tree (Vad), Pimpal, Karanja etc. trees will be planted for environment conservation.	Suggestions have been noted.
12)	Confusion about Environment Fund is on Environmental Impact Assessment Report page no. 84 shows the expenditure of 189 crores. There is no classification of expenses in other expenses. However, the CCR fund should be disclosed	Environmental Consultant said that Shri Pidurkar said CSR Fund is what he is referring is about CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) Fund. It is mentioned in the executive summary report at page no.8 that Rs.2.85 crore will be spent.

The provisions of the law for the landless and the Adivasis will be followed. Neem trees will be planted for environment conservation. Mr. Pidurkar was told that the meeting was being recorded and the promises made in the discussion would be strictly followed.

29) Shri Vasant Vitthal Bhagela, Residence – Mukutban, Taluka Zarijamni, District – Yavatmal -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Company dumping is lying in my field. At first the company paid, then twelve years later, the dumping has stopped. The company officials ran away.	Project Proponent informed that this subject is not at all concern of this project.

30) Shri Vasudev Laxmanrao Vidhate, At Post Marki Manqli, District – Yavatmal – (First Time Opportunity)

Many people have registered their suggestions and objections in the meeting. They have documents in their hands and a microphone in one hand. So while reading the paper, Mike has to change as the page has to change with another hand. The facility provided for the dignitaries should have to be provided for the common people, that is, the documents can be kept properly.

Chairman said that the staff in the meeting would take the mike.

This Public Hearing has been conducted as per Environmental Impact Assessment Report, 2006. So here the directions of the Notification are being violated. I am requesting the Chairman to stop it.

Shri Vidhate said it is objectionable for people's representatives to sit with the Public Hearing Committee. Because people from different parties from different villages are present here. They may be pressured by the representatives of a particular party, so he cannot express his views fearlessly. This is a violation of the EIA notification. Even if MLAs are going to sit, why should common people join in this illegal public hearing?

Chairman said MLA Saheb himself is sitting in front after taking note of your objections.

Shri Vidhate said that the copies of the Environment documents have been made available at various Gram Panchayat offices in the area. They are not original copies but photo copies. They are so obscure that nothing can be read. Maps, letters, numbers are not visible in it. So it is not understood by common people. Public consultation is an important part of EIA notification.

As per the directives in the EIA Notification, it is mandatory to hold a public hearing. What is this project is the right of the people. Only then will they give an opinion on the potential environmental impact of the proposed project. So here we are deprived of this right, how can we participate?

Shri Vidhate (Second Time Opportunity) -

The EIA report is sent out so large that one person has to hold the page and the other can read it. However, Hon. Chairman is requested that the said public hearing be stopped immediately. All gram panchayats should be sent the original copy with color photos, color maps in two parts to all gram panchayats, then public hearing should be held.

Environmental Consultant said that along with the hard copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a CD (soft copy) has also been sent. Nowhere in the EIA Notification, 2006 is there any mention of color copy. Although ten copies were directed to be given, we have submitted twenty six copies to all gram panchayat offices through the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Similarly, the Executive Summary Report has been made available in the local language – Marathi and English – as per the instructions. However, I request that this report be accepted. If there are other suggestions, they should be given.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee instructed Members, Environment Public Hearing Committee to give their suggestions.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, said that EIA report, Executive Summary Report was made available to all Gram Panchayats a month ago and until now, and not a single complaint is received by MPCB office in writing, by email that the documents are unclear and unreadable.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that not a single complaint is received regarding EIA, Executive Summary that the documents are unclear and unreadable.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the public hearing has started from 11.00 am. Similarly Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Chandrapur had published a public notice in a local newspaper in Marathi and in a national newspaper in English as per the EIA notification 14th April, 2022.

At the same time, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report was available in the notified government offices and in the project-affected Gram Panchayat. Both the Members were asked about the complaint regarding EIA, Executive Summary that the documents are unclear and unreadable. It is informed by them in the public hearing that not a single complaint is received by the local MPCB office till today.

Environmental Consultant of the project has already clarified his side. Then again the issues raised by you will be investigated. But this public hearing will continue. However, if you want to raise any environmental issues, you can raise them.

Shri Vidhate did not agree and said I got the mike now. I can't pull it out of anyone's hands. Although it started at 11.00 am, but now this public hearing should be stopped immediately by accepting the objection raised by me.

Chairman said that the objections raised by Mr. Vidhate, the reply given by the Environmental Consultant and the reply given by the Member and Convener have been recorded and will be included in the minutes.

Chairman appealed all the participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

Shri Vidhate commented that this decision is unfair to the public. In this illegal public hearing, I request Chairman to stop the illegal hearing. But he refused to stop this public hearing. So this is an injustice to the people. People's rights have been lost. However, Chairman, being a District Magistrate, I respectfully participate in this illegal public hearing and present my points clearly.

Here Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions, objections raised in the meeting are noted.

Shri Vidhate objected that this is a coal mining project. Project Proponent told that coal from the project will be used for power generation. Energy is the need of the country. Industrial development of the country cannot take place without energy. Indian citizens cannot live without energy. Therefore, it is necessary to generate a large amount of energy. Coal mining is proposed to meet this energy requirement.

Our opposition or support to coal mining is not our question. The problems caused by coal mining affect all the eco-systems that are related to those problems. Day by day these coal mines have disturbed the eco-system. This will affect wildlife, domestic animals. They are now appearing in front of us.

Those results are not mentioned in EIA report, executive summary report, and ppt. They said - there is no human-tiger conflict here.

A total of 329 tiger attacks have occurred from May, 2015 to June, 2022. Some have been injured, some have had their pets killed. Even if it pays off, these incidents are steadily increasing. 329 incidents have occurred during this six-year period. Even if a mining project comes up in the area when these incidents are increasing, due care should be taken in terms of environmental protection. The EIA report is for this purpose only.

The report looks at how the potential environmental impact of the proposed project can be mitigated. And many false things are told in this report. Many things have been written to mislead people.

a) Reserve forest – 10 km. Circumference – Information is provided in three different ways. Page No.154 – Directions from project location are shown. The direction and distance from the project site are shown – it shows Pawanar, Ruikot and Chilai Reserve Forests. Ardhavan, Akapur reserve forest are shown. Unnamed reserve forests are indicated.

He demanded to show the 3.1 table on the screen. It will show their attitude to mislead the public. Three tables show different distances at three locations. Similarly, directions are also shown differently in the three tables. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared by the Environmental Consultant based on this false and misleading EIA. If the EIA is wrong, how can we trust the EMP?

They objected that there is more than 20,000 hectares of forest area. It has all these reserve forests in this buffer zone. Company has prepared EMP based on wrong information. At this time the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that please only issues should be raised. Briefly state your point.

At this time Shri Vidhate said that as per the EIA notification anyone can speak for any length of time in the public hearing. I am referring to the EIA report. So there is no time limit.

Shri Vidhate said that it is clearly written in the EIA that there is no inter-state boundary in the buffer zone. Akapur Reserve Forest is located in the state of Telangana, on the banks of the Paine Ganga. Here the buffer zone is the inter-state boundary.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to Mr. Viddate that other people should also be given a chance to speak. However, you should finish your speech in five minutes, then an opportunity will be given to others, after everyone has spoken, again opportunity will be given back to you, however long you speak.

Shri Vidhate objected that though there is Inter-State Boundary, it is not mentioned in EIA.

31) Dr. Virani, Professor, Shivaji Mote College, Dist. Yavatmal: -

I am Professor, Head of Department and appointed as Manav Rakshak of the district.

He said that the Environmental Impact Assessment report itself has many flaws. He asked what methodology was used in preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Because there are more plant species than you have mentioned. He said there are 160-170 species of birds.

We also work on wildlife. You have not mentioned many wildlife species. There are 60-70 species of butterflies. You showed very little. However, information should be given about the method used.

He further said that north-east from here is a geographical forest area called Pawanar. Tigers appear there and from there they disperse. Although it is not declared as a tiger zone by the forest department, it is a tiger corridor. Tadoba is a dispersal area in Andhari area. It is not mentioned anywhere. Also these tigers live here, they are not migratory. 1- 1 1/2 km from here. Antar belongs to Pawanar.

He added that the mines located here fall within each other's buffer zone. So here it is necessary to consider all mines, buffer zone without considering one mine. It is necessary to have an integrated EIA of the proposed project. If buffer zones overlap, a single EIA may be appropriate. There are many flaws in the EIA, but they need to be rectified and public hearings should be held again. That means the said combined project will fall under Category A.

He further said that since he has been working in the field of conservation for 20 years, he has come many times. Pawanar water source and many other water sources are not mentioned in the report here. Tigers have been found drinking water at all those water sources. The existence of tigers is constantly found. Therefore, it is important to study the water bodies here. Since these important species are on the side, it is necessary to conduct a support study here. We have experienced that tigers migrate from here and proceed to the wani.

He further said that ground water is essential in this area for wildlife. Because groundwater extraction affects the micro species/habitat in the area. It is dangerous, because then the conflict between the animals starts. We remember the incident about Avni the tigress. She went from here to there. But on page no. 278 it is written that no objection certificate is not required for wildlife.

This project cannot be without Wild Life Clearance. We spend crores of rupees on tiger conservation, but its habitat is here. However, errors have been found in the EIA, so it should be rectified and a public hearing should be held again.

Project consultant thanked Dr. Virani. He said that Wild Life Conservation Plan has been prepared. At that time Dr. Virani objected that the study is scanty. You have shown only nine species.

Environmental Consultant said that our team has come and done the survey and only after that the report has been prepared. They have submitted geo-tagged photos. The Environmental Consultant requested to Dr. Virani that if he provide the said information, the relevant data would be noted in the Final EIA/EMP report. This is a Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and will be recorded in the final

Environmental Impact Assessment Report. If necessary we will resurvey and this will be recorded in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Environmental Consultant said that Pawanar and other water sources will also be mentioned in the Final EIA report. All water sources in the periphery of 10 km are marked in Land use studies carried out through Satellite Interpretation.

Environment Consultant said that the Wild Life Conservation Plan was submitted on March 3, 2023. Tipeshwar Sanctuary, tiger corridor is marked in it. Two days ago CCF (Chief Conservator of Forest) has visited the site, his decision remains final.

Environmental Consultant said that species of butterflies, birds will be included in the report. Similarly, the report will mention the effects of groundwater extraction on microflora and microfauna

Dr. Virani asserted that all the mines here fall within each other's buffer zone. So it is necessary to implement environmental management plan by integrating all these mines. Accordingly, it is necessary for the government to announce a policy in this regard.

32) Local Farmer:-

The poor farmers who have come here, have gone or are about to go to their farming projects. People who have been wronged have come here since morning. They need to take a fistful of their land and acquire 50 lakh acres of land. Crops have been damaged due to pollution, they need compensation. He demanded that two companies had fled before this. Even this new company will not run away from anything, so a guarantee should be taken from this company.

Project Proponent replied that all the queries have been answered. But he raised a point that although the first two companies escaped, both of them did not. The first blocks have been canceled by the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and this block was also included in it. That company had to leave this block. This block is taken by our company through auction. So there is no question of running away.

A person present at that time came forward and said that this is a meeting for farmers and listen to the farmers' questions. Not a single farmer speaks. The only thing the farmer has to say is to take the land at once and declare the price per acre today. Farmers say that fifty lakh per acre rate should be given. The company says here is this zone, there is this zone, what will the farmer know?

He alleged that the company takes one land from one farmer and another from another farmer.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that this is an environmental public hearing.

Project Proponent told that we have no right to fix the land rate. At that time some of the present farmers collectively demanded Rs.50 lakh per acre.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed all to maintain silence. He said that he will answer the questions.

Shri Raju Madhukar Umbarkar, Maharashtra Nav Niman Sena Leader:-

Farmers have come here and they have nothing to do with the public hearing. Their only demand is that the rate of 50-60 lakh per acre should be paid and the land taken in lump sum, only then this public hearing will be approved. The previous company took an arbitrary price, then increased it. However, which land will be taken, his survey no. It should now be displayed on the screen. The pain of farmers here is different.

Once the mines started, it became difficult to go to the farmer's fields. O.B. of Mines. Throwing it around, it causes water to accumulate there and cost him a lifetime of income. Chairman, even though you are the parent, you should decide the price of our land, only if this public hearing is not passed, this public hearing will be considered null and void.

Chairman appealed to the participant that there is still any farmer who wants to speak?

33) Shri Rajesh Attarwar, Residence-Mukutban, Taluka ZariJamni, District-Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Let's say Ruikot is part, then according to the guidance of Ready Reckoner he can tell how much he will get. So those who are farmers will think whether to give land or not. Because the company does not take notice of us even after fasting. If a map was placed here, every farmer would know how much his farm is growing or not.	The necessary map displayed during the presentation. Land acquisition will be done as per the provisions of RECT/LARR Act 2013 and amendments thereof.
2)	Also the Environmental Impact Assessment report is very wrong. The maps are vague,	A soft copy in CD was enclosed with all the Draft EIA/EMP copies.

	so the common farmer has no idea what is wrong.	
3)	<p>The lease is for 39 years, meaning the company will mine for 34 years and shut down for five years. Whereas the Lara Act provides that the land shall be returned to the original owner. So the question is whether this farm will be returned to the original owner.</p> <p>Also, many farms in the company area have not been purchased by the company. The farmers have been put in trouble and bought from him at a low price. Also, the government should also inform whether the company is obliged to buy farms at the same time in the mining sector.</p>	Noted and action will be taken on this issue as per the prevalent laws of the land at that time.

Just like the Open Environment Public Hearing has been organized today, public hearing should be held only on land acquisition.

Project Proponent said that dignitaries have suggested holding a public hearing only on land acquisition. It is right. There is such a provision in the law and a request will be made to the district administration at the appropriate time. On the demand of the participants, the Project Proponent gave information about the public hearing regarding land acquisition.

At that time, local farmers requested Hon. Chairman that the original owner of the company should be called in the land acquisition public hearing, there should be no loopholes in it. Also, the Sarpanchs of the affected gram panchayats are requested to call the gram sabha, requesting all the sarpanches that no objection certificate should not be issued without the permission of the gram sabha.

Chairman asked to take note of this new issue.

The Chairman said till date all land acquisition in Yavatmal district has been done at company level. The responsibility regarding land acquisition and procedure for the same is entirely with private company. Therefore, according to Land Acquisition Act 2013, no land acquisition process for private companies has been done in Yavatmal district. But the project proponent said in the Public Hearing today, that the land will be acquired as per Land Acquisition Act 2013, but the matter needs to be checked. However, by checking the provision of the law, the document submitted by the company will be checked and the legal opinion will be taken and then action can be taken as per Rule.

Since the said meeting is about environment, all the environmental suggestions, criticisms and objections raised by public have been recorded and will be included in the minutes. The issue was repeatedly raised by the attendees and the company assured that the land would be purchased in one go.

Chairman told the participants that as this process will be done according to the law, the company cannot be given less amount nor can it be given more amount. You will not get the amount of land that you say.

The answer regarding the land rate has now been given and the District Administration will always be ready to accept the statement in this regard at any time. Vigilance will be taken to implement as per the law.

Chairman appealed to those present if they still have any doubts or questions.

37) Shri Chakradhar Vyankatesh Vikandikar, Former Kharedi-Vikri President,

I attended 2-3 public hearings. The company does not follow through on what it says. Some people were given upto 3-4 lakhs and some people up to 25-30 lakhs. So why such a difference, if the people demand that a lump sum price should be given. It should be decided in this public hearing. They say in the meeting that they will sprinkle water on the road, but the implementation is not done like that. However, the minimum rate should be mentioned for the satisfaction of the locals.

Chairman said that this issue has been answered 10-15 times. I have also replied 4-5 times. If there is another issue it should be raised. The company and the district administration are bound by what is in the law and the company is available to accept your statement.

Chairman again appealed to the attendees to register suggestions and objections. He said that it is summer days, there is time constraint, but the participants should register suggestions, objections if any.

Shri Umbarkar informed that

As I was walking out, I was called back by all the farmers. He said that all the farmers here say that if the land rate is going to be announced today, then this public hearing is acceptable to us. If you don't announce rates, we don't want coal mining, we don't accept coal mining. Not even a public hearing. If the price cannot be paid, then all the farmers should be made partners in the project.

Chairman said that this has been answered many times and the suggestion that we have now raised has been noted.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that, the company has given a detailed reply earlier in this regard. Appropriate action will be taken as per the law and rule. Today is a public hearing on environment.

Shri Vidhate, Third Time Opportunity –

Shri Vidhate is given the last ten minutes by the Chairman. Shri Vidhate said that a decision of the Supreme Court has come in the interest of farmers. That decision came around 2013. But central and state governments have not implemented it. Hon'ble Supreme Court has given a decision regarding the rate of agriculture which goes for the project. Civil No. 4540 to 4548 /2000. It has been said that the right of the land belongs to us farmers, but the minerals which are in the soil of 7/12 of the farmer also belong to the farmers. It is not even owned by the government.

This is the verdict in respect of Minerals Rights. We have repeatedly requested the central government, state government, district administration to implement this verdict. They are taking coal worth crores of rupees from the underground of the farmer fields.

Chairman called upon Mr. Vidhate to raise the point only and five minutes were over and in the next five minutes the points should be raised and if there were any more points they should be presented in written form. The project promoter will give written answers to it.

Shri Vidhate requested the Chairman to implement this Supreme Court decision. If not implemented, injustice will be done to the farmers. We will file a contempt case in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Vidhate said that the Chairman has instructed that if I do not finish my speech in the next five minutes, the next speech will be conducted through video shooting. I am of the clear opinion that this public hearing will not be completed as I will not speak in five minutes. Chairman requested Mr. Vidhate that the meeting started at eleven in the morning and everyone was given the opportunity to present their views. Now considering the people also the meeting will be stopped after five minutes, but you can express your opinion on video shooting. A certain period is given while filing notices, objections, it is given to you in excess. But Mr. Vidhate strongly opined that this is a violation of the EIA notification.

Chairman told Mr. Vidhate that we should speak for the last four minutes and then I would address the meeting.

Mr. Vidhate was again advising vigilance to avoid violation of the EIA notification, saying that the EIA notification does not stipulate how much time should be given to an individual. If all cannot be given an opportunity, the EIA notification has a provision to reconvene the meeting on the next day.

Shri Vidhate objected that there are many errors in the EIA report. It is said that there is no inter-state boundary, but there is an inter-state boundary in the buffer zone of the project. This EIA report is incorrect and misleading. However, this EIA should be returned and then a public hearing should be held. Study of Water Resources – Water resources at Pawanar have not been studied.

According to reports, four tons of explosives will be used each day in the mine. But the stock of that explosive is only two tons. There is incorrect and misleading information here. Because the stock will need more than four tons.

A small point regarding land – will those whose lands have already been acquired be provided facilities like LAR?

Next point – In one place it is written in the report that the land will be acquired as per the Land Acquisition Act, while in another place it is said that the land will be acquired through discussion and negotiation. This is a contradiction. This is the misdirection of the farmers.

Shri Vidhate further objected that the electricity for the project is going to be taken from the substation near here. Apart from this, solar power will be generated in the project. But the situation here is that the farmers here get only eight hours of electricity for agricultural work. There are many projects here.

At this time, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that you were given ten minutes, now sixteen minutes have passed. You are requested to provide the written statement you have with you to the Project Manager, who will respond in writing by the Project Manager. The meeting has started at 11.00 am. All the farmer brothers were requested to give relevant suggestions and questions. Project Proponent have answered the questions asked by the participants.

In the meeting, questions regarding land rates were raised again and again. The project promoters and I have answered it many times and guided the attendees. All issues, questions are over.

Chairman requested Mr. Vidhate to give written points. Those written points will be answered by the project promoters. If they want to register instructions, objections on video they can register. Committee will discuss it later and decide whether to include it in the minutes or not. However, Mr. Vidhate has continuously raised objections that the EIA notification has been violated. At that time, the Chairman suggested that it be noted that it was time to present his statement.

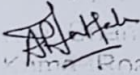
Concluding the meeting, the Chairman said that initially the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board gave an introduction to the public hearing, after which the Project Environmental Consultant gave a presentation about the proposed project. Then there were questions and answers. The committee tried to make this public hearing transparent. Maximum time was given for that, time was given to those who wanted to raise issues. Similarly, the written suggestions, objections were recorded and the project promoters were instructed to reply in

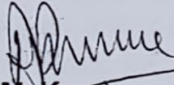
writing. All the issues that were raised in the meeting have been noted and will be included in the minutes and those minutes, final environmental impact assessment report, written instructions with the approval of the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee to be submitted by the Headquarters, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai at Department of Environment and Climate Change, 15th floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032. The committee there will take appropriate decision regarding it.


Chairman, thanked all the present farmers, citizens, government employees, police administration, company administration and declared the public hearing concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith 17 written suggestions/objections as received.


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