

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF DONGARGAON LIMESTONE MINE OF CAPACITY TOTAL ROM : 1.52 MTPA (LIMESTONE-0.9 MTPA, SOIL – 0.06 MTPA & OB – 0.56 MTPA) IN TOTAL MINE LEASE AREA OF 252.36 Ha LOCATED AT VILLAGES DONGARGAON, DAHIGAON OF WANI TALUKA & VILLAGE WEGAON OF TALUKA-MAREGAON, DISTRICT – YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S RCCPL PRIVATE LIMITED, 2nd FLOOR, INDUSTRY HOUSE,159, CHURCHGATE RECLAMATION, MUMBAI-400 020, MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed project of Dongargaon Limestone Mine of capacity Total ROM : 1.52 MTPA (Limestone – 0.9 MTPA, Soil – 0.06 MTPA & OB – 0.56 MTPA) in Total Mine Lease Area of 252.36 hector located at Villages – Dongargaon, Dahigaon of Wani Taluka & Village Wegaon of Taluka – Maregaon, District – Yavatmal, Maharashtra proposed by Project Proponent M/s RCCPL Private Limited, 2nd Floor, Industry House, 159, Churchgate Reclamation, Mumbai – 400 020, Maharashtra was conducted on Monday, the 17th July, 2023 at the site of the said industry on 11.00 morning.

At the commencement of the meeting, **Shri Vasudev Laxmanrao Vidhate, At Post—Marki Mangli, District-Yavatmal**, objected that the time of public hearing is 11:00 AM and it is now half past twelve. It is 11.00 am and still Hon. Collector has not come. General public is waiting here for almost one and a half hours. Farmers have come here. They have work in the fields. Still just sitting here for the past two hours. However, all those present agreed loudly that we would boycott this public hearing.

At this time Shri Vidhate appealed that no one in the pandol should stop. We want to cancel this public hearing. However, no one should participate in this public hearing. Everyone gave it a loud nod and many stood up to go out of the pavilion.

Shri Borkar, District President – Yavatmal, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, who was present at that time appealed that even if the present Collector comes, no one should stay here. Everyone supported it. My laborers have been coming here since ten o'clock in the morning. There is no arrangement for them to sit. There are farming days. If the administration is not time bound, we don't need it. The need is for them.



We will grow our food and eat it. Some of the people coming out came out shouting slogans. He announced that the land belongs to us, not to anyone's father. Farmers were proclaiming the victory of the Shetkari Kruti Samiti.

At that time Shri Amol Yedge, IAS, Collector, Yavatmal arrived. After taking place on the dais by the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur informed those present outside the pavilion to come and take their place inside the pavilion.

Shri Amol Yedge, IAS, Collector, Yavatmal said that today RCCPL Pvt Ltd is having Environmental Public Hearing. The meeting time was at 11.00. But due to the emergence of "District Level Calamity" situation, I had to work there, I had to give some instructions over phone to some departments. So, there is late coming for the meeting.

Hence now I am directing to start the procedure of the Environment Public Hearing. The location of this project is Dongargaon, Dahigaon and Wegaon, Tehsil/Taluka is Wani and Maregaon. The company is located in two tehsils of Yavatmal district. The proposed limestone production capacity is 0.9 million.

Collector, Yavatmal said that this public hearing has been held today on July 17, 2023. As per order of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 05/07/2023, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur is Member and Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur is Convener. Hence, now they are directed to start the public hearing process.

Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Amol Yedge, IAS, District Magistrate, Yavatmal and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Sou. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairperson. Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

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Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s RCCPL Private Limited, 2nd Floor, Industry House, 159, Churchgate Reclamation, Mumbai – 400 020, Maharashtra for their proposed project of Dongargaon Limestone Mine of capacity Total ROM : 1.52 MTPA (Limestone – 0.9 MTPA, Soil – 0.06 MTPA & OB – 0.56 MTPA) in Total Mine Lease Area of 252.36 hector (Private Farm Land) located at Villages – Dongargaon, Dahigaon of Wani Taluka & Village Wegaon of Taluka – Maregaon, District – Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

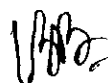
Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of proposed project falls under category “A” schedule no.1(a) Mining of Minerals which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application alongwith pre-feasibility report on 29-10-2021 to the, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval on 03-10-2022.

After sanction from District Collector, Yavatmal to conduct the Physical and Online Environment Public Hearing on Monday, the 17th July, 2023 at 11.00 morning, and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 46 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-230705-FTS-0034 dated 05/07/2023 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,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Chandrapur | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Chandrapur | Convener |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in National Newspaper The Hitvada for English on 15th June, 2023 and corrigendum on 16th June, 2023. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices 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 & 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, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (9) Tahsil Office Wani, Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (10) Tahsil Office Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (11) Panchayat Samiti Office Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (12) Panchayat Samiti Office Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal

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- (13) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Dongargaon, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (14) Grampanchayat Office Dahegaon, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (15) Grampanchayat Office Wegan, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (16) Grampanchayat Office Virkund, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (17) Grampanchayat Office Kegaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (18) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (19) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Kolgaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (20) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Borda, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.06 to 21 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.

This office is in receipt 05 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. The participants who wishes to submit their writing statements can hand over the same to the representative of the MPCB.

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.**

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 to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee 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. 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 the Chairman, Convener instructed the Project Proponent of the project to make a presentation on the proposed project's Environment Management Plan.

Convener appealed to the participants to raise their thoughts, comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion project. Since the said public hearing is about environment, it is suggested to raise questions related to environment and while registering suggestions and objections, first mention your full name and village.

At that time, the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the persons standing outside the pandol to come and take their place in the pandol. They were given five minutes for that. Chairman instructed Project Proponent to make a presentation after five minutes.

Convener also appealed the people standing outside the mandap to come inside the mandap and take their place. Project Proponent also suggested the local people to come to the pavilion for the meeting.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed Sub Divisional Officers and Tehsildars of Maregaon and Wani villages to instruct the people outside the pandol to go to the pandol from the respective villages of Maregaon and Wani talukas. Chairman ordered the videographer to film the Tehsildar instructing the people of the concerned village to go to the public hearing pavilion.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the local farmers who were standing outside the pavilion were instructed to sit in the meeting. Five minutes was given for that. It has been ten minutes now and some farmers have come to the pavilion. However, six minutes more time is being given to the farmers. It is now 12.34 minutes and at 12.40 minutes and now Project Proponent will present the presentation.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that after publication of public hearing notices in local and national newspapers, people

from the country, state and local villages were repeatedly advised to come to the pavilion for the meeting.

Chairman said that sixteen minutes ago the Sub Divisional Officer and Wani, Maregaon, Sarpanch were instructed to request the local people outside the pavilion and the local farmers to go to the pavilion for the meeting and they are requesting accordingly.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee directed that "in the minutes of the meeting, local people were requested to come to the pavilion for the meeting and it should be filmed".

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee advised the Project Proponent on further action. Project Proponent started the presentation of the project. Project Officer made a presentation in Marathi language regarding the expansion of the project and the Environment Management Plan. The following points were mainly explained in the presentation:-

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

Detailed Information of the Project -

- 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

After the presentation was over, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, said that the Project Proponent had made a detailed presentation about the proposed project. Now the participants are invited to register environmental suggestions, objections about the proposed project.

At that time, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee suggested to register questions and objections on each line. He urged the participants in the first row to ask suggestions, questions. There was no response in the first line. Then the audience in the second row was appealed to ask questions. There was no response from the other line.

Here again Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee called upon the participants in the third row to ask questions and suggestions. The persons in the third row had no response. So the persons in the fourth line were called upon to ask. There was no response from the fourth line.

At that time, Chairman appealed to those who want to raise their hands if they want to register environmental suggestions, thoughts, criticisms and objections about the proposed project. Here, after raising their hands, the Chairman directed to speak from the place instead of coming near the podium.

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

1) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Residene-Telangana -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My Best wishes to Project Management and local villagers regarding the said project. I am the first environmentalist in India who supports the projects & industrialization. According to me, unemployment is pollution in society. I am 67 years old and have no health problems. I support industrialization because about one crore people complete their education every year in India. But out of them, only 5-6 lakh people get employment contract in Central or respective State Governments. The remaining 95 lakh youth are dependent on the private industrial sector. So I am supporting industrialization. I am making some suggestions for environment conservation:-	Project Proponent replied that we agree that unemployment is the biggest pollution in the society, industrialization and various projects are needed to overcome it.



	<p>“Controlled blasting “ should be done in the project. Similarly, the system of sprinkling water on the road should be implemented properly. If these two things are implemented in the project, there will be no problem of pollution in the mining project. Locals should be involved in all these activities. Similarly, Skill Development Training should be implemented for the youth in the project area. Therefore, the local youth who will not get employment in this project, can find it elsewhere.</p> <p>Due to the said project, the Government gets revenue, employment opportunities are available to the local people. But obtaining “Environmental Clearance (EC)” process is time-consuming and everyone loses. However, I request the Central government to avoid delay in the said process and grant environmental clearance within one year. I request the Environmental Public Hearing Committee to approve the said project. Similarly, the company requests that utmost care should be taken to prevent water and air pollution from the project.</p>	
2)	<p>Your Environmental Consultant has done a study/survey of the current state of the environment in the area. However, the current health status of the area should be studied. Similarly, the current condition of crops in the area should also be studied. Also the ground level in the project area should be studied.</p>	<p>We are studying the groundwater level. All directions of CGWA Department of Central Government will be followed- Consolidated Hydro Geology Survey, planning/study of surrounding water storage, project water and ground water conservation. Due to the project, the project will not have any adverse effect on the water sources, drains (seasonal and perennial) in the area.</p>

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3)	Similarly, green belt should be developed like every hectare after the start of digging in the mining industry here. Unlike other industries, 33% green belt development is not possible in mining. However, if possible, green belts should be developed in the nearby villages, similarly, trees should be planted on both sides of the road from where the company's traffic is coming. This will help control dust pollution. Medicinal plants and fruit trees should be planted in large quantities while developing the green belt.	We welcome this suggestion. Wherever possible, medicinal plants will be planted
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Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise any suggestions, objections retarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

2) Shri Ramdas Sadashiv Pakhale, Residence – Punvat, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I want to talk about this company. Company has acquired lands here. However, it is very important for the company to control the pollution that will occur after starting the company. Many companies are operating in this forest area and no one has thought about pollution control. Pollution affects human life, flora and fauna. The plant does not grow properly. However, all pollution control measures should be taken by this company. It is written that three villages will come in this area. So the pollution will not stay only in three villages, but it will spread 20-25 km.	Project proponent said that the terms and conditions passed by the Government will be strictly followed to avoid pollution. Apart from that, if there is any technology, plan which will reduce the pollution, it will be implemented in the project. It will consider the entire area and not just the affected villages

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	<p>and can go long. Pollution can affect people at that distance. However, on behalf of Baliraja Party Wani Vidhan Sabha Constituency, I am Ramdas Ukhale saying that this pollution should be overcome by all means. The previous companies here have not thought about this pollution and the people here are suffering due to the pollution. This question is raised here.</p>	
2)	<p>Also, a Committee is formed to monitor the pollution of the company. Collector, Representative of the company, MP, MLA are the members of that Committee. However, one prominent person from each village should be in the committee. Similarly, the political person of each village should also be in the Committee, the work should be done unanimously.</p> <p>When we went to meet the company, the company administration said that we have a meeting with the Collector and the decision will be taken in that meeting. No positive decision is made by the company and it does not reach the public. However, senior officers should keep a close eye on this. Also, the company should cooperate with the public as many facilities as possible, for example - roads, health, education, clean water supply.</p>	<p>We involve local people in every development work we undertake. Senior citizens are consulted there. Similarly, local villagers will be involved in the committee.</p>
3)	<p>Planning regarding education, health and what can be done regarding the development of that village has not been mentioned. It should be explained.</p>	<p>Our projects are working in various areas. The framework which is planned every year regarding health, education and development of villages will be implemented here. First Need Base Study will be done here. If it is necessary to provide some facilities to the school building, they will be provided, skill development program will be implemented. The same policy will be implemented in health and employment.</p> <p>100% CSR fund will be used for development here. According to the directives of the Government, the</p>

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		share of fund distribution will have to be decided after discussing with Gram Panchayat, Gram Sevakas.
4)	If you do not have funds available to develop the village, you will not implement any scheme.	Project Proponent said that this would not happen. First, after discussing with the local Gram Panchayat, the plan is decided and funds are made available for it. However, we should be cautious about this. We can assure you that this issue will be included in the minutes of the meeting.
5)	Five persons from each village should be nominated from the local people and a Committee should be constituted.	Suggestions have been noted.

3) Shri Rahul Mahendra Zatte, Residence – Chinchala, Taluka – Maregaon, District – Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There is no mention of job opportunities in the project report. Dongargaon will be most affected village in this project. The literacy rate here is 76%. After the project starts here, if you are going to give job contract to the unemployed youths in the project, can any provision be made for it from now? However, it is necessary to create public awareness at the local level about what kind of education will be required in the proposed project. Here the local unemployed youth who are trained in ITI, diesel mechanic, welder etc. will get employment opportunity in the proposed project. It is necessary to brainstorm about this.	Project Proponent said that in the project, the local people will be given job opportunities according to their educational qualification and the need of the project. Local people will also be given priority for daily wage in the project.
		Project Proponent replied that "Skill Development Programs" are undertaken by this Group of this

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		Industries from time to time. Training will be given to develop the skills required in such projects and those who complete the training will be given priority according to the needs of the project. Those youth/girls may get opportunity in another project in the area.
2)	Now regarding the pollution i.e. Wani, Maregaon talukas or neighboring Chandrapur district, big promises are given to the farmers living near and adjacent to the project until the project starts. Those farmers suffer a lot. But once the project starts, no one asks him. When the project is completed, he dies while requesting to give justice, but no one looks at him. So, the wall that is built next to OB, how long it will last and how much trouble will that OB cause to that farmer. This needs to be deliberated. Because during digging, fertile land is disturbed. Where you take OB. Can that soil be used for cultivation under CSR fund? A policy needs to be decided in this regard.	Project Proponent said that after the completion of the project, objections were raised about the disturbance. So here our project is going to be done in 252.36 hectares. So after completion of the project in the mining area, it is mandatory to develop the area as a green belt or as a water body. The slope of each dipping shall be maintained. It will be protected by a wall. Care will be taken to ensure that there is no damage to the nearby farmers.
3)	We should carbon credit the amount of trees that will be cut due to this project development. Carbon credit is a good point. 50-60 years old trees of farmers will be cut. 33-34% of oxygen producing trees, 500 kg annual oxygen producing trees will be cut down. So the benefit of carbon credit must be given to those farmers. Development of green belt will not compensate for their loss. Pay farmers whatever they want for their land, but they must be paid for carbon credits also.	Since this issue is at the government level, the company cannot express its opinion on this. Company will accept the decision at the Government level.
4)	Third Point:- The project will cause land erosion, water and air pollution. Ground water will also be affected. Blasting will affect natural reserves. This project will also affect the streams that becomes alive during the monsoons.	Suggestions have been noted.

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	<p>This needs to be discussed here. The livelihood of some people also depends on that drain. They start the engine by pouring water on it. If their land is going to the project, how will they be rehabilitated? This information needs to go into the project report, as it is necessary to plan how to rehabilitate them.</p> <p>If O.B. If the drain is blocked due to soil, the farmer will not get water for his farm. Its rabi production will be affected.</p>	
5)	<p>In the surrounding villages which will be affected by the project, trees should be planted there to prevent dust pollution. Dust can travel long distances with the wind. However, trees should be planted scientifically.</p>	<p>Project will cause dust pollution. However, besides sprinkling water to suppress the dust, there was also the issue of planting trees. We agree 100% on this point. First local species will be planted, similarly tree species will be planted as per guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board for dust suppression.</p>

Here the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee instructed to give prompt reply to the issues raised in the meeting so far. He said that after the project promoters gave their answers, the attendees were invited to register their suggestions and objections.

4) Shri Uddhav Bhaurao Bodale, Residence – Bodi, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>What measures will be initiated not to block the borewell in the farm due to this project?</p>	<p>Project proponent said that most advanced system of "Control Delay Blasting system" will be adopted in the project. The explosives to be put into it are put in series. Modern systems of video are shown on television/cinema.</p> <p>The large building collapses in a few minutes due to the explosion, but the side wall is unharmed. The vibrations of that explosion are likely to cause the bore water in the area to go. It will</p>

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		<p>The long distance vibrations of the explosion will also be studied. Only then it will be detonated after reducing the long distance effect. Therefore, the possibility of road subsidence in the area is negligible. Even if there is still some modern system it will definitely be adopted. Similarly, ground water will be conserved. Pits will be prepared for that. Our requirement of ground water is very less, 15 kilo calery. The remaining water will be used for sprinkling the land, for green belt development. Outside the project area, the possibility of lowering of ground water level, closure of bores is negligible</p>
2)	<p>After the project starts, the traffic that will increase due to the production of the project, the road should be repaired first, because many roads in the area are narrow.</p>	<p>I agree with the opinion and there is a need to widen and repair the said road. We will continue to try to ensure that there is no problem in the transportation of the villagers. For this, the road will be repaired and widened if necessary. If the road is to be strengthened, it will be done.</p>

5) Sou. Hema Deshpande, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Recharge (conservation) of underground water should be reported here.</p>	<p>If the depth of pits and underground water in the project is calculated as the zone of influence of pits and stored water, then it is about one hundred meters. Our area is 252 hectares. Therefore, the effects outside the ML boundary are negligible. But even if there is a loss to someone, it will be redressed through the government system</p>

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6) Shri Dilip Ramdasji Bhojar, Residence-Wani, Taluka-Wani, District – Yavatmal -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Many companies are operating in this field. Every company says at the start that preference will be given to local people. However, if we look at the current situation in all the projects, more than 50% of the workers are from outside the village/outside the state.	Project Proponent said that 80% employment will be given to local people as per Maharashtra Government rules
2)	Another issue is preference for local people in the contractual system. Companies here have not given work to any contract organization in Wani area. Government should check the records of the companies	While hiring contract workers local – they will have educational qualification and will be given preference if they are required in the company.
3)	The third point is to conduct Skill Development Camps. So the company should provide information about how many camps have been conducted	How much skill development training camp – So we have done two batches of 30-30 and now intend to conduct technical skill development training. 112 women have been added to the SAG formation. A Need Base Study will be conducted for those who have less educational qualification, but want to develop technical skills. Our CSR funding budget will be based on how they are needed. 100% participation in this will be of villagers only.
4)	A dumper carrying 25-30 tonnes will carry 3,000.0 Tonnes of cargo per day. The roads here belong to the Public Works Department, Zilla Parishad. So are the roads in this area suitable for such traffic? This is an important point. If the roads are not passable, all our roads will be destroyed by company traffic. And the Government will find it hard to repair the damaged roads. But the potholes cause accidents and innocent local people die. Many people have been crushed by the	They say that the road here is not of that capacity. So we guarantee 100% that the road will be repaired, strengthened and widened if required. Only later our transport will be started.

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	dumpers of these companies in the forested areas. This is only due to the dumpers and trucks of many companies here	
5)	I am not against the project. This area will not develop without the project. But the purpose for which the project is started remains aside. They ask to plant trees, only prickly acacia is planted there. However, trees/green belt development must be done in a scientific manner. Breath is not only taken by the poor, but by all mankind, all animals. Everyone wants clean air. If mining is causing environmental degradation, if mining dust is being breathed into the stomach, why should we get sick because of mining dust?	A written statement here said that acacia trees (Babhul) should not be planted. So, we never plant acacia trees. We count the trees in the tree planting program. We planted twenty thousand trees in the tree plantation program. So there will not be 100% acacia in it. We are going to plant only local species of trees which are approved by the Forest Department
6)	Agriculture is the traditional business of farmers. It is destroyed and we are given a contract of employment only for one generation. After that, the thought of his next generation does not rule. Privatization is destroying jobs, while traditional agricultural businesses are being taken away.	Suggestions have been noted.
7)	Public hearings on environmental issues of many companies were held here. But how much of the promises they made at that time have been fulfilled? A "white paper" needs to be published on which companies have fulfilled the promises made in Environmental Public Hearings	Suggestions have been noted.
8)	A report by the Agriculture Department on agriculture here states that farm production has reduced by more than 50% due to dust blown by company trucks.	At that time, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee asked to raise the suggestions and objections. He suggested to present all the points in ten minutes.
9)	We had filed a petition in National Green Tribunal, Pune for the damage caused by the companies to the roads here and the trouble we local people are facing. Companies have been fined 100 crores. Against that, some companies have now	Suggestions have been noted.

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	approached to the Honourable Supreme Court of India. It should not happen here that only assurances are given, but they go to the Supreme Court without fulfilling it.	
10)	The owner of the company does not build a house here. Here we locals, here farmers have to stay. Here the local farmers objected that the Bore Wells are being used here. Farmers' borewells have been damaged due to mines here. However, the company should provide water to the farmers' fields at their own expense. The company should give a written undertaking to the government under the stamp of the court that if the company causes any loss to the farmer, it will be compensated within thirty days. The government should take such an undertaking from the company.	The loss of farmers should be paid within 30 days. So the answer is that if it is proved, then we will give the compensation within thirty days
11)	Company will use the local public road for their business. So instead of repairing the roads, the roads should be made new for the transportation of the company, about 30 tons. Only after that the company should transport. Otherwise we local people will not allow the transportation of the company.	Suggestions have been noted.
12)	At a time, one person is given job opportunity while acquiring two acres of land. When you are acquiring 250 hectares of land, at least 500 people should be employed. Only giving job opportunities to just 91-92 people is very less and not justifiable. At least, the job should be given according to the government policies. One job should be the rule like two acres, because what will the remaining children will do?	Priority will be given to local people in the project. Only as many persons as required in the project will be filled. Because the number of seats approved by the project administration will be filled. If a person with educational qualification is a local at that time, preference will be given to him/her.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that one employee should be responsible for collecting the signatures of the participants.

7) Shri Sumer Khan, Residence – Rajuja, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :-

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Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Mining will be implemented daily. So how will the water, air, sound pollution will be controlled? What measures will be implemented for it?	Project Proponent said that detailed information about this has been given in the presentation. Fugitive emissions are caused by blasting and transportation in mining activities. To bring it under control, we will implement most modern pollution control system in the project. Control Blasting guarantees minimal dust emissions. In order to prevent noise pollution, acoustic enclosure will be installed for the machines in the project, similarly trees will be planted. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the project will be prepared and implemented. It is guaranteed that there will be no side effect of pollution from this project.

8) Shri Rajendra Thakare, Residence – Mudhorni, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Be it a dam, a road or a mine, traditional farm land of a farmer is acquired. Generation after generation, he toils in the farm land and gives grains/foods to the society. He is derived from his ancestral job. Farmer is paid after acquisition of farmland and sometimes he is included in government jobs. His generational occupation is taken away in the name of development. Then whether he should sell bullock carts, and just ride around with bikes. If there are farmers	Project Proponent said that our company, gives good money whose land is acquired At that time there will be a financial advisor who will advise them on how to save and invest. If farmers agree with his advice, they should invest. It is not binding on farmers. We will give this advice. It is necessary

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who don't want to give their agriculture land for the projects, what is the Government's policy in this regard?	
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Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to register their suggestions and objections. There was no response from the audience. Convener opined that everyone seems to have raised their suggestions.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed to those present to register their suggestions and objections, if any, they should raise their hands. There was no response from the audience.

Contact was made regarding who is online. There was no one online.

Environment Public Hearing Committee directed MPCB to read the written suggestions/ objections received in the meeting and to reply to it be given by the Project Proponent.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that four submissions have been received. Convener said that he would first read out and it should be answered by the Project Proponent :-

WRITTEN SUBMISSIN NO.1 -

1) Save Earth Metro Urban & Rural Development Society

- From Rangarao Koka Konda -

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee read the written submissions (suggestions/objections) and Convener directed Project Proponent to reply-

- a) Your consultant has already done a baseline survey of Air, Water, Land is very good. I request that please collect data on health status of people and status of crop production and ground water availability:-

Answer :-

Project Proponent replied that these issues have already been answered.

We are studying the groundwater level. All directions of CGWA, Department of Central Government will be followed- Consolidated Hydro Geology Survey, planning/study of surrounding water storage, project water

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and ground water conservation. Due to this project, there will not have any adverse effect on the water sources, drains (seasonal and perennial) in the area.

We agree that we should study the current health status of the area. Health camps are organized from time to time regarding the health condition of the locality. Recently we had undertaken a health program in and around Mukutban. That's how we work.

- b) Please build a water harvesting structure and store the water. It is useful for industrial use and for developing groundwater levels in the area.

Answer:-

All measures to conserve rain water will be adopted. All the necessary structures will be built. Similarly, water storage tank will be developed. Rain water harvesting and recharge system will be provided;

- c) Village tree plantation in nearby villages and roadside tree plantation for internal roads. You should prefer fruit bearing plants and plants with medicinal value.

Answer :-

This question has already been answered. Local species of plants will be planted. Similarly, cultivation of medicinal plants will definitely be considered in tree plantation program.

- d) Please give top priority to employ local educated unemployed youth.

Answer :-

Locals will be given priority in employment as per their educational qualification and project requirements.

- e) Training the unemployed youth in better skills will help them get better opportunities in the industry, the rest of the youth will find employment in other industries.

ANSWER:-

Skill Development Programme will be implemented. Skill development programs will be undertaken to enable the local youth to get employment in other projects apart from this project

f) Village Committee for Villages -

A committee will be formed alongwith eminent persons of the village. Considering the needs of the village, the project will definitely help those plans.

g) To promote public awareness programmes; Rural primary education for the weaker sections;

Answer :-

If any educational, health infrastructure is required to be developed in the project affected village, they will definitely be provided. If there is a high need for education, educational programmes will be undertaken for that purpose.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS No.2 -

GREAT INNOVATION NATURAL & ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

a) Industry should provide employment to youth, local people according to their required qualifications, also industry should prepare self employment scheme for local people.

Answer :-

Efforts will be made to empower those who are self help groups. Whether they have employment or business, efforts will be made to empower them.

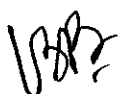
b) Cement road, drainage and other infrastructure development issues.

Answer:-

Company will definitely be involved in providing the infrastructure in the area.

c) _Get Study Circle, equipped library and training for local youth to secure better employment and civic services.

Answer:-



We have provided coaching classes and the necessary trained teachers and out of it, 2-3 people have passed the civil examination and joined the government service. If students are eager here, then 100% library, coaching class will definitely be considered for it.

d) 25% of the profit should be used by the company for the development of local people or employees

Answer -

Apart from the CSR and CER funds for the project, additional funds will be provided if the villagers have an urgent need for any development work.

e) Please give brief information on elimination of air, water and soil pollution

Answer:-

An Environment Management Plan has been prepared for the project and maximum implementation will be done for pollution control. Therefore, there will be no adverse effect on the surrounding area.

f) Ensuring that the environment is maintained for the survival of all living beings. Industry should achieve gender equality in the workplace and pay workers and plant trees and plant more trees.

Answer :-

We also believe in gender equality. Be it salary, work and remuneration, we follow gender equality. There is no discrimination. But we employ women workers only if they are available in the support staff in the field of mining.

g) Mass country plantation and daily growth

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Answer -

Attention will be paid.

Pollution to environment should be secured.

Here Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants that before the next written statement is read, if anyone has any suggestions, views, objections, they can raise it. If there are any new villagers, they will be given a chance after two written statements.



9) Shri Usman Farukh Burani, Residence – Chikangaon, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	You people do blasting in mines, you do drilling for blasting, so what is drilling fuel.	The project officer replied that non-electric detoners would be used will take fuel.
2)	It is information that if you use fuel, you will emit carbon. If you are going to do blasting in such a large area. Then inform when you are going to stop using of fuel. I am informed that instead of using fuel for drilling, most advanced drilling equipment should be used. Also that electricity should be generated by solar power itself without carbon credit/foot print. That means the carbon emission foot print can be reduced. That means you have to set up a solar power plant. You should drill with the help of that solar energy. If you are going to undertake such a big project, if you do this little thing, your carbon foot print can read.	Efforts will definitely be made to take a positive decision in this regard by the Project Proponent. Project Officer replied that the electric blasting machine was not ready. Only after it is available, we will be able to use it immediately.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed back to the audience that those who want to register suggestions, objections, should do so.

Further written suggestions read by Convener -

WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS NUMBER – 3 -

SAVE METRO, URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY- N. K. Ashok, President –

- a) Steps taken to prevent pollution of the environment as per government regulations

Answer -

Directives as passed by Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will be followed strictly.



- b) Programs for unemployed youth and providing employment to eligible candidates

Answer -

The said suggestion has been noted and accordingly skill training schemes will be implemented keeping in mind the local needs. E.g. To start diploma courses for the children of class VII to IX, as well as recognizing the needs of the children here,

- c) Development of affected villages should go to village committee
Funds will be made available only for social works approved by Gram Sabha.
- d) Surrounding the company are green belt, fruit bearing trees and trees of medicinal value.

Answer -

Suggestion has been noted. Convener suggested to give information about where to plant medicinal value plants. Project officer said that Alo Vera has been planted.

- e) To help the surrounding villages.

Answer -

Help will be provided according to the needs of that village. E.g. Cataracts are high here. Accordingly, camps will be organized from time to time for care instructions, surgery etc. and for medical check up.

Our mobile medical van goes to the village every day.

- f) Convener said that there has been a lot of demand in the meeting regarding the local employment agreement, clarification on this –

Answer -

In the project, priority will be given in employment according to the educational qualification and the needs of the company.

- 10) **Shri Mangesh Pachbahi, Residence – Adegaon, Taluka – Zari, District – Yavatmal:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public
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		Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Nothing was said about the land rate. How compensation will be given while acquiring land. Will you pay in one installment or in installments? Will the land be acquired unilaterally or will it be taken gradually? Explanation about it. Similarly, will you build your own road or use public roads for the transportation for the project? What will be the transport capacity?	Project Proponent said that the land will be purchased through negotiation with the owner of the land. Land will not be purchased through any other sources. Now we need 70-80 hectares of land to buy the land we need. Land purchase is a process. The purchase of that land will never be stopped. Negotiations will be done with the original owner.
2)	It should not happen that the surrounding farmers will suffer.	Project Officer said that this should not happen. As much as we need, we have to take next to him. Now the explanation regarding transportation. The public roads that our heavy vehicles will pass through will be strengthened and widened if necessary. Only after that the traffic will be started. Reinforcements will be done so that the capacity of our trucks, dumpers can withstand the road.

Convener requested the participants to raise any suggestions or objections

11) Shri Satish Vinayak Rajurkar, Residence – Bodi, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	How many locals people will get employment opportunities from this. As Mookutban is happening now. The children of the farmers whose lands have been lost are given employment at a salary of eight, nine, ten thousand rupees. Explanation about this.	Around 92 jobs will be available in the project. There will be jobs available in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories. He said that preference will be given to local people in the project based on educational qualification and available positions in the company. This guarantee is provided by the project management. 92 actual jobs will be created in the project. Apart

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		<p>This guarantee is provided by the project management. 92 actual jobs will be created in the project. Apart from that, there will be a huge increase in indirect employment in the area.</p> <p>E.g. – Vehicles required for transportation, two wheeler repair workshop, tea tapri, leaf tapri etc. Contracts for company works will be awarded if locally competent.</p>
2)	Questioner asked if some contractual arrangements were made to take the Mukutban	Company officials said that priority will be given to local people in the project. Also, even if the worker is on contract basis, the project administration will take care that his job will not be lost. But it is the decision of the factory management whether the post should be contractual or permanent on the payroll. Therefore the concerned worker will not lose his job.
3)	So what guarantee will the company give to the children of those farmers? Because there will be profit and loss in the company.	Company officials said that no one can be guaranteed his job in a private company. Therefore, no guarantee can be given
4)	Objections were raised that attempts were made to remove them and hire outsiders.	If a person is doing a good job, why would the company fire him?
5)	Also the villages around Mukutban are neglected. They don't get funding. However, we need assurance that the CSR here will be used here, as we have observed that step motherly treatment is given to us.	The answer is given earlier. We are going to start Need Base Analysis in all project affected villages. A plan will be made for those who need it.
6)	Damage to health. People here suffer from itching. As there is no Reverse Osmosis (RO) project, the incidence of kidney failure in the village is very high. A study of the villages in the area reveals that the people there are suffering from itching to a great extent. However, the explanation of the measures you are going to take in this regard.	Company will provide R.O. system in each village

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Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to register any suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project. The newly arrived villagers were asked if they had any demands. If anyone wants to submit a written statement, they can submit it. The statement will be read out in the meeting and Project Proponent will reply to it.

WRITTEN SUGGESTION NO.4 -

Shri. Vijay Pidurkar, Former Member – Zilla Parishad -

Point No. 1 -

When there is lease of 152.6 hector, you will acquire only 92 hectares of land. Then there is no disclosure regarding the rest of the land.

Answer -

Project Proponent answered that we have received the plots through Maharashtra Government's e-auction. As of today, expansion is allowed only up to 70-80 hectares where minerals are present. We are going to consider 252 hectares of land. If minerals are found there, then 100% remaining land will be acquired.

Point No.2 -

Only 92 persons will be employed. The category of the post has not been shown.

Answer -

Project Promoter said that the categories are categorized as – highly skilled, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled. The employment capacity of the company as on today's date is indicated. So only 92 persons will get job.

Point No.3 -

Mining will be done for eight years, where will the remaining service will be continued?

Answer -

Eight years of jobs service will be provided here. If other minerals are found, mining will be continued. At that time the rest of the service period will be continued.



It is not mentioned how much will be excavated?

Answer –

The quarry is for limestone and if other minerals are found, the quarry will be extended, new people will be hired if needed. Local people will always be given priority in employment.

Point No.5 -

It is not clarified how the CSR funds will be given to the three villages in different areas.

Answer –

As per government norms, CSR funds will be distributed according to the needs of the village. CSR funds will be utilized at the local level only.

Point No.6 -

Will you build a security wall while mining or carry open mining?

Answer:-

Security wall will be built around mining and dugging yard.

Point No.7 -

You will transport 30 tons from Degaon to Mukutban. Are you going to build a new road for it?

Answer:-

Project Promoter said that this has been answered. The said public road will be strengthened, repaired and widened if necessary.

Point No.8 -

The road will deteriorate with use, its periodic repair.

Answer:-

The project promoter said that this has been answered. Repairs, strengthening and widening if required.

Point No.9 -

Information regarding 50 years' lease area and whether full time job opportunities and CSR will be given for the next 50 years.

Answer:-

Project officer said that this has been answered.

In the present situation, we have received these plots through e-auction of Maharashtra Government. As of today, expansion is allowed only upto 70-80 hectares, where minerals are in existence. We are going to consider 252 hectares of land. If minerals are found there, then 100% remaining land will be taken.

Point No. 10 –

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has given proposal at page no.35, in 0.16 for employment.

Will the company guarantee that this will not be an issue?

Answer -

That won't happen. But any order given by the government will be strictly followed.

Point No. 11 -

It is not disclosed that the price is low and will be given as per the provisions of LARR 2011.

Answer -

We will negotiate face to face with the original owner.

Point No 12 -

Mentioning names of trees will not save the environment.

Answer -

The species of trees to be planted have been certified by Environmental Experts.

Point no. 13:-

Why the private mines taking up at Avarala when the above district is under Palsoda lease?

Answer -



The raw material which is required, has to be bought. It is raw material and it is being procured officially. We have obtained all the necessary government licenses for the same.

Point no. 14 :-

Whether such permission has been taken, and its terms and conditions are not mentioned.

Answer -

Terms and Conditions will be followed strictly.

Point no. 15 :-

Information has been given to the forest department

Answer -

Schedule 1 plan has been given to the Forest Department. No wildlife has been found in the project area. But outside of 10 km of the project periphery, plan will be submitted.

Point no. 16 :-

When this Mine will be in operation and whether duration of operation will be eight years? Afterwards, under whom the possession of the land will be – company, owner or farmers. Details should be given.

Answer -

Information about this has been given in the Mining Plan. Then we will study. If we have to withdraw environmental clearance, we will take it back. Central government issues a mining plan while granting permission. Those terms and conditions will be followed.

Point no. 17 :-

As it is 500 meters away, the school will be informed about the blasting, but what is the solution plan for the disruption of concentration and disruption in education?

Answer – Blasting will not carried in school timings.

Point No. 18: -

The vibrations caused by the blasting will crack the walls of the nearby villages and destroy the aquatic life. Remedy on it.

Answer -

Project Officer said that experts will study how far the vibrations will go. Our blasting is designed accordingly. Here is delay based blasting. Therefore, it is not possible for the vibrations to go up very far.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their hands if they have any suggestions or questions.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that villagers who just came is appealed that if they wanted to present their views, raise their hand, the mike will be made available to them.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION NO.5 :-

Shri Satish Vinayak Rajurkar, Shri Arvind Mahadeo, Shri Pramod Mahadeo Kamble, Shri Ravindra Maruti Kanghate -

Point No. 1 -

Water Depletion -

Answer -

Project officer replied that there is nothing to do with the water level going down.

Point No. 2 -

Ground Water Recharge

Answer -

Complete Hydrological Study has been done here. Water from catchment area will be released in pits. It will go underground as seepage. By measuring it, we will release the water. Therefore, the underground water level will remain intact. There will be no shortage. The drain is 800 meters away from the project.

Convener asked the length of the drain. Project authority said that we will not do Nalla Diversion.

At that time, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that O.B. should not go into the drain.

Project Officer said that the dumping yard will keep it at a distance of 150 meters. Its slope will be maintained and a retention wall will be built. In any case, O.B. will not go down the drain.

Point no 3 -

Clogging of bore wells of farmers –

Answer –

There is no possibility of farmers' bore wells getting blocked. But if the borewell gets blocked because of us, we will compensate 100%. If it is confirmed, they will be given another bore. There is blasting and transportation, so there is no dust problem. The main issue here is fugitive emissions. Appropriate measures will be taken to control it. So the fugitive emissions will remain within the prescribed limits only.

Point No.4 -

Impact on crops due to dust causing reduction in yield

Answer -

Sprinkling water on the road will continue to be our regular activity. Water will be sprinkled on the roads where our vehicles pass, so the crops will not be affected.

Point No.5 -

Locals will be unemployed -

Due to reduction in pollution, all the resources here will be used for the project, thus the project will increase and unemployment will decrease.

Point No.6 -

Considering the above losses, proper action should be taken regarding the losses to the concerned farmers before the mining starts.

Bore well closure, dust damage should be provided annually.

Priority should be given in employment.

Answers are given.

**12) Shri Nilesh Gulab Bonde, Residence –Dahegaon, Taluka – Wani,
District – Yavatmal :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion

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1)	Just now, you have said that we will pay compensation if bore wells are closed due to blasts. But there was a case in Mukutban with this company that the farmer had to fight in court for 2-3 years. Then the management of this company agreed to pay the respective farmers.	Project Proponent replied that how we will pay the concerned farmer unless it is certified that the borewell was closed because of us? For that we had to appoint an Expert to consult. As a neighborly religion / friend, we had given compensation to the concerned farmers. We restarted the bore of the concerned farmer.
2)	Objections have been raised that blasting alters underground flows	Project Proponent have done a thorough study of the underground flow, water while surveying the project. Our ability to use explosives is low. Ours is surface mining. Explosives are different between co-gen mining and surface mining. Still 100% compensation will be given in case of loss.
3)	It will be investigated	Project Proponent said that if this happens, it will be remedied in two months.
4)	The road carrying limestone should be four-lane. Twelve tons cannot be transported on existing public roads. Project Proponent will transport thirty tons. If you do not make the road first, the number of accidents due to project traffic will increase. So after the death of local farmers and locals in the accident, are the project promoters going to repair the road?	Project Proponent said that the said road will be repaired, strengthened and widened if necessary. The traffic will be started only later.
5)	Now, the project promoter said that the said road will be repaired, strengthened and widened if necessary, but first it is expected to lay the foundation for the road.	Suggestion is noted.
6)	Dust from the project will affect the production of agricultural crops on both sides of the road. Who will compensate for the decrease in income?	Compensation will be paid if it is proved that compensation has been paid by us.
7)	Acquisition of agricultural land here will render thousands of people unemployed. If it will only employ 92 people, is this company beneficial to the owner or beneficial to the farmer?	The employment capacity of the project is 92 persons only. Various activities will be implemented to continue their employment. Locals will be given priority while providing

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		employment in the project. Similarly, skill development program will be undertaken for local empowerment.
8)	What activities will be undertaken under the CSR fund in the project affected villages?	Various social activities will be undertaken in the village. For this, Gram Panchayat and prominent citizens of the village will be involved
9)	Due to the damage due to the project dust in that village, the locals will have to face many diseases. Measures for that.	Project Proponent said that first care will be taken to prevent pollution. First it will be seen how the health status will improve there.

WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS NO.6 –

Dr. Mahendrasing Dhavade & Balasaheb Raste -

Point No. 1 –

The coal mines that are currently operating in the Wani area, their traffic is unregulated and is causing pollution in the first place. And this project will add to that. Decreased number of trees, increasing heat has adversely affected human life. Won't it grow?

Answer -

It will be taken care of. Water sprinkling from the road, green belts will be developed in the surrounding areas. This project will not cause any ill effects.

Point No.2 –

It is necessary to take care of trees, reservoirs and agricultural land in the area of Saval, Ruikot, Pardi villages in Zari Zamani taluka. Human life is at risk

Answer -

Project Proponent said that the environmental management plan was detailed in the initial presentation. It will be strictly followed. Such a situation is unlikely to occur.

Point No.3 –

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The farmers of this area should not be spoiled by depleting the underground water level by exterminating the animals. This is an environmental activist we need.

Answer -

Suggestion was noted.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION No. 7 -

WELFARE FOR PEOPLE'S FOUNDATION – K. Sree Devi, President -

I recommend unconditional Environmental Clearance (EC) to the above project. We want to support and agree with you personally. The proposed project will be beneficial to the above local people as more infrastructure and improvement will provide road network in the village area.

Pipeline construction in major residential areas should be avoided.

Answer -

Project Proponent said that there is no plan to build the pipeline in the colonial, residential areas.

POINT No..2 -

Health card provided to the local people and basic amenities to the men working in the mines. CSR Fund for the benefit of the people.

Answer –

As per approval, CSR funds will be spent on local village schemes.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee on Environment appealed to all to submit suggestions and objections.

13) **Shri Pramod Lode, Gaon – Dongargaon Bhilodi, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My brother has a farm here. Here it is classified as Khadikaran. But here the	Project Promoter said that we will negotiate with the original owner and



	stone/drop of dolomine is 300 feet. But here it is classified as Khadikaran. So the question is how the farmer will get the price/valuation	acquire the land. Land will not be purchased by any other means. The price of the land will be approved only with the consent of both. The process of land purchase will be started only after getting all the government permissions.
2)	There are unemployed children. So it should be said that this rate was possible. Also the farmer should get his due remuneration. Let's see that no one has been cheated or ambushed.	The process of land purchase will be started only after getting all the government permissions. The price of the land will be approved only with the consent of both.
3)	There is a drop of dolomite. You say limestone. The rate of limestone and dolomite is different	Project Proponent said that we want to make cement, so the Indian government does not want to give us limestone. We don't need dolomite, so we won't take it. If dolomite is required in future, dolomite will be procured regularly by us.

14) Shri Babarao Maruti Kakde, Residence – Dongargaon, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal :

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My bore well is adjacent to the company. It will affected and stop once the company starts.	Project Proponent has guaranteed that the bore will not be encroached by the project. Measures will be taken to avoid stopping of bore. Here a protected distance from the bore well will be observed. But if there is any damage and it is proved that it is due to our project, it will be compensated.

15) Shri Vinod Milmile, Residence – Dongargaon, Taluka – Wani, District – Yavatmal –

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		Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Hon. Collector Sir, survey number is taken here but serial number is not taken. Some survey numbers have been taken in between. My survey number is 36. So, he took 35 and took three gaps. If number 39 is taken, whether we will be paid?	As per directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the mining area has been acquired by the Maharashtra Government through e-auction. So which survey numbers should be taken and which ones should be left has been decided by the Maharashtra government and the survey numbers have been given to us by the Maharashtra government. Maharashtra government has given these mines. We are allowed to work only on that survey number. Company is not responsible for any survey number to be left or taken
2)	My farm is below the tower. Also, by taking the side plot, our access roads will be closed.	If your plots contain minerals, there is a different process for that. But the company cannot do anything by itself. The company has no involvement in installing electric poles.
3)	We have three acres of land. What should we do? Because our way is going to be closed. You have taken the surrounding land and we are left in the middle	Project Proponent said that you have a fundamental right to freedom of movement. Therefore, it is mandatory for the Government and the company to give you a place for movement. Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee instructed Project Proponent to ensure that the passage of the concerned person should be taken into account keeping in mind the survey number of the person concerned.
4)	Collector Sir, can I give my grievance in writing?	Chairman said that you can give in writing. Today is Environmental public hearing. All the points raised by you are being noted and will be included in the minutes. Apart from that, if anyone wants to register suggestions, objections, they should contact Collector Office-Yavatmal or Tehsil Office.

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WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS – No.8 – Shri Deepak Dixit –

Wani, Maregaon which is an industrial area, has high air quality i.e. PM10 – 2,5; NOx exceeds national standards.

Here the Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed that the persons sitting at the back had just arrived. If they want to present their demand, they should raise their hands.

Apart from that, till this written statement continues, the government officials who are standing outside will request the persons standing outside to sit and raise their views in the mandap.

Convener said that PM10 – 2,5; The limit of NOx has been exceeded here. PM10 – more than 2.5 and NOx and SO2 more than 80. Your project will add to it.

Project Proponent said that the baseline survey of the area has been done. Air Pollutants are detected within the prescribed limits passed by the Central Government.

Convener, read out the statement that – the parameters in various locations are not real but false.

Project Officer said that the area has been surveyed and analyzed. All the proofs, photos are attached with the EIA report.

Point No.. 3 -

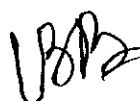
No details have been mentioned by the project promoter in the executive summary.

Answer –

All the above information has been submitted by us along with the EIA report. All eight locations were for water, air, and soil, all of which are included in the EIA report.

Point No.4 -

Not all measures to effectively control gas emissions and eliminate stack emissions.



This question has been answered. Pollution on Sponge Iron Plant – We don't have any project.

Point No. 5 -

There shall be no monitoring of ground water levels and its available quantity will be deteriorated. For residential area or Wani and Maregaon and nearby villages above the limits which is 55 dBA for residential area, 75 for industrial area, when did these activities will start, noise levels will go up. Noise levels are in prescribed standards.

Point No. 6 -

Beyond the prescribed limits , the above project falls under Tipeswar Corridor, therefore the proposed project will hamper the wild life.

The said corridor has been left for you to check.
The corridor does not pass through the project area

Point No. 7 -

For blasting, there are no mitigation measures to control ground vibrations.

Answer -

All the information about this is given in the Presentation.

Point No. 8-

It is proposed to implement green belt along with roads and structures.

Answer -

Information about how many trees will be planted in the presentation is given in the Presentation.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed that an opportunity is given for anyone to speak. He said that those who are standing outside the pandol are being given five minutes if they want to speak. They can come in and speak, they are given five minutes. It has been 03.53 p.m. Those who want to express their views, are being given an opportunity and the Project Proponent will give an answer. Those who are sitting in the pandol meanwhile can register any suggestions, objections they may have. There was no response from the audience.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting said that the meeting was attended by a large number of people from across the country, from the state of Maharashtra and also from the project affected villages here. Everyone was allowed to speak. People have their say. However, the last opportunity is given to record suggestions, objections, thoughts. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that here various people have registered their suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project. Some written representations have been received for the meeting and those have also been answered by the Project Proponent.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that despite repeated requests to the public, no one raised their hands to make suggestions. Local farmers and others present in the meeting have left after giving their opinion. Hence, Environment Public Hearing Committee came to the conclusion that local people and other participants have been given enough time to raise their suggestions, objections and after raising it, they left the place.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that today Project Proponent presented the project of RCCPL Private Company, Dongargaon Limestone Mine, Area 252.36 Hectares, Location – Dongargaon, Dahegaon and Wegaon in three villages and Wani and Maregaon Talukas of Yavatmal District.

After that, after the presentation in front of the people who were present, the issues and questions asked by the participants were answered by the Project Proponent. Project Proponent have replied to the written representations received in the meeting and to the written representations received earlier. It is hereby announced that if the suggestions, objections are received by mail till 6.00 pm today, Project Proponent should submit their replies for the minutes of the public hearing.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that according to the rules of the government, the public hearing process has been completed by giving full notice to the people in advance in the newspaper, giving full notice to the notified government departments and village level and then giving full time in the meeting. The people who wanted to have a say, have recorded suggestions, objections and the project promoters have responded to them.

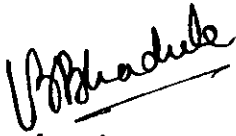


Minutes of the meeting will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after approval of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Quarters, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai with Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, written suggestions/objections and answers to them by the Project Proponent. An Expert Committee there will take the appropriate decision in this regard.


Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked all the participants and declared the public hearing concluded as Chairman of the Committee.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked Chairman and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee and all the participants, company officials, government officials.

Enclosed herewith 14 written suggestions/objections as received.



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