

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF CEMENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF STANDALONE GRINDING UNIT FROM 2.0 MILLION TPA TO 5.4 MILLION TPA AT VILLAGES – TARSA, ASHATI & NAVEGAON, TALUKA-MAUDA, DISTRICT-NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S ULTRA TECH CEMENT LIMITED (UTCL), 'B' WING , AHURA CENTRE, 1ST FLOOR, MAHAKALI CAVES ROAD, ANDHERI EAST, MUMBAI – 400 093, MAHARASHTRA

Date : 26-10-2023
Time : 11.00 a.m.
Place : Project Site –
At Ultra Tech Cement Limited (UTCL)
Villages – Tarsa, Ashati & Navegaon,
Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur, Maharashtra State

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s Ultra Tech Cement Limited (UTCL), 'B' Wing, Ahura Centre, 1st Floor, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East, Mumbai – 400 093, Maharashtra has applied to Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, (GoM), Mumbai 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 the proposed expansion in existing plant of cement production capacity of Standalone Grinding Unit from 2.0 Million TPA to 5.4 Million TPA at Villages – Tarsa, Ashati & Navegaon, Taluka-Mauda, District – Nagpur, Maharashtra.

State Environment Impact Appraisal Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, Maharashtra approved Terms of Reference (ToR) on 13-03-2023. 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 3 (b) , it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from SEIAA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Project Proponent M/s Ultra Tech Cement Limited (UTCL), has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 25-08-2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion in existing plant of cement production capacity of Standalone Grinding Unit from 2.0 Million TPA to 5.4 Million TPA at Villages – Tarsa, Ashati & Navegaon, Taluka-Mauda, District – Nagpur.

District Collector, Nagpur, in co-ordination with MPCB Nagpur Office, approved to hold physical public hearing on 26-10-2023 at project site at Villages – Tarsa, Ashati & Navegaon, Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur, Maharashtra State.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Nagpur-2, MPCB Nagpur (30 days before 26-10-2023) in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Hitavad, Nagpur Edition for English on 22-09-2023 (**Annexure-**

I) 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 Nagpur office till the date of public hearing. Sub Regional Office, Nagpur-II was in receipt of two suggestions/objections by hand/email.

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) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur – 440 0001;
- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 3) Dy. Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 4) Regional Officer, Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5th Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur -
- 5) Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-II, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5th Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur -
- 6) District Collector, Nagpur;
- 7) District Industries Centre, Nagpur;
- 8) Zilla Parishad, Nagpur;
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office-Mauda, Taluka –Mauda, District – Nagpur;
- 10) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Mauda, Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur;
- 11) Panchayat Samiti, Mauda, Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur;
- 12) Chief Officer, Municipal Council- Mauda, Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur;
- 13) Gram Panchayat Offices – Tarsa / Ashati / Navegaon Taluka – Mauda, District – Nagpur;
- 14) Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board;

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.06 to 14 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, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-68/2023 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-23092FTS- 0311, dated 25/09/2023 as under **(Annexure-II)** :-

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

This office is in receipt 02 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 **(Annexure-III)**.

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-IV)**.

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the public hearing Shri Atul Satfale, Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Panel welcomed Shri Subhash Chaudhari, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel & Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Panel, 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 public hearing further informed that these hearing is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Panel 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 along with final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public

Hearing Panel through MPCB Head Office to Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the public hearing panel further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographs and video is being shoot. 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 Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Panel, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

The project proponent made a presentation in Marathi language about the expansion of the project and the Environment Management Plan. The following points were mainly explained in the presentation

- Details about 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, participants were appealed to raise any suggestion, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising suggestion, objection, full name and name of the village please be informed.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Panel said in the public hearing that whatever written representations/objections have been registered, they will be sent to the Government. Similarly, if any of the participants desires to register only a written statement/objection, they can hand over it to the representative of MPCB. It will be acknowledged.

Shri Sanjay Satyakar, Kanhan, Taluka-Parashivani, Distt-Nagpur objected at the beginning of the presentation that he had not received the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the executive summary report was made available to him by MPCB Nagpur Office. Also Shri Sanjay Satyakar objected that there is a discrepancy between the Executive Summary Report and the presentation here. Convener suggested that the presentation be done first. He instructed to give a copy of the presentation to Shri Sanjay Satyakar.

At that time Shri Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khandala said that the copy of the presentation was not available in the Gram Panchayat office. Convener said that a copy of the presentation is not being made available. Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Executive Summary Report are to be made available. He showed the acknowledgment in the meeting that he had made it available in the Gram Panchayat office.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel directed to make available a copy to Shri Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khandala. Project Proponent stated that in the presentation covers the main points of the Executive Summary Report. He introduced himself as Shri K.V. Reddy, Environment Consultant and gave presentation in Hindi.

Shri Sanjay Satyakar, Kanhan, Taluka--Parashivani, District-Nagpur objected that the Environmental Consultant who prepared the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, is expected to make a presentation. Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel instructing them to sit down and remarked that we have allowed the project promoters to make presentations and it cannot be your choice as to who should make the presentation and also Chairman informed Mr. Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khandala that he had noted the non-availability of the copy and instructed him not to raise unnecessary issues.

After the presentation was completed, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel said in the meeting that the project proponent has informed about the potential environmental impact of the proposed project, benefits at the local level.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that some written objections have been received regarding the Code of Conduct. But our Environmental Public Hearing Notice pre-dates the Code of Conduct. Our public hearing notice was published in one local and one national Newspaper on 22.09. 2023. So, the point is made clear that our process has already begun. However, this issue should not be considered again in the meeting.

At that time Shri Sanjay Satyakar, Kanhan, Taluka-Parashivani, District-Nagpur asked about the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) not being made available. Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that EIA is Draft EIA. You are provided with an Executive Summary Report.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that any objections to be registered regarding the EIA will be noted. Shri Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khandala objected that my village is one km distance from the project site. EIA report has not been given to me. Chairman informed that it has been recorded.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that the said document is in the notified offices of the Government i.e. Collector's Office-Nagpur, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nagpur, Sub Divisional Officer-Mauda, Tehsil Office-Mauda, Nagar Panchayat, as well as the Gram Panchayat in which the project is in operation. Environment Impact Assessment Report and Executive Summary Report were made available to the respective Gram Panchayat as per Rules. Accordingly, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Executive Summary Report have been made available to Gram Panchayats of Tarsa, Ashti and Navegaon, Taluka-Mouda, District-Nagpur and the acknowledgment is available here. Similarly, it was made available at the website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. It means other people, gram panchayats could take it from the website and other notified offices.

Because there will be many such villages, it is not possible to provide copies to all of them. However, you can study from the notified office or Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office at Nagpur. Convener said that notices in local and national newspapers were published thirty days in advance as per Environmental Impact Notification. No objection has been registered in this regard within thirty days, but the objection raised by you will be recorded in the minutes.

As the presentation was made in Hindi language by the Project Proponent, it was not understood by the common people here. It was opined that the presentation should be made in Marathi, the official language of the Government of Maharashtra.

Convener suggested that the presentation be made in Marathi as per the demand of the locals. According to them, the Project Proponent made all the presentations in Marathi.

During the presentation in Marathi, the attendees asked about where the inquiry was conducted. The project promoter said it was not required.

Shri Suresh Bhelkar, Former Upsarpanch, Ashti Gram Panchayat, District-Nagpur – The project is a project that will cause hardship to the affected villages. However, you should listen to the problems of the people involved in the project, then listen to the problems of other, outsiders. The villages affected by the project are Ashti, Navegaon and Tarsa. Also state that, our agriculture land and crop yield affected by this project.

Shri Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khandala objected that, the project proponent not enter tent out problem and letter regarding our issues i.e. they do not even accept the letter. Some participants collectively objected that Ultra-Tech was filing false cases against the persons who objected against existing unit.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel appealed to the participants to raise the objections they want to raise in a peaceful manner. Those whose agriculture land & crop has been damaged should present their objections it is recorded by the panel.

Project Proponent said that we will understand if one speaks calmly. At that time, many of the participants were jointly telling Environmental Public Hearing Panel about their issues against existing project. They opined that Environment Public Hearing Panel should take our concerns seriously. Chairman said that if one speaks at a time, it would be possible to record it.

Participants gathered together and said that first the people of the project affected villages will first register their suggestions and objections, then other people should raise their objections.

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

1) Shri Dyaneshwar Hemaji Kute, At Post -Ashati, Taluka-Mouda, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I say that you have fixed the date of public hearing on 26 October, 2023. Ashti Gram Panchayat Election Code of Conduct came into effect on October 26, 2023 as per Election Commission of Government of Maharashtra. Hence, Chairman should give a written letter with his signature stating that this Environmental public hearing will not violate the election code of conduct, otherwise the public hearing should be declared cancelled/dismissed. Participants supported for issuance of letter from Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Panel.	The Chairperson replied that he had already answered the matter, and now the public hearing is going on, so the said public hearing is being conducted as per rules. In response to the Chairman to give a written letter, the Chairman said that your question has been recorded, your question is now over, now let others speak. Mr. Kute refused it. The Chairman said that. A written letter cannot be given here, but suggestions or objections from the public are accepted in written form in public hearings
2)	Also, now Project Proponent has said that there is no pollution from the company, there is nothing from the dust, but the pollution caused by the company in 2016, the letter is here.	The Chairman instructed to submit a written letter.
3)	You fixed the public hearing date. Government of Maharashtra does not allow village representatives to speak on 15th August, 26th January due to Election Code of Conduct. So, did your public hearing get bigger than that? First project affected villages Tarsa, Ashti, Navegaon should be heard first, then other villages should be considered.	Suggestion is noted.
4)	A people's representative has taken a 'No Objection Certificate' regarding the project by putting pressure on the Sarpanch without taking the consent of the Gram Sabha.	Suggestion is noted.
5)	From 2013, sent many letters about the environment here. It has been ten years today. Still no reply. In this environmental meeting, it was necessary to bring together the people of the project affected villages of Tarsa, Ashti, Navegaon. It is said not to speak in the public hearing. Project is in Ashti, but they talk about Nagpur.	The suggestion was noted. Also, the project promoters gave assurances to fulfill the promises.

2) Shri Chandrakant Raut, At Post Ashati, Taluka -Mouda, District Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The election process has started and the sanctioned symbols were given yesterday. We have quarrels. This public hearing of yours will create a commotion in the village and Government is supporting quarrels among the people of the village	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that this is an Environmental Public Hearing and hence only environmental suggestions and objections should be raised by the participants regarding the proposed project.
2)	Ten years ago, a public hearing was held while starting the project. No issues are resolved yet, then what issues are going to be resolved immediately by holding this public hearing when code of conduct is declared?	Suggestion has been noted.

3) Shri Sanket Zade, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Khandala, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	A letter was sent to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board six months ago, still no response. If given to Ultra Tech, they return it without taking it.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	Legal NOC of the first project should be shown.	Informed to project proponent.

4) Shri Bhushan Shamraoji Lohbare, Residence, District-Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We farmers are able to raise our issues before the Government. Others should not interfere. First you (Government) should come to our farm and inspect the damage caused to us by the company.	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed him to give a survey number of agriculture fields.

5) Shri Ashish Meher, At Post – Navegaon, District – Nagpur :

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There were many objections in 2013. Shri Reddy should tell what work he has done on it. Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) should be made available in Maharashtra Government's official language in Marathi first. Let the innocent farmers and people here first understand the project, then this public hearing should be conducted.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	It is all done by one person while preparing EIA. The same person takes the noise pollution data, water pollution data, the same person taken other notes, then company should bring so called expert person before us. The is our cry of ten years.	Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the objection is noted.
3)	The information of number of trees given by the company is incorrect, the company does not have such number of trees. Though, in the report of the company, it is informed that the dust affects the human respiratory and heart, the company has not conducted any health check up for their workers periodically. Company should give Mediclaim / Insurance policy to two persons from each family in the project affected villages i.e. Tarsa, Ashti and Navegaon villages.	The chairman suggested that the project proponent should take note.
4)	Promise of providing job opportunities to skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled persons in the project affected villages is not fulfilled. Also Oral information on loudspeaker (Davandi) is not given in three affected villages. She did not obey. RO Plant is not made available in the project affected villages.	The chairman suggested that the project proponent should take note.
5)	The company's power supply substation is located here. While the company should provide electricity to Ashti, Navegaon by providing separate feeders, basic facilities have not been provided in the project affected villages, the promises made in the last public hearing have not been fulfilled. However, a copy of the minutes should be made available in the project affected gram panchayat office on stamp paper.	The President said that written statements should be given by tomorrow. Similarly, a good point was raised that there is a need for coordination between the company and the Gram Panchayat. In response, the project promoter said that the affected villages should convey their requirements to the company, according to which we will discuss with the Sarpanchas of the local gram panchayats and implement them.

		<p>The project proponent said that I can raise 10 lakhs in the approved budget under CSR. We have provided electric pumps for drinking water in the village. But it is not possible to install feeders for the entire village. But this will be discussed with the MSEDCL. It will take time to get such permission.</p> <p>All the three villages should inform their requirements in written form, a positive decision will be taken regarding it. The demands of the three affected villages whose land has submerge under the project will be given top priority. The President suggested to discuss this matter and settle it. Similarly, it was suggested that other issues should be raised before Tahsildar & Sub-Divisional Officer.</p>
6)	<p>When the company was asked for information about the CSR fund, they did not provide it. All three villages lack basic facilities. Annual production of existing project is two lakh tons. They are drawing production more than that. After the expansion of the project, it will generate more production, which will affect the project affected villages. It is further suggested to Written information should be made available about where CSR funds have been spent and how much will be spent in future. In the year of 2015-16 Project Proponent should give List on CSR Fund reads in Cultural events, Ganesh Festival, Durga Festival, Sharda Festival of Rs. 1.0 & 3.0 Lakh in total. The receipt of concerned Mandal should be shown, because they are ours. Here Hon'ble MLA objected that more than Rs. 10,000/- cannot be paid in cash, then how could it be paid?</p>	<p>The project proponent said in this regard that in order to prevent dust pollution, bag filters have been arranged at every dust generating place in the project. Bag filters will also be arranged in the proposed expansion. He assured that if the local Gram Panchayat gives a list of works to be done regarding CSR fund expenditure, the said works will be done for the convenience of local villages through CSR funds.</p>
7)	<p>2015 Sharada Utsav – Five Lakhs – Report signed by Shri Reddy. So, whom this money was given? A chair is not given to the school. What has been done to improve the quality of education. This letter is given after publication of public notice thirty days before the public hearing, not that it was asked and given now. Moreover, this letter is signed by Shri Reddy only.</p>	<p>The project proponent assured to action taken in the said matter.</p>

8)	We have no personal conflict with Shri Reddy. But he came after six years. Also one person is named in both places, he runs pan shop and works in the company.	The project proponent assured that they would come every year and understand the problems of the local citizens and try to solve them.
9)	Company should withdraw the false cases filed against the local people who opposed against existing unit and need to obtain Gram Panchayat Certificate for completion of CSR fund work. Hon. MLA said that the sarpanch of all the five villages should be called tomorrow and all information in respect of CSR expenditure.	The project proponent assured that they will discuss the matter with the company management and inform.

6) Shri Mahendra Tandekar, Sarpanch, Gat Gram Panchayat, Ashati-Navegaon, District – Nagpur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report is prepared, it is prepared by the person appointed by the company, it is done and delivered to your home. Even the people of the village do not know where the survey was carried and where the machine was installed. The report states that one day a man sat down to survey vehicles on the road. So, the information about when and where he sat should be made available to the local people.	Objections have been noted.
2)	What is the relationship between company and logistics? A few days ago, a logistics driver hit one. The company management says that the company and the logistics have nothing to do with it.	Project proponent said that the project has a logistics department. Logistics is not directly involved, as the company has awarded the contract. Its truck drivers are not employees of the company. The project proponents of the project said that the drivers will be fined if they make mistakes while renewing the contract. Project proponent said that in case of such malpractices, we taken actions against those drivers and terms & conditions will be enforced followed in contract renewal. We also contact with Police Department in this matter.
3)	CSR annual fund percentage should be declared for the current year and the coming year.	Project proponent answer - In our company accrual and expenditure of a unit is not calculated. So the percentage cannot be said. There is a separate section for CSR fund expenditure.

		Here I can spend 20 lakhs and additional ten lakhs. But if the letter of Sarpanch of all Gram Panchayats is received, the work will be done on priority. I promise here that after six months I will take back all the reviews myself
4)	Hon'ble MLA Jaiswal demanded that the CSR activities undertaken by the company should be displayed on the public domain. A list of how much CSR funds have been spent for each village should be published, we should publish the annual work and funds spent in each village.	Project Proponent agreed to it and promised to publish the list by tomorrow.
5)	MLA Jaiswal said that the people are protesting the company loudly. People should talk positively about the company. Company was expected to call the village representatives and prominent citizens in 4-6 months to discuss the local problems. So, co-ordination should be immediately maintained in the affected and nearby villages	Suggestions have been noted.

A youth demanded and tried to show a video of how the company pollutes and damages the farms in the area. Many participants supported it. Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee asked to submit the said video and informed that it will be sent to the Government.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that you can show it in your village, but it cannot be shown here now. In the public hearing, the suggestions and objections of those present are recorded, no decision can be taken.

Here, Hon'ble local MLA said that if so many people speak against the company, it will take no time to shut down the company. Now if the cases are done, jail-bharo agitation will be carried and then we will see ours.

7) Shri Swapnil Meher, District – Nagpur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We locals work in Ultratech, we know what goes on in a project, how much cheating.	The project proponent said that although the existing unit works within the framework of the government regulations, the issue raised by them was noted by the company administration.

8) Shri Rahul Mohare, At Post – Ashati, District – Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	No any facility is given in this company. When we registered an objection for it, they brought a theft trap on us and made us sit at home.	The project proponent said that the guidelines of the labor department are being followed through the company administration.

9) Sou. Vaishali Anand Lende, Sarpanch, Tarsa, District – Nagpur –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Women Sarpanch – what the company has done for women, we are afraid to go at night, women sarpanch must go at night to solve problems. Trucks are parked on the side of the road and your drivers sit for drinking. Company does not pay any attention to it, if you go to complain to the company, even the Sarpanch is not allowed inside for registering the complaint.	The project proponent said that appropriate action will be taken in the matter. Similarly, while giving the contract to the truck contractor, he assured that it will be given with the terms and conditions of the said matter. Also, the company administration will take the initiative to take action against the concerned truck driver by informing the police department about the matter
2)	The company transports more than the capacity, due to which the village roads are damages and increased percentage of accident and major injuries face by local villagers. The company does not pay attention on it. If they complain about it, they file a case against the person. My husband is an Ex-sarpanch and he met with an accident due to a damage's road. I was able to take care of the family but what about other women.	The project proponent said that the matter has been noted and appropriate action will be taken through the company administration.
3)	Project Proponent demands 'No Objection Certificate' to start a company in our village. But they false cases against the Sarpanch and other people. So why should we issue NOC? Company does not give jobs to our local people, if they give, they pay less salary.	The project proponent said that the wages of the workers are paid according to the rules of the labor department. Also, the company administration intends to give priority in employment to as many locals as possible. He assured that in the expansion project, employment will be provided to the locals according to their educational qualifications.

10) Shri Ramesh Karemore, Prahar District Pramukh, Nagpur Division -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	If this is an Environmental Public Hearing, why not watch an environmental video?	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the committee has no authority to take any decision.
2)	My point is that there was hope for employment with the environment. Expectations are disappointed by the company. Workers get wrong treatment, there is no category of minimum wages in skilled, semi-skilled person. False cases, intimidation by the company if the worker raises his voice, massive air pollution in the packaging department of the company. Therefore, the life expectancy of workers is decreasing.	The suggestions were noted. Project promoters answer –. Daily Wages as per Govt Rules – Rs 358, 362, 376. is The minimum wage of the government is Rs 84 more in the unskilled category, Rs 131 more in the semi-skilled category, Rs 170 more in the skilled category and Rs 216 more in the highly skilled category. Chairman, Public Hearing Committee on Environment should submit their demands regarding road and other matters such as violation of labor law, organization of health camp to the government in writing
3)	Agriculture fields of more than 10.0 k.m. radius is affected due to pollution of this company.	The Chairman said that the matter should be submitted to the Government through Tahsildar.
4)	Health checkup camps should be taken from Mouda to Ramtek villages 70% - 80% people are suffering with respiratory problems, eye inspection problems, many people suffering from serious diseases because of cement production. CSR Fund is not spent for the local people. Project Expansion is opposed	The project proponent said that, health camps will be conducted every six months in all the three villages through the company administration. He also assured that a meeting will be held with the Sarpanch of the three Gram Panchayats to decide on the CSR fund expenditure.

11) Sou. Priyanka Bhaskar Meher, At Post – Navegaon, District – Nagpur –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We, all locals desires to watch this video. However, it should be seen by everyone. Our local people work in the project, have to suffer due to the dust.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	Company promised to provide sewing machines while extending training facility to the women, but after long period, we still have not been provided with sewing machines. Project Management has not implemented a welfare scheme for women. However, job opportunities and	The project proponent said that local women will get employment opportunities by providing proper training. Also, sewing machine will be provided through the company.

	welfare scheme for women should also be implemented by the project.	
3)	The project proponent had promised that after completing the training, they would provide the industry and get the machine. Along with this certificate we filled the form four times. Still we have not received the machine. So, we need a machine from Ultra Tech. The workers here get very low wages.	The project proponent said that we understand your problems and I asked about the budget. Machines will be provided to 3-4 people every year. We will try for it. Even if there is no budget, the machine will be provided.

12) Shri Nilkanth Meher, At Post – Ashati, District – Nagpur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have a plot on the North side of the factory. Road side farming, also mailed on 06 October for my trouble. My brother Yadavrao Meher, farm adjacent to the South of the factory. We two brothers are affected by the project. Mr. Reddy, the project proponent, says that plantations have been done. Acacia trees are not planted by the company but come naturally - they are the main tree here. The most polluting factories are cement and thermal power plants. However, plantation data is incorrect. The government should conduct a survey. Due to this project, all the villages in the area are affected by the pollution of this company.	Further objections have not been raised. The committee that monitors the plantations is inspecting them through drones. We have space, so more trees will be planted than we have planted. I have not misrepresented anything here. I have a drone survey.
2)	High voltage lights of the company burn whole night. The animals are coming and eating the crops in our fields. Dust from the factory falls on the car, it does not go away. Just think what will be the condition after dust falls on the field. Crops have been photographed, if justice is not served, we will go to Court. I am a farmer's son. Project promoters who say there is no pollution are wrong.	The project proponent opined that thanks to Mr. Meher, various environmental issues were raised. I never said that there is no pollution from the project. Even if there is pollution from the project, it is within prescribed limits. Fly ash from the chimney, however, is less than the 30 milligram standard, fly ash in fugitive emissions. Sometimes when pneumatic equipment breaks down, ash flies. If someone has brought a video of pollution, it is not wrong. Where 2.0 lakh Tonnes of materials are handled, there is fly ash. But it is within prescribed limits.
3)	Ash pollution is caused by this project. The project promoter said that we will stop the pollution. So in the evening there is a layer of dust on the slab of the house. No	Project Proponent stated that the cement industry in India consumes 60.0 million fly ash. The tanker is pneumatically emptied into the project. Immediately the fly ash

	<p>filling of wheat bran. Project Proponent say dust/ash is beneficial. We are hearing this for the first time, that dust absorbs nutrients from the soil. A soil sample is brought from the field, to check the quantity of cement in it. If this is the case while producing 2,000.0 MT, will expansion to 5.4 MT, will kill us?</p>	<p>goes to the silo. Ashes fly from the stack, I have a photo of it. When the bag broke in Bengal, we stopped the production immediately. A message is given to the government immediately Ten times for an hour. We have done survey and study from IIT, Mumbai. So, 30 to 60 mg of fly ash depends on the technology in each project. If our project was 1974, the technology there was earlier, there might be 50 milligrams of fly ash. Project readings are coming from me, nothing is changed. But we are not saying that there is no pollution in the project, as much as possible, modern technology is implemented in the project. If cement project has other technology than bag house, tell us, we will implement it in the project. The fly ash coming into the project is brought by tankers. Now the policy of the Central government is that fly ash should be used to the maximum extent. About 200.0 million fly ash is produced in India.</p>
4)	<p>As per our knowledge the company produces 4 Million Tones of cement internally without obtaining permission. If 5 Million Tones is allowed, they will produce 10 Million Tones.</p>	<p>The project Proponent said that the production is done only up to the limits set by the Government. We are obliged to submit such information to the Government.</p>
5)	<p>If you go to give any statement at the gate of the factory, they don't take it and non-entertain local villagers problem also does not accept letter from postman also Gram sabha resolution is dated 28-03-2023. It is given to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. No action has been taken on it. However, on 13-2-2023 survey was done by the Agriculture Officer who came to the farm. It has been sent to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. When sent to the factory, they refused and returned.</p> <p>On this occasion, MLA Jaiswal said that if the eyes are also damaged, there is no need for any expert organization. Their cause is right, and they should be compensated by the company. The tehsil office reports that there has been damage. 2022 is the report. So why has he not been compensated? The participants objected that the project promoters are deliberately evading and delaying payment of compensation.</p>	<p>The project proponent said that they have raised objections that the project is adversely affecting the crops. For that, an inspection and survey will be done by an expert organization. Mr. Meher said that we have two brothers' farms in the south and north of the project. The organizers said that they object that their fields are being damaged, what are you going to do about it. It is the report of the agricultural officers, it is the report of the government. Compensation will be paid accordingly. The President suggested to take immediate notice in the said matter.</p>

	<p>MLA Jaiswal said that after receiving the Tehsildar's report, we need a one-sentence answer because of pollution, we will pay compensation. Actually, the company administration does not need the report of the Tehsildar, they should inspect it themselves and pay the compensation immediately. So many people are speaking against us in the meeting, because we need to pay compensation immediately.</p>	
6)	<p>It is requested to please heard side of the common man in the public hearing. We object to this loss. Compensation should be given for damages, children of project affected should be given jobs. If employment is not possible, remuneration should be provided in a different manner. Otherwise the factory should be closed. Our experience is that the yield in the area is reduced.</p>	<p>The Chairman said that Hon. The MLA and the farmer are right. Those who suffered damage must pay compensation immediately.</p> <p>The project holders promised to pay the compensation promptly within seven days</p>

13) Shri Balkrishna Khandait, Residence -Tarsa, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>What the Sarpanch lady said is true. The number of accidents has increased due to company vehicles. 200-250 heavy loaded vehicles go every day. I am available 24 hours a day. I am afraid to go on the road. Ever since Mauda Gram Panchayat came in existence, my name has been on the board.</p> <p>However, my request is to expand the project, but immediate action should be taken regarding the objections and suggestions raised by the local people.</p>	<p>The suggestions have been noted and prompt action will be taken through the company administration.</p>

14) Shri Shalini Deshmukh, Member, Zilla Parishad, Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>There is a 10 Acre farm near the railway station. The chilly crop has been damages and the dust falls on it. Though there is so much pollution, Project Proponent say there is no pollution. Also,</p>	<p>The project proponent assured that the suggestion has been noted and the matter will be resolved by holding a meeting with the Sarpanch.</p>

<p>farmers in the area are suffering from dust pollution. The agricultural income of farmers has decreased due to pollution. Company's trucks are overloaded, and goods are carried than the prescribed weight. Due to which, the roads have broken and are full of potholes. Due to this, the number of accidents has increased. The accident of my relative - Husband's brother happened because of the gravel on the road. Accident compensation is not covered by the company. However, this should be resolved immediately. Project was commissioned ten years ago; all the people are suffering due to the pollution of the project and the expansion will increase the pollution. However, a solution should be found for the benefit of the local people.</p>	
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15) Mira Dhale, At Post – Ashati, District – Nagpur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I was a farmer, still a farmer. There is a huge difference between the agriculture crop yield of that time and today's. The crop yield in three acres was 70-72 bags of paddy before the establishment of cement plant. Now production of paddy crop is around 50 to 55 Bags only. My question is who will compensate for it? Project proponent says dust does not cause anything. Earlier the crop yield of Chilly was too much higher than current situation. Who will compensate for it. Due to decrease of crop yield. The employment of women's decreased. It is project proponent responsibility to compensate it. The existing company management had given Shivan Class training to women's, but not provide sewing machines yet. Company does not undertake the initiative that women will get work for twelve months. We protested when the company started. Our happy days have become sad because of the company. As a result of the company's pollution, agricultural production has</p>	<p>The project proponent said the health camp will be organized in six months. The planning required for this is a discussion with the medical institution, the location of the health camp will be discussed, and a decision will be taken. Sarpanchs of all the three villages will be given instructions in this regard.</p>

	declined. The company management has given first preference in employment to outsiders instead of local people in this project. Due to the company's pollution, the local people have started suffering from respiratory problems. Company does not take responsibility for that. Does not take health camp. Those who oppose, heat their pockets and silence their voices. They make false cases against the opposition.	
2)	The driver of the company vehicle is seated. They are sitting there when the schoolgirls come. The life of the parents hangs in the balance until the girls come home at seven o'clock in the evening. There is no light on the road.	The project proponent said that streetlights will be installed on the road and a complaint will be filed with the Police Department after taking action against the guilty driver. The project proponent of the project said that we will take initiative to remove Pan Shop located near out factory premises.

16) **Shri Anandji Lendhe, Former Sarpanch, Tarsa Gram panchayat -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My religious wife is Sarpanch. Tarsa village is a big village in Mauda taluka. When raw materials arrive at the company, heavy trucks are overloaded with goods. After taking the goods out, the drivers park the cars in the square. Traffic is blocked, there are many accidents.	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing instructed the traffic police to take further action in this regard immediately.
2)	A complaint was filed with the Pollution Control Board in 2021. Taking cognizance of it, the agriculture officer was asked to conduct a survey. A report was submitted, in the report it was suggested to pay compensation to 8-9 farmers.	The company has promised to take further action in this regard.
3)	Village lands lost due to project; health is in danger. However, the company has not organized the health camp yet.	The project promoter said the health camp will be organized in six months. The planning required for that is the discussion of the medical institution, the location of the health camp will be discussed, and a decision will be taken. Sarpanchs of all the three villages will be given instructions in this regard.
4)	Project workers are forced to work under threats, all minimum wage norms of the government are violated. Also, every year we give letter for CSR fund, company	The suggestion was noted. The project holders said that after six months, I myself will come and discuss the matter and try to find the right way.

	says no money. As per rule, Tarsa village company is required to do 15-20 lakhs work.	
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17) **Shri Mahesh Kalare, Former Sarpanch, Chacher village**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The trucks of Ultratech pass through Ramtek, Mauda Chacher route, they are parked at various places in our village. Hence, The accident in the village. The company should plan a separate parking space. Damage to village roads, drains, action regarding this. Otherwise Chacher will not allow a single vehicle to pass through the village. CSR funds should be made available in the village, otherwise not a single vehicle will be allowed to pass through Chacher.	The suggestions have been noted and action will be taken as soon as possible on the said matters through vibration management. Suggestions are noted.
2)	Similar to the project affected villages, agriculture in Chacher village is getting damaged. Production capacity has decreased. No people's representative knew the problem of Chacher village.	

18)) **Rafiq Shaikh, Environment Journalist -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There is an environmental forum that advocates for those who cannot speak. I am going to talk about animals, birds of prey, which have authority, but cannot speak. Here we saw a large number of deer in some fields. It means that wildlife is here. As I look for the last three days, there are herds of deer on the side of the project.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	There are many trees on the railway siding. Birds were seen in large numbers on those trees. It needs to be conserved. The forest officer does not have the record of the company's geo tags. Expansion of the project is to be carried, but follow the directives of the Notification.	The instructions have been noted and the instructions in the notification issued by the government will be followed.
3)	He told the Project Proponent that the same way animals are treated, the company management is treating local	The suggestions were noted. There were apprentices in the project, four of them completed their studies yesterday and

	<p>people, company workers with cruelty. Also, the underground water in the area is polluted and special care should be taken regarding it. Here are the birds, here is the animal clinic. We have not done anything for humans, but we should do something for animals. Persons staying outside of Nagpur, get apprenticeship, but local young boys and girls do not. Policy should be implemented regarding water, land and forest. If the company administration does not respond to these letters of the public representative, then determine the liability of the company. As to how many outsiders are included in the Environment Conservation Committee, the answer is negative. Be human though.</p>	<p>there are three more, they are 10 km. are in the periphery. The project promoter said that the application should be given, as per the requirement of the project, the contract will be given. Our industry has 56 projects. Locals are given preference in our projects as per suitability and requirement. However, local needs should apply, not here, but in another project, an attempt will be made. Good suggestions were made. Regarding inclusion of local outsiders in Environment Conservation Committee. So after discussing it with the management, we will try to take the next positive decision.</p>
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19) Smt. Nanda Gopal Lohakare, At Post – Tarsa, Taluka – Mouda, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Training was conducted here for women in 2022 to empower them. A certificate was also given after completion of the training. Women were promised to work. Today women are not given jobs. They are given the task of picking up garbage, picking up the mulch of trees. An educated woman is not employed. It is right that training is given to empower women. But women have not been given sewing machine yet, although it was promised in CSR, this should be noted and the certificate should be mentioned about the contract of employment.</p>	<p>Project proponent told that if women cannot be employed, what is the use of training? Instructions have been given to sew the uniforms used in the company by local women. Give training so that the women here can go to Nagpur and sell the clothes they have sewn. I get information about providing sewing machines, but it is our responsibility to make women self-reliant with training.</p>

20) Shri Rahul Bavane, At Post – Mishadkheda, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Logistic people park heavy vehicles in our village. Does Ultra-tech give its parking to our village, because of which there are fights in our village. Due to this, fights are taking place in our village</p>	<p>Chairman of Public Hearing Committee on Environment said that the matter was taken up by R.T.O. And it should be taken through the Police Department.</p>

	<p>The irresponsible employee replied that you do whatever you want. Heavy vehicles are parked in our village ground, our route is Chacher to Kanhan even though the route is not a location, heavy vehicles are being carried. The capacity of the vehicle is ten tons, the capacity of the vehicle is 30-35 tons. Remember this point, if action is not taken within ten days, otherwise Nistat Khopdi Chacher will protest in the company within ten days.</p>	
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21) Shri Sanjay Satyakar, Kanhan, Taluka – Parshivani, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Various topics are being discussed in this public hearing since morning. My first objection is to note that even if there was a code of conduct, it should not have been the subject.</p> <p>The public hearing held in 2013, when Mr. Reddy was present, the issues discussed at that time have now been discussed again ten years later. At that time, the village was included in the discussion. The EIA report was made available to all Gram Panchayats within a radius of 10 km. Now, it should be noted that it was given to only three Gram Panchayats. All Gram Panchayats were eligible to make EIA reports available.</p>	<p>In this regard, the coordinator said that an advertisement of this project was published in the local newspaper 30 days before. In that, a report about the project was kept in Gram Panchayat for the locals villagers. No objection has been received so far</p>
2)	<p>A representative of the company who prepared the EIA report was required to make a presentation. If we go to court tomorrow following this topic, this topic must come up, but it should be noted. Project Proponent made a presentation here. We could not hear what Shri Reddy said in Hindi. The official language of Maharashtra State is Marathi.</p>	<p>This presentation is presented by the project proponent themselves.</p>
3)	<p>This company has not published any report since last ten years. The report does not record the loss of crops caused by this company for the last ten years. It should be noted that no survey and report has been made available from the Department of Agriculture for Ten km in ten years. It was necessary to get</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted</p>

	information about how many crops were damaged in the periphery of 10 k.m. since last 10 years and how many farmers lost their lives due to those crops. The company administration will never tell this story.	
4)	In the next six months, a Committee will prepare a report on the effects of this project production on the crops, and we will publish the report with the representatives of the local village panchayat and local experts in that committee. No information has been published that no such committee has been formed in ten years.	Suggestion is noted
5)	Compare to power plants, cement plants are the most polluting projects. But no report has been published in this regard. Suppose it is agreed that the company's dust caused the crops to grow. Does the lady present lie that the company has reduced production? Because the company has nothing to do with agriculture. The policy of the company is how to finish the farmers.	The project proponent said that in the existing project, 42 bag filters have been installed to control dust particles and the proposed project will also install bag filters as per rules, so as to help reduce pollution. Also, if there is a better technology than the bag filter, if it is suggested, it will be installed
6)	I state with great responsibility that the cement here is not used by the owner himself. Cement is imported to build our houses. Company officials do not use this cement for their own houses. We are told that there is no evil in agriculture. The expansion of the company's production capacity will affect the breath of the people here.	Suggestions have been noted.
7)	The company has given permanent employment to how many project-affected villages in the last ten years. So the answer is that not a single person from the project affected village has a permanent job. The company did not give permanent employment to the locals, as the company's exploits would become known to the public.	The project proponent said that employment has been provided as per the Rules and will continue to be provided in the future.
8)	It is a mistake that I personally supported the company ten years ago. It has never happened that environmental clearance was rejected after environmental public hearing. Don't natives have right to live?	Suggestion is noted.
9)	Copy of the minutes of the meeting be made available to local people.	A copy of the minutes of the said public hearing will be available on MPCB website.



22) Shri Shamrao Lohbhare, Residence – Tarsa, District – Nagpur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our road to the farm was blocked. Promise to build a road from outside. A promise for water management farms. Nothing was done. Company stopped the water coming to the farm, today my farm is dry. Company's dust comes and is completely in the field. Immediate action should be taken in this regard. Inspect my farm, then hold a public hearing. Otherwise ready to commit suicide in front of the company.	The project proponent said that he had promised compensation in this regard and the issue regarding the road never came up. Will come back in six months for inspection

The Member of public hearing panel conclude the public hearing said that following issues were mainly raised in the public hearing.

- 1) Project Proponent should submit the action taken report in respect of objections and complaints raised against the project since last 10 years ago.
- 2) The promises made by the company in the last public hearing have not been complied with.
- 3) Issues were raised regarding violation of labor law, violation of minimum wage rules by the company.
- 4) An objection was raised that due to the production activity, there was a large impact on the agriculture crops and crop yield in the surrounding area.
- 5) There is a pollution due to transportation of raw materials and products coming into the project.
- 6) In the public hearing issues regarding social security were raised by the locals.
- 7) An important issue was raised regarding the employment of women, the entire area was fertile and under irrigation as well as large scale chilly cultivation was taking place. As suggested by local peoples reduced crop yield and agriculture cultivation as well as reducing a employment of Women's in nearby area.
- 8) Issues raised by the local people and the demands raised for the same have been noted. -
- 9) In the meeting, all those present expressed strong feelings and fears about traffic problems, irresponsible driving of company trucks, transportation of goods exceeding the norms, loss of life and possible accidents.

- 10) Company produces more than the sanctioned production capacity, hence the complaint of increase in pollution has also been raise.
- 11) With the permission of the Hon. Chairman, the Project Proponent should immediately submit his statement (Say) to the Environmental Public Hearing Panel.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Panel opined that although the positive response is received by the Project Proponent to the demands made by the locals in the public hearing address the thoughts, suggestions or objections raised in the public hearing have been noted and will be included in the minutes and the said minutes, written notices received and replies given by the project proponent, Revised Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be submitted after sanction of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel to the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai through Headquarters, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai. An Expert committee there will take the appropriate decision in this regard.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel while concluding the public hearing on environment, said that the proposed project expansion, environment plan has been discussed. The remaining issues are personal. However, the concerned persons should submit their demands to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office at Nagpur by tomorrow.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Panel thanks all public representatives, government officials, Police Administration, Company Management and local people for taking active part in the meeting and declared that the Environment Public Hearing is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith 17 written suggestions/objections as received during public hearing (**Annexure-V**).

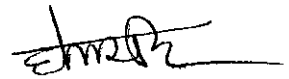


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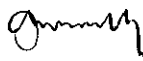


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