

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED INTEGRATED CEMENT PLANT WITH PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF CLINKER: 1.5 MILLION TON PER ANNUM; CEMENT: 3.5 MILLION TON PER ANNUM (ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT, PORTLAND POZZOLANA CEMENT, PORTLAND SLAG CEMENT, SULPHATE RESISTING CEMENT, RAPID HARDENING PORTLAND CEMENT & COMPOSITE CEMENT); CAPTIVE POWER PLANT: 20 MW; WASTE HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEM: 9.5 MW; SYNTHETIC GYPSUM: 1560 TON PER DAY (65 TONE PER HOUR) AND DIESEL GENERATOR SETS: 2500 KVA (1 X 2500 KVA OR 2 X 1000 KVA & 1 X 500 KVA OR 1 X 1000 KVA, 2 X 500 KVA & 2 X 250 KVA) LOCATED AT VILLAGES: NIMSALA (NIMSADA), KONDHALA & DAHEGAON, TALUKA: WARORA, DISTRICT: CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPOSER M/S. SHREE CEMENT LIMITED, BANGUR NAGAR, POST BOX NO. 33, BEAWAR, RAJASTHAN-305901

Date : 29/12/2025
Time : 11:00 AM
Place : At Project Site, S. No. 128/1, In between Nimsada-Kondhala Village Road, Village Road via Nimsada Village, Vill. Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Shree Cement Limited (Unit: Vidarbha Cement Plant), Bangur Nagar, Post Box No. 33, Beawar, Rajasthan has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MoEF & CC) Govt. of India, (Gol), New Delhi 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 Integrated Cement Plant with production capacity of Clinker: 1.5 Million Ton Per Annum; Cement: 3.5 Million Ton Per Annum (Ordinary Portland Cement, Portland Pozzolana Cement, Portland Slag Cement, Sulphate Resisting Cement, Rapid Hardening Portland Cement & Composite Cement); Captive Power Plant: 20 MW; Waste Heat Recovery System: 9.5 MW; Synthetic Gypsum: 1560 Ton Per Day (65 Tone Per Hour) and Diesel Generator Sets: 2500 KVA (1 x 2500 KVA or 2 x 1000 KVA & 1 x 500 KVA or 1 x 1000 KVA, 2 x 500 KVA & 2 x 250 KVA) Villages: Nimsala (Nimsada), Kondhala & Dahegaon, Taluka: Warora, District: Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned on 31/05/2025. 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. 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 A-3 (b), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Shree Cement Limited, Bangur Nagar, Post Box No. 33, Beawar, Rajasthan, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on



28/08/2025 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 29/12/2025 in offline (physical) and online mode.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Lokmat, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Hitavada for English on 25/11/2025. An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing. It included the online meeting number & password.

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

1. Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
2. Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
3. Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur-1.
4. Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Near Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
5. District Collector Office, Chandrapur.
6. Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
7. District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
8. Sub-Divisional Office, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
9. Tahsil Office, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
10. Municipal Council Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
11. Gat Gram Panchayat Kondhala (Yensa), Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
12. Gram Panchayat Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
13. Gram Panchayat Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
14. Gat Gram Panchayat Belgaon (Atmudi), Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
15. Gram Panchayat Majara Rai, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
16. Gram Panchayat Chinora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
17. Gat Gram Panchayat Mohbala (Naideo), Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
18. Gram Panchayat Dongargaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
19. Gram Panchayat Salori Yensa, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
20. Gram Panchayat Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
21. Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.05 to 20 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the

concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-89/2025 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-251223-FTS-0186, dated 23/12/2025 as under :-

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

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

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

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

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

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or

recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office 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 Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding 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

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

1) Shri. Vishal Nanaji Parkhi, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	M/s Shree Cement Ltd. has informed the Gram Panchayats of Dahegaon,	The project proponents have stated that a cement industry will be

Kondhala, and Nimsada that it has purchased land in the boundary areas of these villages for the establishment of a cement project. However, a few days ago, a news report was published in a daily newspaper stating that the said land was not acquired for a cement project but for a coal mine and coal washery project, thereby attempting to create confusion among the local residents. Subsequently, within two days, this news was contradicted by the daily newspaper Punya Nagari. As a result, the project-affected people in Dahegaon, Kondhala, and Nimsada are confused as to whether a cement project or a coal mining project is proposed in this area. In this regard, it is necessary for both the District Administration and the company management to issue a clear clarification. It is also necessary to clarify what action will be taken against the journalists who published the false news. At the same time, the company has purchased agricultural land from farmers in Dahegaon, Kondhala, and Nimsada villages. Consequently, the farmers who have been cultivating this land for generations and the labourers dependent on agriculture have lost their means of livelihood. Therefore, I request the company management and the District Administration to provide employment opportunities in the industry to the project-affected farmers and agricultural labourers, in accordance with their educational qualifications. As per government norms, 80 percent of employment should be given to local people; however, this has not been implemented in the existing industries in this area. Therefore, I request the company management to ensure that 80 percent of the employment is given on a priority basis to the local people.

established at this location. An application has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, for a cement industry in this area; therefore, there is no connection whatsoever with coal mining in this region. Further, a proposal for a limestone mine of M/s Shree Cement Ltd. is adjacent to the said cement project, and a public hearing in this regard is proposed to be held on 31/12/2025. As stated by the Environmental Consultant, Mr. Kavadiya, during the project presentation, limestone is used for cement production. Therefore, the local people should ignore the confusion regarding coal mining, as only a cement industry and a limestone mine are proposed in this area. No coal mining project has been proposed in this region.

The Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, has also stated that only a cement industry is proposed in this area and that no coal mining project has been proposed.

2) Shri. Bhanudas Uddhavrao Bodhane, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	On behalf of the residents of Kondhala village, we have raised certain issues. We will present them orally as well as in written form, and I respectfully request that the same be accepted.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

3) Shri. Pravin Pandurang Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am submitting my statement to you.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

4) Shri. Surendra Gopalrao Dethe, Belgaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Today, a public hearing has been organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. In this context, it has been stated here that the total project area is 42.76 hectares. Out of this, information should be provided regarding how many acres of land have been acquired in Kondhala, Belgaon, and Nimsada, since the public notice of the hearing mentions the names of a total of ten Gram Panchayats, including villages from Charukhatri to Chinora, Majra. Therefore, my question is whether the said industry intends to expand in the future and establish industrial units in other villages as	The project proponents stated that their cement company has made a provision of approximately Rs. 167 crore for air pollution control. It is proposed to install state-of-the-art Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) and bag filters for various sources of pollution in the cement plant. Two Electrostatic Precipitators have been provided for the coal mill and raw mill. In addition, three bag houses have been proposed, and a total of 88 bag filters are proposed to be installed throughout the cement plant. These proposed pollution control systems are based on advanced technology and will be capable of controlling

well. There is an acute scarcity of water in Belgaon and Kondhala villages. At present, water has to be transported to Belgaon by bullock carts. The existing M/s Sunflag underground mine has severely affected the villagers; therefore, our confidence in this proposed project is also low. Hence, we require a clear clarification from the company management in written form. As stated during the presentation, the project will require a total workforce of 1,670 persons. However, it should be clarified whether this manpower requirement will be on a daily basis or on a monthly basis. It has also been stated that employment will be provided as per educational qualifications. Therefore, information should be provided regarding what percentage of local people from the project-affected villages will be given employment and what percentage of locals will remain unemployed. Due to the transportation associated with the proposed cement project, farmers owning land along the roadsides are likely to suffer losses. Therefore, information should be provided regarding the amount of compensation that will be paid to such farmers by the project proponents. Further, details of the transportation routes to be used should also be provided. Yensa and Kondhala have only one common route available, and this route is in a very dilapidated condition. The project will involve large-scale excavation, which will result in air pollution. Information should be provided regarding the measures proposed to control such pollution. Detailed information should also be provided regarding the tree plantation to be undertaken in the surrounding area.

99.99 percent of pollution. Further, raw materials such as iron ore, bauxite, and fly ash will be stored in enclosed sheds, which will significantly reduce the possibility of dust emissions in the surrounding area. The finished products will be stored in silos. All the above measures are proposed to prevent dust emissions. For the transportation of limestone from the proposed limestone mine, an enclosed conveyor belt system will be provided so that no dust emissions occur during transportation. All pollution control systems will be regularly maintained and repaired, for which an annual provision of Rs. 3.5 crore has been made. For this purpose, an Environmental Cell has been established, which will monitor the implementation of all these measures. In addition, continuous ambient air quality monitoring systems will be installed and connected to the servers of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board. Information regarding emissions from the industry will be displayed at the main gate for public access. A separate road will be constructed by the company for transportation, which will be connected to the highway. No transportation will pass through the villages. The project will be developed on 42.76 hectares of land, out of which 33 percent, i.e., approximately 14.11 hectares, will be developed as a green belt. A three-tier green belt will be developed along the boundary wall of the industry as per the guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board. As per CPCB norms, 2,500 trees per hectare are required to be planted. Accordingly, a total of 35,275 trees are proposed to be planted under this project. During the construction phase of the project, approximately 870 persons will be required. After

		commissioning of the project, about 800 persons will be required, including 300 permanent employees and 500 contract workers. The manpower will be required on a daily basis, as the plant will operate 24 hours a day. The company group has industrial units operating across India, and in all projects, significant employment is provided to local people. The industry requires skilled manpower; accordingly, in this project also, local people will be provided employment as per their educational qualifications.
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5) Shri. Mangesh Ambadas Pachpute, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The CSR fund should be provided regularly by the company to the Gram Panchayats for village development. Further, the said fund should be utilized for the development of Kondhala village. Constitute a separate committee for CSR funds. Make 100% sue for village Kondhala.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

6) Shri. Kunal Vilas Wagh, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should adopt Kondhala village for the purpose of providing physical infrastructure and basic amenities.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

7) Shri. Pravin Pandurang Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>First priority in employment in the company should be given to local educated and uneducated unemployed men and women from Mouza Kondhala, and they should be appointed on the company's payroll as permanent employees in accordance with their educational qualifications, and not through the contractor system. You had given such assurance to each project-affected farmer. Permanent employment should be provided in the Kondhala unit of the company.</p> <p>Further, those youths from Kondhala village who are currently below 18 years of age should be provided with employment-oriented training once they complete 18 years, and thereafter they should be given employment opportunities.</p> <p>1) Wages and Financial Benefits: Monthly salary (basic pay and dearness allowance), overtime allowance, bonus (statutory/performance-based), and annual increments.</p> <p>2) Social Security Schemes: Provident Fund (PF), Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIC) / medical insurance, gratuity (after completion of 5 years of service), and accident insurance.</p> <p>3) Leave Facilities: Earned leave, sick leave, casual leave, national holidays, and maternity/paternity leave.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

	<p>4) Health and Safety: Company doctor/regular health check-ups, safety kits (helmet, shoes, gloves, etc.), and emergency ambulance services.</p> <p>5) Travel and Housing Allowances: Bus/transport facilities or travel allowance, company quarters/house rent allowance (HRA), and canteen/meal facilities.</p> <p>6) Training and Promotion: Skill development training, safety training, and opportunities for promotion.</p> <p>7) Other Facilities: Identity card (ID card), uniform, pension scheme (where applicable), and loan/advance facilities.</p>	
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8) Shri. Saurabh Vijay Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There is a severe shortage of drinking water in the village. Adequate potable water as well as sufficient water for other domestic uses should be provided, and purified RO drinking water facilities should be installed.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

9) Shri. Sunil Deshmukh, Environment Head, M/s. Shree Cement Limited:-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	As per the Office Memorandum issued by the Government of India dated 20/10/2022, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Environmental Social Responsibility are to be managed accordingly. The issues raised by local residents during the public hearing are recorded, and based on these, a time-bound action plan for development works proposed under CSR is prepared. This action plan is submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi. The Ministry examines the timelines and financial provisions, and compliance with the same is mandatory for all projects. Accordingly, CSR activities are implemented. After commencement of the project, development works will be carried out in consultation with the adjoining

	Gram Panchayats under the CSR framework. Wherever RO plants are required in the Gram Panchayats, RO plants will be installed to provide purified drinking water. Further, hand pumps will also be installed in consultation with the Gram Panchayats and Sarpanches to improve drinking water facilities. For water conservation, the company will take proactive measures. Existing village ponds will be beautified and deepened to increase their water-holding capacity, which will help in rainwater harvesting. Appropriate measures will be undertaken in consultation with the villagers in this regard.
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10) Shri. Sanjay Sherkure, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company shall ensure that blasting operations do not pose any danger to houses in Kondhala village. In the event of any damage to houses, the company shall be liable to pay compensation. If this is not ensured, the village must be rehabilitated with due compensation and suitable relocation, including proper valuation and compensation for land, houses, agricultural land, and trees. Compensation should be provided in the form of cash as well as alternative land. In case of rehabilitation, the new settlement should be located at least one kilometer away from the present village. For the safety and future of the village, information should be provided regarding the distance at which the mine will be located from the village.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

11) Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I extend my best wishes to the company management. I am one of the foremost environmentalists who supports industrialization. At present, unemployment is the greatest form of	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.



	<p>pollution. Approximately one crore students complete their education every year and enter the job market. About 95 percent of citizens depend on employment. I therefore request the company management to ensure that their proposed project does not cause pollution. At the same time, it is also essential to conserve water. The company should focus on how every drop of water can be conserved. The company should also give special attention to the plantation of fruit-bearing trees. I will submit my written statement in this regard.</p>	
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12) Sau. Vaishali Balaji Darekar. Gram Panchayat Atmurdhi, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Due to the existing Sunflag coal mine, Kondhala and Belgaon villages are facing severe water scarcity. In addition, a cement plant is proposed in this area. The company management is proposing to install RO plants; however, since there is no adequate availability of water in this region, such plants will not be of much use. The company should first ensure the availability of drinking water in the villages and only thereafter commence the project. While distributing CSR funds, the company should provide an amount of Rs. 8.0 lakh to each village so that the financial condition of the villages can improve. This will help in providing drinking water and other basic facilities. Buses and other facilities should be provided for school children. The company has stated that it will provide employment after acquiring agricultural land in Atmurdhi, Dahegaon, Yensa, and Belgaon villages. However, information should</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that the establishment of the proposed cement plant of Shree Cement Limited in this area will lead to the overall development of the region. The arrival of the project will create both small and large employment opportunities. The cement project will also generate substantial indirect employment. Mining projects contribute significant revenue to the Government, and through various government schemes, the local population also benefits from this revenue. The CSR funds of M/s Shree Cement Ltd. are utilized through the Shree Cement Foundation, and information in this regard is available on the company's website. When a project is implemented in a particular area, it cannot be successfully operated without the participation of the local community. Accordingly, necessary information regarding CSR requirements will be sought from local residents and CSR funds will be</p>

be provided regarding the extent of employment that will be given to local residents. Not only local unemployed persons but also agricultural labourers should be provided employment. After acquisition of farmers' land, they have no alternative source of income. No company in the district has fulfilled the assurances given earlier. Therefore, the company is requested to provide written assurances regarding the provision of amenities in the villages. The company has stated that it will provide educational, health-related, and other facilities; however, even when Gram Panchayats receive CSR funds, local residents are not informed about the same. From 2006 to 2025, not a single developmental activity has been carried out by the existing company. The company should arrange an alternative transportation route, as the existing road does not have the carrying capacity and heavy transport has damaged it severely. If the company can acquire agricultural land from local residents, why can it not construct an alternative road? Whenever we stop heavy vehicles, the company management requests that transportation be allowed for that day and promises to stop it from the next day, but such assurances are not honoured. The company has stated that it will provide employment to five residents of Kondhala village and to unemployed persons from other villages. I request that 100 percent employment be provided to the residents of Kondhala village. I have repeatedly followed up with the District Administration regarding CSR funds, but no response has been received. The company states that employment will be provided only to residents of three villages. The company has purchased local land at prices ranging from Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh. The company should compensate the farmers who have suffered losses due

utilized as per their needs. The issues raised by local residents during today's public hearing will be recorded in the minutes, and the said minutes will be submitted to the Environmental Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. For example, if the company commits to providing facilities in a school, the Committee will require the company to submit a time-bound action plan specifying how the commitment will be fulfilled, the financial provision made for it, and the time required for implementation. All such aspects are incorporated while granting environmental clearance. Compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the environmental clearance is monitored every six months by the Regional Director of the Central Pollution Control Board, and submission of all supporting evidence is mandatory. Therefore, the local residents may rest assured that the assurances given during the public hearing will be fully complied with.



	to the company's activities. Gat Gram Panchayats do not receive funds. Construct separate road for company transportation. Adopt Kondhal village. Why jobs for only 3 villages?	
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13) Shri. Pravin Pandurang Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Will the company provide permanent employment to local residents in the project? While acquiring agricultural land, the company had assured the locals that permanent employment would be provided in the project. A written assurance regarding this should be provided.</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that the issues raised by you during the public hearing are recorded in the minutes, which are then signed by the Environmental Public Hearing Committee and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. The public hearing proceedings are also photographed. There is a limit to the number of jobs a project can provide; a single company cannot employ thousands of local residents.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company management should provide information regarding the percentage of local residents to be employed.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that a total of 800 persons will be employed in the proposed project, of which 300 will be permanent employees and 500 will be contractual. Priority in employment will be given to local residents based on their educational qualifications, experience, and skills.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee further stated that the project proponents should establish a skill development center in the area so</p>

		that local residents can develop skills and be provided employment opportunities. Additionally, the company should screen eligible candidates and develop their skills. The company should initiate appropriate measures for skill development from today onwards.
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14) Shri. Swapnil Uttam Chikate, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should provide 100 percent health insurance for every resident of Kondhala village. A primary healthcare center should be established in Kondhala village. Monthly free health check-up camps should be organized, along with mobile health vans. Special treatment should be provided for illnesses caused by pollution. Health centers and medical treatment facilities should be made available in the village. Free monthly health check-up camps should be conducted for adult men and women.	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

15) Shri. Laxman Bapurao Salve, Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Will differently-abled persons be provided employment in the proposed project? Opportunities for employment should be provided to differently-abled individuals. Employment for differently-abled persons will help secure their livelihoods. Will only those residents whose land has been acquired receive employment, or will other residents also be given opportunities?	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

	Information regarding this should be provided. Employment should be provided to all differently-abled persons in the ten villages of the region.
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16) Shri. Nandlal Temurde, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Mohbala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company should provide permanent employment to farmers and agricultural laborers who depend on farming for their livelihood. In addition, the company should guarantee appropriate compensation to farmers for any damage caused to agricultural land along the roads. The company should provide bus facilities and other educational amenities for students in the ten project-affected villages in the area. Furthermore, the company should establish a skill development center for local youth to enhance their skills and provide them with employment opportunities. I support this project. I hope that with the implementation of the project, employment opportunities will be available to local residents and the villages in the region will develop. Give job to land losers. Give annual compensation to farmers for crop loss. Provide facilities such as school, bus, education and training center.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

17) Shri. Ganesh Suryabhan Kale, Member, Gram Panchayat Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company personally contacted local farmers and acquired their land.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that

While acquiring the land, farmers were given verbal assurances regarding employment and the development of villages through CSR funds; these assurances are expected to be provided in written form. In the area, GMR and another project are operational. The Hon'ble District Collector carried out the survey in 1993 and issued an order on 26th July. The area was inspected according to the maps, and all land was acquired. However, there are 8–10 individuals among us who have not received a single rupee as compensation. The company management uses sweet talk to gain cooperation from villagers, but later, after the public hearing, it follows a policy of disregarding the assurances given to the villagers. For the past 9–10 years, we have been fighting for our rights, but we have not received any compensation. The company has never planted 8–10 thousand trees. Even though large-scale tree plantation is necessary to reduce pollution in the area, it has not been carried out. Before starting operations, the company should provide the necessary facilities to the villagers. The road of Kondhala and Nimsada villages should not be used by the company. Before commencing the plant, the company should arrange an alternative transportation route, and the plant should only be started thereafter. Additionally, all villagers should be given written assurances regarding the above. Give funds to our village through CSR. Solve the environmental issues. Give assurance in writing. We did not receive any compensation. Carry out tree plantation. Construct separate road for company vehicles. Don't use Kondhala, Nimsada village road.

the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

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18) Shri. Jagdish Khiratkar, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Under social responsibility, free bus services should be provided for school students to attend education in Warora. Financial assistance should be provided for public programs in Kondhala village.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

19) Shrimati Chanda Dhanorkar, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Skill development camps should be organized for women's self-help groups, providing training in trades such as sewing, goat rearing, dairy farming, beauty parlors, etc., along with guidance for obtaining loans and grants. Provide help to Mahila Bachat Gats.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

20) Shri. Pawan Lalsare, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should develop digital schools in collaboration with the Zilla Parishad and Anganwadi centers. Every year, the company should provide students with free notebooks, textbooks, uniforms, school bags, and stationery. For school students and underprivileged students, the company should provide scholarships and financial assistance for higher education after 10th and 12th standards, including engineering, medical, ITI, diploma courses, and college education. The company	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

	should establish computer learning centers or digital labs, provide students with free internet access, and offer training in computer usage. Public libraries should be set up, and career guidance as well as competitive exam training should be provided by the company. Additionally, the company should organize guidance camps for UPSC, MPSC, NEET, JEE, police recruitment, army recruitment, and other competitive examinations. The company should also provide books and coaching facilities for job preparation, as requested by the youth of the villages.	
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21) Shri. Mangesh Chikate, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I request that the company give priority to the development of basic facilities in the village, including community halls, playgrounds, roads, water supply, electricity, sanitation, street lights, public toilets, pathways, schools, temples, and gyms.	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

22) Shri. Taranath Gajana Khiratkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dongargaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	At this place, local residents, Sarpanches, Deputy Sarpanches, and other officials have submitted statements both in writing and orally. During the public hearing, the locals have attempted to convey their experiences regarding the existing industries in the area to the company management. I wish to know whether	<p>The project proponents stated that the company management is giving full consideration to the demands of the local residents. The company intends to proceed with its work only with the cooperation of the locals.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing</p>

<p>and how the demands of the local residents have reached the company management. The Sarpanches of Atmurdhi village oversaw the acquisition of land by the company. The company should clarify under which regulations the land required for the project was acquired. Several projects have been proposed by the Government in this area, which may also lead to privatization. For instance, during route expansion by the Railway Administration, compensation was provided at five times the market rate, i.e., Rs. 8.0 lakh per unit of land, in accordance with the land acquisition law. Initially, M/s Shree Cement acquired land at Rs. 20 lakh per unit, which later escalated to Rs. 50 lakh per unit. The local residents are aware of the market rates of their land. The company management should explain the reason for the discrepancy in land rates. Some companies in the area have constructed buildings on local lands, and legal cases have been filed, which are still pending in court. Information should also be provided regarding the minimum distance at which blasting should be carried out from agricultural land, and compliance with blasting regulations must be ensured. Since 2006-07, cases related to the Belgaon mines have been pending, and local farmers have been deprived of their land during this period. Cases are also pending against companies such as GMR and Wardha Power. The District Administration and the company should provide clarifications regarding these matters. The company management has stated that development works will be carried out in the villages through CSR after discussions with the locals. Based on the experiences of the locals with existing companies, the company should provide written assurances. After the company becomes</p>	<p>Committee stated that M/s Shree Cement acquired land through negotiations with the farmers. If the farmers had refused to transfer their land, the land would have been acquired by the Government under the Land Acquisition Act, and the rules of the Government would have applied. Initially, some farmers may have been willing to sell their land at Rs. 20 lakh, while others desired a higher rate. Subsequently, after discussions between the company and the farmers, the land was acquired at the agreed higher rates.</p> <p>The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the public hearing is being photographed, and the minutes will also be prepared. You may inquire about what is expected from the company.</p>
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	operational, no one is allowed entry into the company premises. When local residents approach the company management with their problems and difficulties, their concerns are not heard. The issues recorded or audio-visual documented during the public hearing should be visualized and implemented in the 20 Gram Panchayats in the form of development works under CSR. The company management is requested to fulfill the demands of the local residents and implement development works through CSR.	
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23) Shri. Eknath Shankar Dhanorkar, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company should take all necessary precautions to ensure that there is no damage to the crops of farmers in the fields surrounding the mine. In the event of any damage, the company should compensate the affected farmers either according to government valuation or 75% of the loss in crop production. The company should ensure that dust from both sides of the road does not cause any damage to crops. If any damage occurs, the company must compensate the affected farmers. Additionally, if the company's activities result in a reduction of water storage, the company should provide water for agricultural irrigation purposes.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

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24) Shri. Vishal Nanaji Parkhi, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company has acquired agricultural land in the Kondhala, Nimsada, and Dahegaon areas at rates such as ₹25 lakh, ₹50 lakh, ₹1 crore, or even ₹2 crore. However, farmers have never handled such large amounts of money before and do not have adequate knowledge about how to manage or plan such funds. Since such large sums have been credited to the farmers' bank accounts, they may receive notices from the Income Tax Department. It should be clarified whether the company will take responsibility if such notices are issued. These amounts have been deposited into the farmers' bank accounts by the company through cheques. As per the law, agricultural income is exempt from income tax. However, some local farmers have received notices from the Income Tax Department due to the receipt of such large amounts. As pointed out by the Sarpanch of Belgaon, there is already a serious water scarcity in a 10–12 km radius in this region. Mining activities will further reduce the groundwater level. Water for the proposed company is to be drawn from the Wardha River. In villages facing water scarcity, water should be supplied directly instead of constructing borewells. Water should not be supplied through tankers. The same pipeline through which the company will receive water should also be used to supply water to the villages. Due to pollution from the company, environmental degradation will occur in villages within a radius of approximately 10–12 km. Even if the</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that they will attempt to find a solution in discussion with the company management regarding the notices being issued to the farmers by the Income Tax Department.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee asked the project proponents to clarify whether the company would pay the penalties imposed by the Income Tax Department on the farmers and to explain the company's policy in this regard.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that the company will not pay any penalties on behalf of the farmers.</p>

company installs the most advanced pollution control systems, the temperature in the surrounding area will increase. The company should therefore undertake welfare and development works for local residents under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) obligations and should also ensure that pollution levels in the surrounding villages remain minimal. If farmers are required to pay penalties in the future, they will be left with no option but to sell their own kidneys. Furthermore, the sale deeds mention the land as non-agricultural, and the land has been purchased on a per-square-meter basis as stated in the sale documents. It must be clarified whether the company will pay any penalties imposed by the Income Tax Department on the farmers. Since the farmers are illiterate, they do not have knowledge of income tax laws. As a result, they may be driven to suicide in the future. If the company has no answer to this issue, should it be assumed that farmers will have to pay the penalties imposed by the Income Tax Department? Does this mean that the company has acquired farmers' lands through conspiracy and fraud? If farmers are forced to pay income tax penalties, they will have no option but to sell parts of their bodies or commit suicide. The company is expected to pay the income tax penalties on behalf of the farmers. If this is not done, the farmers will have no option but to commit suicide at the main gate of the company.

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25) Shri. Vijay Namdev Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>No notification regarding the purchase of land has been issued by either the Revenue Department or the company. The company misled the farmers during negotiations. Furthermore, the company has not conducted any meeting regarding this matter. The company should provide information on this issue. Some tribal farmers' lands have been acquired at lower rates, while the land of other farmers was acquired at ₹37 lakh. The company has acquired land by misleading the farmers.</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that the land for the project was acquired only after discussions with the farmers.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that your points have been duly noted.</p>

26) Shri. Rama Bhadruji Bodhane, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company has purchased land at rates of ₹29 lakh, ₹30 lakh, ₹35 lakh, and ₹40 lakh. However, it appears that the company is unable to provide satisfactory answers to the questions raised during the public hearing. A Gram Sabha was expected to be conducted prior to the land acquisition, but no such Gram Sabha was held. The land was acquired by giving farmers assurances of higher rates. It is requested that 100% of the youth, both male and female, from Kondhala village be given permanent employment in the company. The company should provide a written assurance in this regard. The company administration should clarify why it cannot provide 100% employment to the youth of Kondhala village. Information should also be provided on how the village</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairperson of the Environment-related Public Hearing Committee stated that the issues raised during the public hearing are being duly recorded. All your questions will be answered by the company administration.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that priority will be given to local residents in employment.</p> <p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environment-related Public Hearing Committee further stated that the company should conduct a survey of unemployed individuals in the village. Educated unemployed candidates should be employed in the company according to their educational qualifications. Additionally, a skill development training center should be</p>

	<p>rehabilitation will be carried out. Additionally, what provisions will be made for those residents who do not own land? If the government neglects pollution in large cities like New Delhi, who will address the pollution concerns in smaller villages like Kondhala?</p> <p>established to enhance the skills of unskilled youth, providing them with employment opportunities. The company should also encourage self-employment. For CSR purposes, a committee comprising local representatives and the company should be established to ensure that facilities are provided in the project-affected villages using CSR funds.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that the project will require a total workforce of 800 employees, of which 300 will be permanent and 500 will be on a contractual basis. A skill development center will be set up for the local youth to enhance their skills, provide employment, and promote self-employment opportunities. It was clarified that no resettlement is involved for the land acquired for the project, and no houses will be displaced as a result of the project.</p> <p>The project proponents also stated that required information will be collected from locals regarding CSR funds, and CSR funds will be utilized accordingly. The matters raised by the locals during today's public hearing are recorded in the minutes, which will be submitted to the Environmental Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. For example, if the company commits to providing facilities in schools, the committee will request a time-bound action plan from the company, including details on how the commitment will be fulfilled. Information regarding the allocated funds and the timeline required for implementation is also sought. All such aspects are included while granting environmental clearance. The compliance with the conditions and terms mentioned in the environmental clearance is monitored</p>
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		every six months by the Regional Director of the Central Pollution Control Board, and all relevant evidence must be submitted. If any discrepancies are found, the Ministry can order the closure of the industry. Therefore, locals can be assured that all commitments made during the public hearing will be fully implemented.
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27) Shri. Manoj Chide, Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Information should be provided regarding how much land the company has acquired so far and how much land is proposed to be acquired in the future. In case any houses in the vicinity are damaged due to blasting, compensation should be provided by the company. Similar to Kondhala, 100% of unemployed individuals in Nimsda village should be provided employment in the company. The survey regarding employment should be conducted through the Gram Sabha and not merely through the Sarpanchs.	The Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur, stated that, as directed by the Hon'ble Chairman, a survey will be conducted in the village, and employment will be provided to the local residents according to their educational qualifications.

28) Shri. Aniket Shankar Gade, Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should also give priority to local women in employment, so that their livelihood concerns are addressed. Land purchased is 800 acres where there will be no cultivation and thereby women will not get any job.	The Hon. Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee stated that the company should conduct a survey of the unemployed in the village. Educated unemployed individuals should be provided employment in the company according to their educational qualifications. Additionally, a skill

		development training center should be established to enhance the skills of unskilled individuals, thereby creating employment opportunities for them. Women should also be included in these initiatives.
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29) Shri. Harshad Awari, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company should provide permanent employment to the educated unemployed residents of Kondhala village. The reasons why the rehabilitation of Kondhala village has not been undertaken should be explained. Since the cement company is operating in Kondhala village, priority in the distribution and sale of its products, particularly in the CT division, should be given to the residents of Kondhala. For the cement company operating in Kondhala, all small and large tenders—such as civil works, transport, labor supply, canteen services, water supply, housekeeping, etc.—should be given first priority to the residents of Kondhala village. Similarly, priority for supplying all small and large materials required for the company should first be offered to the residents of Kondhala who are willing to participate. Furthermore, priority for warehouse storage of the cement products in any two cities should be given to the local residents. Kondhala village should be fully rehabilitated.</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee stated that all small and large tenders of the company, such as civil works, transport, labor supply, canteen services, water supply, housekeeping, etc., should be given first priority to the residents of Kondhala village.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that they will make efforts to comply with the instructions given by the Honorable Chairman. Additionally, the company's work will be awarded through an open tender process.</p>

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30) Shri. A. S. Gade, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Provide jobs to local unemployed. Construct skill development center. Give tenders of small contracts to local people. Rehabilitate villages.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

31) Shri. Ishwar Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company shall take all necessary precautions to prevent pollution and maintain ecological balance in the surrounding area. Furthermore, the company shall ensure that no harm comes to humans, domestic animals, or birds, and that no human life is put at risk. The company shall implement robust measures to control pollution, including proper wastewater management and mitigation of noise and air pollution. The company shall also engage with local residents to foster cooperation on environmental matters. In cases where agricultural land on forest or private land is to be acquired in the future, the rightful landholders shall be adequately compensated.	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that priority for all small and large tenders of the company, such as civil works, transport, labor supply, canteen services, water supply, housekeeping, etc., should be given first to the residents of Kondhala village.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that they will make efforts to comply with the instructions given by the Honorable Chairman. Furthermore, the company's work will be awarded through an open tender process.</p>

32) Shri. Haridas Bhute, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Due to the company's acquisition of land in the area, agricultural production has declined. To address this, the company should organize workshops conducted by agricultural	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

	<p>experts to guide farmers on modern farming techniques and ways to increase productivity, thereby helping to enhance agricultural income. Additionally, the company should provide support for allied agricultural activities, including dairy farming, fishery, beekeeping, and fruit processing, by offering both training and capital investment. Furthermore, an annual agricultural study tour should be arranged for the farmers. Conduct workshops on advanced farming.</p>	<p>Hon'ble Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed project proponent to incorporate this in CSR.</p>
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33) Shrimati Jayashri Chaudhari, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company should acquire land in the future strictly in accordance with government regulations. Regarding notices from the Income Tax Department, the company should consult with its chartered accountant or legal experts to find a resolution and ensure appropriate action is taken in the future. Additionally, the company should ensure that no income tax is levied on the sale of agricultural land. After the project is implemented, the company intends to use its profits to develop the village through CSR funding. While environmental conservation measures can be undertaken, once natural resources are degraded, they cannot be fully restored. The company should focus on methods to increase the groundwater level in the land. Such initiatives are typically emphasized through CSR activities. The company should also plan for the reuse of waste materials generated from its operations. Furthermore,</p>	<p>The Hon. Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company administration should discuss and explore ways to provide subsidies for public works or determine how such subsidies can be made available, and make efforts to reach a resolution.</p>

	subsidies should be provided to Gram Panchayats when purchasing cement.	
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34) Shri. Surendra Gopalrao Dethe, Belgaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company issued public hearing notices for 10 Gram Panchayats; however, land has been acquired in only 3 villages. Clarification is required regarding whether the CSR funds will be distributed uniformly across all 10 Gram Panchayats, or whether a larger share will be allocated to the 3 villages where land has been acquired, leaving the remaining 7 Gram Panchayats with less funding. Information should also be provided on whether the project will be expanded and, if so, how. Furthermore, the company has not issued any notice regarding land acquisition in any of the Gram Panchayats, resulting in injustice to the local farmers. Before acquiring land in the future, the company should provide advance notice to the villages through the Talathi, conducting public meetings to ensure that the local landowners receive proper compensation for their land. Information should also be provided on how CSR funds will be distributed among all 10 Gram Panchayats. As the company representatives will be based in the city, urban development may occur, but village development will not take place. There are existing government mines in the nearby area, and mining has caused deterioration of the local roads. Currently, in Bhadrawati, locals have had to protest against the Nippon Dendro project, and similarly, protests are taking place against the cement factory in Gadchandur. Project-affected people</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company administration should discuss with relevant authorities regarding the provision of subsidies for public works and attempt to find an appropriate solution. Discussions regarding CSR funds will be conducted with all project-affected Gram Panchayats, and the allocation of CSR funds will be made accordingly.</p> <p>The project proponents stated that the establishment of the plant is expected to take approximately 2–3 years, and the plant is anticipated to operate for about 25–30 years.</p> <p>The Regional Officer, M.P. Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the company is required to submit responses to the issues raised during the public hearing before the Environmental Appraisal Committee. Without providing these responses, the company will not be granted environmental clearance.</p> <p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that all issues raised by the participants are being recorded in the proceedings, and photographic documentation is also being undertaken. The proceedings will bear the signatures of the Public Hearing Committee and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate</p>

	<p>are forced to resort only to protests, as their issues are not being addressed. The company is requested to provide skill development to unskilled local residents and generate employment opportunities. Information should also be provided on how many years it will take to establish the plant, as well as the expected operational lifespan of the plant. Expansion of the plant is certain, and future land acquisition is inevitable. Measures must be taken to ensure that the mistakes made during land excavation in Kondhala and Nimsada are not repeated. According to the points raised by Mr. Vishal Parkhi, no income tax should have been applicable on the purchase and sale of agricultural land. However, the company has purchased land on a per-square-foot basis, which violates regulations. While acquiring the land, the company misled the farmers, and proper adherence to rules was not followed.</p>	<p>Change, Government of India, New Delhi. The Public Hearing Committee does not have the authority to include the proceedings in the Delhi-based committee, but the issues raised by participants are forwarded to the Environmental Appraisal Committee for consideration. The proceedings are submitted in both the regional language and English.</p>
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35) Shri. Maruti Lataruji Deotale, Belgaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>A Gram Sabha was conducted in the village, during which it was stated that the "No Objection Certificate" had not been issued. However, through a letter dated 21/05/2025, the No Objection Certificate had already been issued. In this regard, we had filed a complaint with the Group Development Officer, but no action was taken on that complaint. We, the residents of Kondhala village, respectfully submit that due to your esteemed Shri Cement Company, industrial development is taking place in the area. In order for the local residents to benefit from this development, we are presenting the</p>	<p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the Sub-Divisional Officer will take the appropriate decision in this matter.</p>

	<p>following demands. It is essential that the company provide clear, written, and binding assurances regarding these matters. For this purpose, the following demands should be submitted in writing on the company's letterhead, with official signatures and seal. We hereby state that we have no objection to the company only if our demands are accepted; otherwise, if our demands are not approved, we will oppose the company.</p>	
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36) Shri. Laxmanrao Parkhi, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company, by dealing directly with the farmers on an individual basis, has acquired land in a manner that the farmers did not receive compensation at the desired rate. Farmers from Kondhala village cannot obtain land elsewhere at a reasonable rate. The company should provide clarification on whether it intends to acquire all the land in Kondhala village. The company's operations are likely to impact the surrounding villages and may also affect the health of the local residents. Therefore, it is requested that the company acquire all the land in Kondhala village and ensure the rehabilitation of Kondhala village. While acquiring the land, all villagers should be provided compensation at the same rate, without any discrepancies. Due to the project's pollution, there is a significant risk of damage to crops, particularly cotton, which may not receive guaranteed prices. The company should purchase the remaining farmers' land at a higher rate so that their means of livelihood are safeguarded. Children of the affected farmers should be provided employment in the project in</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that they have acquired only the land necessary for the project. At present, there is no proposal for the expansion of the project. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report includes measures for pollution control.</p> <p>The Hon. Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that all the issues raised by the public have been duly recorded, and repeated concerns have been noted. The company has also been instructed to conduct surveys and take appropriate action regarding these issues. He instructed to do these things in CSR funds.</p> <p>The project proponent further stated that no separate solar energy project is proposed. However, solar panels will be installed on rooftops for energy use. Additionally, solar-powered street lights will be installed in the villages through the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.</p>

	<p>accordance with their educational qualifications. I also request the administration to ensure that the company takes action in this regard. A skill development training center should be established. Since the project is located near Nimsada, Kondhala, and Dahegaon villages, a military school should be established in the area considering the interests of local students. Open gyms and enclosed gyms should be set up in all 10 Gram Panchayat areas where notices were issued. Additionally, all villages should be provided with adequate infrastructure facilities. I request the administration to take note of this and ensure that the company implements these measures. Furthermore, clarification should be provided regarding the proposed solar energy project by the company. The administration should record all the issues raised so far and ensure that the company takes appropriate note and action. Establish military school.</p>	
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37) Shri. Vijay Namdeorao Deotale, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Approximately 19 acres of agricultural land have been purchased by the company, leaving us landless. Moreover, acquiring farmland elsewhere at a reasonable rate is not possible. We are uncertain about how to proceed with further decisions. Additionally, the compensation provided has been inadequate. The company has misled the villagers. In my opinion, government officials should have issued notices regarding land acquisition or conducted public awareness campaigns in the project-affected villages.</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that the land required for the project was acquired through discussions directly with the farmers, without any form of mediation.</p> <p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the points raised have been duly noted.</p>

38) Shri. Vishal Nanaji Parkhi, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Information should be provided regarding whether the company will directly pay the applicable taxes for the agricultural land purchased for industrial use in the villages of Yensa, Kondhala, and Dahegav to the respective Gram Panchayats, or if any intermediary will be involved in this process. It should also be clarified whether, after the commencement of the project, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) will conduct an audit of the company to monitor environmental degradation and pollution in the area, and how this will be carried out. Furthermore, information should be provided regarding whether the company will compensate farmers for any losses to their crops or land resulting from the project, and how such compensation will be managed. I request the Pollution Control Board to conduct annual meetings with local farmers to review agricultural losses, ensuring that no harm comes to the farmers' crops and that appropriate compensation is provided by the company. Details should also be provided on whether the Pollution Control Board will schedule such meetings and how the drainage in the villages will be managed or diverted. Study the canal diversion.</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that the taxes will be paid directly to the Gram Panchayats.</p>

39) Shri. Ganesh Kale, Member, Gram Panchayat Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>You have convened here today to record the positive and negative opinions of the local community during the public hearing. The company should provide information regarding the alternative route for transportation, as well as specify which areas of land are proposed to be acquired for this purpose. Additionally, the company should clarify whether the land acquisition process has been completed or if further land acquisition is planned. This is crucial because the upcoming agricultural season is approaching, and if farmers begin cultivation and the company starts acquiring agricultural land thereafter, it will result in a loss of income for the farmers and cause significant damage. Written assurances should be provided for all the issues raised during the hearing. Furthermore, the company should announce the dates for recruitment of the required workforce. Construct separate road for company vehicles. Company should give written reply to people.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

40) Shri. Laxman Bapurao Salve, Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>It was mentioned here that funds would be allocated in the Gram Panchayat for persons with disabilities. However, the intended beneficiaries have not received these funds. The Gram Sevak engaged in corruption during the disbursement of</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company should, through its public relations officers, engage with the project-affected persons with disabilities and ensure that they are not neglected or</p>



	<p>the funds. I request that the project proponents provide me with a permanent job in the project. My wife is also suffering from a mental illness, and with employment, I will be able to ensure proper treatment for her. I had previously approached GMR for employment, but they categorically refused. Persons with disabilities should be given first priority for employment in the project.</p>	<p>disadvantaged. No decisions are taken during this public hearing. The Environmental Public Hearing serves to record the opinions of project-affected citizens regarding the project. All your concerns have been duly noted. The company administration is also expected to consider employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in a compassionate and fair manner.</p>
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41) Shri. Laxmanrao Parkhi, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Citizens who do not secure employment in the company should be provided by the company with a monthly pension of Rs. 30,000/- until they reach retirement age.	The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the points raised have been duly noted.

42) Shri. Janardan Gopalrao Dethe, Belgaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Around 9–10 Gram Panchayats have been included at this site. However, the land from our village has not been acquired. The proposed project site is located approximately 1.5 to 2 kilometers from Belgaum. The water in Belgaum, Kondhala, and Yensa villages is fluoride-contaminated and unfit for drinking. While excavating the stone required for cement production, the company must be aware of the groundwater availability in this area. Since 2005, Belgaum underground mining has been operational, yet our Gram Panchayat has not received any CSR funding from this mining activity. No developmental work has been undertaken for the benefit of our	The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company must take appropriate measures to ensure adequate water availability for the local villagers.

	<p>village. Due to the excavation by the company, the village's drinking water borewells have collapsed. Consequently, there is not only a lack of drinking water but also insufficient water for other domestic and agricultural purposes. Despite holding meetings with the Sub-Divisional Officer from time to time, no effective solution has been provided. The company must ensure the provision of adequate water supply for both drinking and other essential uses in the surrounding villages. No CSR fund to our village by M/s. Sunflag underground mine. Our borewell has collapsed.</p>	
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43) Shri. Harshad Awari, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>A written assurance must be provided by the company regarding the demands of the local residents. Residents from Kondhala, Nimsada, and Dahegaon are present here for the public hearing. The company's senior officials are not present at this location; therefore, no response is expected from them at this time. The rehabilitation of the villages must be ensured. The company's management is aware of the potential future damages arising from the cement industry. A written assurance is required stating that local residents will be given priority in employment.</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the points raised have been duly noted.</p>



44) Shri. Anil Kawduji Salve, Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our farmland has been purchased by the company. I request that electricity supply be provided to the farmland we have purchased in the nearby village.	The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that correspondence should be conducted in this regard. The district administration will follow up with the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MSEDCL).

45) Shri. Bhanudas Uddhav Bodhane, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Due to the company's operations, pollution will occur, and merely planting trees will not be sufficient to reduce it. I request that carbon credits be made available to the farmers so that their losses are prevented, while the company's objectives are also achieved. Information should be provided regarding the company's daily water requirement, the source of water, and the extent to which water will be reused. Clarification should also be provided on whether treated wastewater can be made available to farmers for irrigation. If the company extracts groundwater, it will create a severe shortage of drinking water for the farmers, and water will not be available. Give carbon credit to farmers.	The project proponent stated that for cement production, the project will require 1,368 kiloliters of water per day, of which 1,253 kiloliters per day will be fresh water. Approximately 115 kiloliters per day will be treated and recycled within the project. Initially, water will be drawn through borewells, and once mining operations commence, mine water will be utilized for cement production.

46) Shri. Ravindra Pandhari Bhoyar, Sarpanch Gat-Gram Panchayat Yensa, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The existing coal mine had provided certain assurances a few years ago; however, those assurances have not been fulfilled. Additionally, a filter plant was installed in the village, but wastewater from the coal mine is being discharged into the river through drains. The company should ensure that treated water, if potable, is made available for drinking purposes or otherwise for animals. Furthermore, to replenish groundwater levels, water should be allowed to percolate into the soil. Extraction of water from the soil could cause further damage. The company should establish a large drinking water plant in the area and provide drinking water facilities to all villages. Kondhala village is located approximately 150–200 meters from the proposed cement plant. The rehabilitation of Kondhala village must be undertaken. Although provisions exist for this in the land acquisition process, the company did not fully comply with land acquisition laws while acquiring the land. During the public hearing of the project, making personal remarks or criticisms is inappropriate, and legal action should be considered against individuals who do so. For government and public construction projects within a 5 km radius, cement should be supplied at a 50% discount. The company should provide at least one member of each project-affected farmer's family with skill development training and offer them permanent employment within the company. Additionally, elderly members of project-affected families</p>	<p>The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the company should give due and positive consideration to your demands.</p>



	should be provided a monthly pension of ₹20,000 by the company. M/s. Sunflag mine is discharging its water in nalla.	
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47) Shri. Gopal Maroti Nannaware, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company has acquired the land surrounding my farmland, but my plot has not been acquired. My farmland is experiencing significant disturbance from animals, making it difficult to cultivate crops. Therefore, I request the company to purchase my farmland.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

48) Shri. Sunil Deshmukh, Environment Head, M/s. Shree Cement Limited:-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Self-help savings groups will be established for women. Additionally, vocational training will be provided in areas such as sewing, embroidery, goat rearing, dairy farming, beauty parlors, computer skills, and other similar skills. Training required for obtaining loans and grants will also be provided. Existing self-help savings groups will be empowered. The schools in the project-affected areas will be digitized, and e-learning facilities will be introduced, including computers and other necessary infrastructure. Books and school supplies for underprivileged students will be distributed through CSR initiatives. Tree plantation activities will also be undertaken. Study materials for schools will be distributed via CSR. Open and closed gyms will receive support from the company. Financial assistance for community buildings will be provided through the gram panchayats. Farmers will receive guidance from expert panels on agricultural training and the use of modern farming equipment, including pest control and seed selection. Training will also be provided in dairy farming, fisheries, and beekeeping. Annual excursions will be organized to familiarize farmers with modern agricultural practices, benefiting their productivity. Career guidance will be provided for educated local youth, in collaboration with the local gram panchayats. Students will also receive sports training. Existing primary health centers will be supported with required materials and renovated using CSR funds. Equipment such as X-ray machines, ECG machines, and ophthalmic devices will be provided for medical treatment through CSR initiatives. Health camps will be periodically organized to monitor and improve the health of the local population. Ambulance services will be made available through the gram panchayats, and firefighting facilities will also be provided. Solar streetlights will be installed using CSR funds in

	coordination with the gram panchayats. While excavating limestone in the mines, advanced technology will be employed during blasting to ensure that local residents do not suffer any harm. Blasting will be conducted following the guidelines of the Director General of Mines Safety. Separate roads will be constructed for the transportation of cement from the plant. Appropriate measures for air and water pollution control will be implemented as outlined in the project presentation. Local residents will be given priority in employment. The company has acquired all land required for the project. Additional land may need to be acquired for road construction, but no other land is required.
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49) Hon'ble Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee & Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The project representatives should hold discussions with the company administration regarding notices issued by the Income Tax Department to local farmers. Additionally, full assistance from the company's chartered accountant and legal counsel should be made available to the local residents. A center should be established at the local level to facilitate this support.

50) Shri. Rama Bhadruji Bodhane, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should purchase the land of all farmers at an equal rate, ensuring that all farmers receive the same compensation. Otherwise, I will not hand over my farmland to the company. Why was there no consultation with the entire village during the land acquisition process? Clarification should be provided as to whether this project is being established solely for the cement factory or otherwise. Information should also be provided regarding why discrepancies occurred in compensation and why all farmers were not given equal compensation. I will not vacate my farmland.	<p>The project proponents stated that this is a personal matter, and it will be discussed to arrive at a solution.</p> <p>The Hon. Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee on Environmental Matters stated that the project proponents should discuss the issue with the management and find a resolution.</p> <p>The project proponents further stated that the village land was acquired after discussions with the farmers and with their consent. The land required for the project has been purchased by the company.</p>

51) Shri. Swapnil Chikate, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should provide 100% health insurance coverage for every resident of Kondhala village.	The project proponents stated that the company will discuss with its management to provide all necessary amenities and facilities for the local residents. Provisions for this will be considered and made under the CSR framework.

52) Shrimati Lilabai Maroti Bhute, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My farmland was purchased by the company at a lower rate. Although we have a bank account, the compensation amount was deposited into a different bank account opened in our name. We were subjected to income tax on this amount. The company should reimburse the income tax and increase the compensation for our farmland.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

53) Shri. Vishal Nanaji Parkhi, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dahegaon, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company deposited the compensation for the locals into savings accounts. As per the bank's regulations, a maximum of Rs. 20 lakh can be transacted annually from a savings account, whereas the limit for a current account is Rs. 50 lakh. If transactions exceed Rs. 20 lakh, TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) is levied. The farmers were not informed about	The Honorable Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee on Environmental Matters stated that the locals should be provided full assistance by the company's chartered accountant and legal advisors for filing their income tax. A dedicated center should be established at the local level for this purpose.

	<p>this. To avoid TDS deduction, income tax must be paid, but the farmers are unaware of this requirement. The company should take responsibility for this. The company should also assist the locals in filing their income tax returns. Additionally, the company should provide employment to my son.</p>	
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54) Ku. Jaya Devidas Gaurkar, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The company should provide an explanation as to why false sale documents were submitted. Our agricultural land was purchased at Rs. 35 lakh, but it was shown as Rs. 30 lakh, thereby misleading the villagers. Unless all farmers are given equal compensation, the possession of the land will not be relinquished, and the project will not be allowed to proceed. The company must give priority to locals in employment; otherwise, the land possession will not be handed over, and the project will not be permitted to commence.</p>	<p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee on Environmental Matters stated that all the issues raised during the public hearing are being duly recorded, and the proceedings will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.</p>

55) Shri. Vitthal Ajabrao Satpute, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>As stated by Rama Bodhane, the company's representative had assured that the number would not exceed 40. The company's representative, Mr. Uttarwar, had stated that the land would not be purchased at a rate exceeding Rs. 30 lakh. However, this was not adhered to. The company purchased the land at higher rates. The company should</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

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	not mislead the local residents. Mr. Uttarwar was expected to be present at the public hearing to provide answers regarding the land transactions.	
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56) Shrimati Jayshri Choudhari, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Nimsada, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company should ensure the availability of water for all villages. The issue of water has not been addressed in the company's report.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

57) Shri. Harshad Awari, Kondhala, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company has not responded to any of my questions. Kondhala village should be rehabilitated. If the village is rehabilitated, the company will receive the necessary cooperation. We, the residents of Kondhala, consider ourselves fortunate that a cement project is going to be established in our village. The cement project will contribute to the development of our village.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the issue raised by you has been duly noted.

There was no participant in online mode. The audio & video recording of the Public Hearing was done throughout the Environmental Public Hearing.

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

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

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 09 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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