

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PROPOSED BARANJ OPENCAST COAL MINING PROJECT, FOR MINING LEASE AREA: 1457.20 HA EXPANSION IN CAPACITY FROM 3.50 MTPA TO 5.00 MTPA LOCATED AT VILLAGE: SOMNALA, BONTHALA, CHEK BARANJ, KADHOLI, KESURLI, CHICHORDI & BARANJ MOKASA, TAL. BHADRAWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPOSER M/S. KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LTD, SHAKTI BHAWAN NO. 82, RACE COURSE ROAD, BENGALURU URBAN, KARNATAKA**

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Date : 30/12/2025  
Time : 11:00 AM  
Place : At Project Site M/s. Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., Baranj Open Cast Mining Project, S. No. 296, Old State Highway 264(Bhadrawati to Kondha Fata), village Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.

**Preamble:-**

Project Proponent M/s. Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd, Shakti Bhawan No. 82, Race Course Road, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 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 Baranj Open Cast Coal Mining Project, for Mining lease area: 1457.20 Ha Expansion in capacity from 3.50 MTPA to 5.00 MTPA located at Village: Somnala, Bonthala, Chek Baranj, Kadholi, Kesurli, Chichordi & Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned on 09/08/2025. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environmental study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category A-1 (a), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd, Shakti Bhawan No. 82, Race Course Road, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 12/11/2025 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 30/12/2025.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Lokmat & Punyanagari, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India & The Hitavada for English on 27/11/2025. 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.

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

- (1) 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, Bhadrawati, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Tahsil Office, Warora, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Municipal Council Bhadrawati, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Gram Panchayat, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Gram Panchayat Chak Baranj Manora, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (13) Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (15) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: [www.mpcb.gov.in](http://www.mpcb.gov.in)

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.05 to 15 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-92/2025 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-251223-FTS-0189, dated 23/12/2025 as under :-

1) District Magistrate-Chandrapur or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate	<b>Chairman</b>
2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai - Regional Officer – Chandrapur,	<b>Member</b>

MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur  
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

**Convener**

This office is in receipt 19 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.

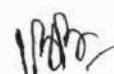
**Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-**

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 local people and the 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 details of the proposed project.



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

#### **Detailed Information of the Project -**

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

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

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

##### **1) Shri. Vitthal Punwatkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I completely oppose this project. This company has not carried out rehabilitation as per government rules. As per Section 124 of the Gram Panchayat Act, 1958, an amount of Rs. 3.40 crore is outstanding against the company. The company has not paid any taxes till date. The company is imposing terms and conditions while carrying out the rehabilitation of the village. On 06/02/2013, the company declared the village report, in which Section 4 was applied in the year 2010 and we were informed that	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

	<p>compensation would be given as per the 2009 rates. Due to the company's activities, the groundwater level of the village has gone down. The company is causing pollution problems to the local people. For the last 18 years, the company has not taken any measures to control pollution. The company has stated in its report that the nearest sanctuary is Tadoba Sanctuary; however, tigers are present in this area, livestock are being killed, and compensation is being paid by the Forest Department for such losses. Therefore, today's public hearing should be cancelled. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is not taking any action against the company. This public hearing should be cancelled until houses are acquired unconditionally as per the Gram Panchayat records. For the past 18 years, we have been suffering due to pollution. The EMTA representatives will not respond here; the government representatives of KPCL should respond here.</p>	
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**2) Shri. Mohan Dudhe, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 company's mining activities, a large amount of dust pollution is occurring in Baranj Mokasa village. Pollution in the area has increased and problems of water pollution have also arisen. Overburden has been dumped in excessive quantities. There is a fear that if the overburden collapses due to water, the entire village may be destroyed. The company has not acquired the remaining agricultural land, and therefore farming cannot be carried out. Ground water depletion occurred in villages.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**3) Shri. Mahesh Kawduji More, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>Due to heavy transportation through Kondha village, large-scale pollution is being caused, making agricultural activities impossible. It has also become difficult to graze cattle. The company is discharging contaminated water through a drain. The company has been operational since the year 2021, and agricultural land has been damaged; however, the company has not paid any compensation for these losses. Before conducting the public hearing, the level of pollution in Kondha village should have been assessed. The houses located along the roadside have also been damaged due to pollution. In addition, unemployment in the area has increased. The company should provide a separate transportation road outside the village. Due to pollution, the health of the local residents is being adversely affected, and citizens are unable to reach medical facilities. Local people are not being provided employment in the company, and instead, workers from outside are being engaged. Therefore, this public hearing should be cancelled and conducted again. I got only Rs. 4 Lakhs till date.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**4) Shri. Devanand Uddhav Punwatkar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>I am a person with a disability and hold a postgraduate degree; however, the</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that</p>

	<p>company has only given assurances and has not provided any employment. The company has stated that only half of the compensation amount will be paid. The said company is under the control of political leaders and is being operated for their benefit and advancement. Local residents are being asked to submit documents dating back to the year 2009. People are affected. Blasting has adversely affected. Who decided of people? Close this mine. Give proper compensation.</p>	<p>the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>
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**5) Shrimati Shashikala Kishor Ingole, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>Due to the company's transportation activities, local students are suffering from pollution. Dust pollution is causing hardship to residents, and the number of accidents has also increased. The company should immediately stop transportation through the village, as it is causing dust pollution and resulting in losses to farmers. If the company's transportation is not stopped, protests will be undertaken against it. The company must construct and use an alternative route for its transportation. Company shall provide transportation facility to school students.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**6) Shri. Sachin Chalture, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>All the statements made by the company regarding environmental matters are completely false. The</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that</p>

	Pollution Control Board should inspect the Kondha stream, as it is heavily polluted. The polluted water of the Kondha stream is being supplied to Bhadravati city. Agricultural lands located along the roadside in Kondha village have suffered extensive damage. No expenditure made by company.	the point raised by you has been duly noted.
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**7) Shri. Santosh Uddhav Punwatkar, Tal. Bhadravati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company forcibly excavated a pit in my agricultural land. Moreover, no employment was provided to us, nor was any compensation paid for the loss of agricultural land. The company should have been shut down at that time; however, it is still operating. This company should be closed at the earliest and the said mine should be allotted to Western Coalfields Limited (WCL).	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**8) Shri. Sachin Abhiman Dhoke, Gat-Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Tal. Bhadravati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company should provide details of the environmental protection measures it has implemented. Furthermore, the company has not fulfilled the villagers' demands in written form. Resolutions were passed in the Gram Sabha and submitted to the company; however, no response has been received from the company to date. Due to the company's pollution, livestock and small children are suffering from serious illnesses. The company should establish a	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

<p>hospital for local residents and provide free medical treatment. The company has not made any arrangements for drinking water in any of the surrounding Gram Panchayats. Although the company conducts water quality testing in the area, it does not take any remedial measures thereafter, nor does it inform the local residents about the results. The company has also not consulted or taken any Gram Panchayat into confidence. Not a single farmer has received compensation for losses caused by dust pollution from the road. As per government decisions, no beneficiary list has been provided till date. Therefore, permission to the company should be denied. Company should send reply to all Gram Panchayats.</p>	
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**9) Shri. Arvind Deogade, Project Affected Worker, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 total of 180 workers are employed in the said mine. During its presentation, the company stated that masks and gloves are being provided to the workers; however, in reality, no such facilities are being provided. Workers are required to repeatedly argue with the company even to obtain basic items such as safety shoes. If any worker is injured, no first-aid facility is provided. For the past five years, workers have been fighting for their wages, yet no wages have been paid to date. I request the Pollution Control Department not to grant expansion permission to the said mine. If permission is granted, the mine will be fully excavated and closed within five years. What about people after</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>



	closure of this mine? There is no arrangement of doctors.	
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**10) Shri. Rajesh Haribhau Matte, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 said company has been operating in the area since the year 2007. The villages of Kondha, Padoli, Kadholi, Kiloni, and Majri in the surrounding area are severely affected by pollution. The residents of these villages are suffering from diseases such as cancer and asthma. The company has not provided any health facilities in the villages of Majri, Kondha, and Kadholi. A public hearing is being conducted to increase the company's coal mining capacity. The company should first control the pollution in the surrounding area and only thereafter proceed with any expansion. To date, the company has given only verbal assurances and has not provided any written commitments. The company does not resolve the problems of ordinary citizens. Since 2007, 10–12 farmers have been struggling with the company for compensation and employment. The company has not provided employment to local people till date. Instead, workers from other states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar are being employed. We repeatedly raise the issue of providing employment to locals; however, the company does not respond. When we approach the company to seek answers, the police administration is called. The company is not willing to engage in discussions to resolve the problems of local residents. The officers of the Pollution Control Board should inspect the road of Kondha village. This public hearing</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

	should be cancelled. Company is not doing anything for pollution control.
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**11) Sau. Purnima Dudharam Shende, Project Affected Person, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	There is a severe water crisis in our village. The first bore-well became non-functional due to blasting. The company installed a second bore-well; however, that too became non-functional due to blasting. The water obtained from the bore-well is of extremely poor quality and is unfit for drinking. In Baranj village, there are serious network connectivity issues. People have to stand in queues for hours at the fair price shop. Despite repeatedly submitting representations to the company, these issues are being ignored. Local unemployed persons are not being provided employment by the company.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**12) Shri. Rajendra Dongare, Chairman, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, and Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Chek Baranj, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Information should be provided regarding the extent of employment that will be generated for local residents of Chek Baranj and Baranj Mokasa villages under the expansion project.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.



13) Shri. Devendra Suryabhan Wankhede, Project Affected Person Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 commenced operations in 2021, yet Baranj village has not been fully rehabilitated for the past five years. Due to administrative delays and the administration's support to the company, the rehabilitation has not been carried out. My house has been declared ineligible by the company. For the past one year, I have been pursuing this matter through constitutional and legal means; however, no resolution has been reached. I have submitted applications to the Sub-Divisional Office on four to five occasions, and despite two hearings, my house has still not been declared eligible. Houses of persons who offer commissions are being declared eligible. Until the company acquires our house through due legal and constitutional procedure, we will not hand it over. We oppose this company until proper rehabilitation is carried out. We have demanded a supply of safe drinking water in the village and have requested the Gram Panchayat to take steps to control pollution; this has been treated as an offence against us. As a result, my house is not being rehabilitated. I request the administration to carry out the rehabilitation of Baranj village strictly in accordance with constitutional and legal procedures.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**14) Shrimati Chaudhari, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	There is a significant amount of dust in our village, which is causing us considerable hardship. The company should immediately stop transportation through the village.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**15) Shri. Nilesh Korde, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company is not providing employment to local residents. Livestock are dying, and due to the company's pollution, milk production in animals has decreased. The company should extend assistance to the local farmers. No land for animal grazing.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**16) Shri. Vishal Dudhe, Project Affected Person, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

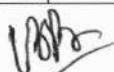
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Local residents are presenting their grievances here and expect responses from the administration. Previously, I have submitted two objection letters to the District Collector's office and the Pollution Control Board. On 20/02/2025, environmental clearance (EC) No. 248010AMH5560208 was granted for mining 3.2 million tons. Approval has now been sought for 20% additional production. Certain terms and conditions were imposed by your authority in this regard. Information	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

<p>should be provided on whether and how these specific terms and conditions have been complied with. One of the conditions stated: "PP shall construct permanent boundary wall all along the boundary of Ordinance Factory within 1 year." A period of three months was allotted for this, with an expected expenditure of INR 20 million. However, the protective wall has not yet been constructed. If the company is not complying with the terms and conditions, clarification is required on the purpose of holding this public hearing. If the company is unable to comply with the conditions of the environmental clearance, this public hearing should be cancelled. No approval for expansion should be granted until the company fulfills all conditions of the environmental clearance. It has been reported that 185 hectares of land located 50 meters from Chichordi village is intended for acquisition for expansion according to the agreement of December 2016. However, even after ten years, the land has not been acquired. In a recent meeting in Nagpur, it was stated that KPCL will acquire the land at Chichordi. Chichordi already suffers from severe air, noise, and water pollution. Until the company acquires the 185 hectares, permission should not be granted for annual production of 5.0 million tons. I request the Hon. Minister of Environment, Government of India, Mr. Bhupendra Yadav, and Hon. Ms. Pankajatai Munde, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai, to ensure that compliance with the conditions for 3.5 million tons per year before granting permission. Another condition in the environmental clearance was: "PP shall construct Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) within one year" with an expected expenditure of INR 5 million. The</p>	
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Maharashtra Pollution Control Board issued a 'show cause notice' to the company, and a copy of the response is available to me under the Right to Information. The proposed instructions included: "You have not provided ETP for workshop & vehicle washing effluent, and effluent is being discharged on land near coal transportation roadside. You have not provided tyre washing system." To date, the company has not installed the tyre washing system. It is not possible that the vehicles from the mine will not cause pollution. I acknowledge the importance of industries for national economic development; however, human life must be safeguarded. The company has not established a buffer zone or a green belt. No fixed-type water sprinkling system has been installed. As per the notice: "You have provided only kachha lagoon instead of sedimentation tank with baffle wall & mine water discharged into local nalla which finally meets Kondha nalla." The company operates 400-500 vehicles daily without any apparent planning. As a result, residents of Kondha, Baranj, and Mokasa are suffering from dust pollution, which adversely affects their health. The Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra must consider whether human life or production takes precedence. If companies violate environmental regulations, the future of India is at risk. The company should have at least four air quality monitoring systems. Neighboring companies have four such systems providing PM10, PM2.5, and other data. Information should be provided on the placement of the company's air quality monitoring system. The company was expected to respond within seven days, but no response was received. The Maharashtra Pollution Control

<p>Board was expected to take action within seven days, but over a year, only bank guarantees were seized. Seizing bank guarantees of INR 5–10 lakh does not achieve any corrective outcome. Despite these measures, if no improvements occur, the company's CTE, CTO, and environmental clearance should be revoked. No permission should be granted to the company until proper environmental planning and compliance are ensured. The company has mined 7.5 million metric tons of coal from forest areas. Permission was granted by the Forest Department on 11/07/2022 under certain conditions. Until the rehabilitation of Baranj Mokasa village is completed, mining from forest areas should not be permitted. Mining has caused the death of eight cows owned by Mr. Nilesh Korde and the death of the mother of Mr. Arvind Devtale. Additionally, eight deaths occurred in Kondha due to pollution-related accidents. How environmental and pollution balance is being maintained is questionable. The mother of Mr. Arvind Devtale died following a tiger attack near the company's electric fence. Her body was found two days later, and her last rites were performed. In this context, I question the rationale for sending the public hearing proposal to the District Collector, Chandrapur, after screening and scoping by the Ministry of Environment, Government of India. The proposal should be cancelled. Expansion should not be approved until all issues are resolved and pollution is controlled. I request the Hon. Minister of Environment, Maharashtra Government, to obtain clarification from the company based on a truthful report. Thousands of employment opportunities exist in the country; the company's operations are tantamount to a threat to human life.</p>	
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In countries such as China, environmental protection is prioritized, and strict compliance is monitored daily. In India, such monitoring facilities do not exist. However, complaints against a company should prompt proper monitoring by the Pollution Control Board. Currently, the Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch, and residents oppose the company. In 2020, we supported the company's commencement, as officials assured that the village would be rehabilitated within three months. However, mining has proceeded for the company's benefit, and the promise of rehabilitation has been ignored. The company imposes terms and conditions to harass locals. Regarding the mining of 7.5 million metric tons, I request the Hon. Additional District Magistrate to conduct a thorough investigation. Mining from forest areas must also be examined, and appropriate action is expected. Three days ago, I met the Coal Minister, Mr. Kishan Reddy, and submitted a petition with signatures of 285 residents. He assured a thorough investigation and action plan. The Government must take serious note of this matter. Failure to do so will leave residents of Baranj with no option but to undertake a hunger strike outside Jantar Mantar and the Minister of Environment's residence. There is no buffer zone, no green belt, no mechanized sweeping machines, no arrangement of transportation through villages, only one CAAQMS is installed. Cancel C2E, C2O and EC, do transportation by other route, use conveyor belt mechanism for coal transportation, provide public health care centers and schools. Mine is not eligible. Animals died due to pollution and due to accidents. I oppose this project.



**17) Shri. Ganraj Dashrath Punwatkar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>My son was employed in this company and passed away while at work. Since my son's death, I have not received a single rupee from the company. The company acquired my house and also deducted INR 6.0 lakh from the compensation amount. I request that this amount be paid to me. The company should prepare a full account of the period from 2009 to the present and provide me with the due compensation. Some residents have received INR 2.5 lakh; the same amount should also be provided to me.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**18) Shrimati Manisha Prakash Hingane, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Baraj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>On the occasion of this public hearing, I am presenting the issues faced by my Gram Panchayat with the expectation that the administration will take appropriate action. Baranj Mokasa village is located at the center of the Baranj Mokasa project. The rehabilitation process of Baranj Mokasa village is not being carried out in accordance with government regulations. The administration should pay attention to the situation in the village. It is not appropriate for the villagers to comment on the company's mining operations, and we have no connection with them. However, the administration must focus diligently on the rehabilitation process. The matter of eligibility and</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

<p>ineligibility of local residents should be resolved immediately. The ongoing rehabilitation process is not being completed, which is the most serious issue being raised here. The primary reason for the lowering of the water table in the area is mining activity. The intensity of blasting has increased significantly and needs to be controlled. All youth in my village should receive 100% employment, but they are not being provided jobs. Local residents should be given employment in the company. Furthermore, the rehabilitation policy should be properly implemented to complete the village's rehabilitation. The company must also control pollution and resolve the pollution-related issues effectively. School students get afraid due to blasting. Give 100% jobs to my village people. Solve the problem of pollution.</p>	
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**19) Shri. Ramesh Bukkya, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Branaj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 rehabilitation process of the village is proceeding at a slow pace, with houses being categorized as eligible or ineligible. The compensation amount for the locals, which has been withheld at the company's headquarters, should be released to the local residents at the earliest. Additionally, 100% employment in the mine should be provided to the local residents.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**20) Shri. Roshan Burgude, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	According to a resident of Kadholi, the company starts bidding from INR 50,000. After he met with an accident and contacted the company, they began the bidding at INR 50,000. Instead of providing medical treatment to the individual, the company placed a bid on him, which caused him great hardship. His livelihood depended entirely on him. The accident occurred due to the high speed of heavy vehicles. Drivers are given trip allowances, which results in vehicle speeds exceeding limits, leading to accidents. There is a severe problem of pollution in the village, which needs to be brought under control. The company must also address the various other issues faced by the village; otherwise, holding this public hearing serves no purpose. If no solution is provided for the village's problems, we will be compelled to undertake protests.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**21) Shri. Nikhil Ramchandra Nikhade, Project Affected Person, Barani Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	For the past two years, I have been requesting employment from the company, but the company has been deliberately avoiding providing jobs. If we attempt to stop the company's vehicles, we are forcibly removed through police intervention. Additionally, the company repeatedly summons us and harasses us. Even after acquiring our agricultural land,	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

	the company continues to avoid providing employment to us. No job to me since last 2 years. I lost my land.
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**22) Shri. Jayesh Suresh Ghate, Project Affected Person, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I have completed my ITI and possess a valid driver's license; yet, the company has been deliberately avoiding providing me employment. My land has been acquired by the company. I received a recommendation letter from the company and approached a nearby PM company with it, but I was informed that local residents are not being provided employment. Furthermore, that company has appointed outsiders to the position of vehicle driver.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**23) Shri. Rajkumar Nanaji Chincholkar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The livelihood of my household depends on my two brothers. When we approached the company seeking employment, the company has been deliberately avoiding providing jobs. The company has been evading employment provision for the past two years.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**24) Shri. Atish Nagpure, Project Affected Person, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>My land was acquired in 2010, and I am a project-affected person; yet, I have not received employment in the project to date. Despite submitting applications and following up repeatedly, my issue has not been resolved. I should be compensated for losses amounting to approximately INR 25–30 lakh. Compensation should be provided to me in accordance with both previous and new agreements between the Maharashtra Government and the company. Furthermore, project-affected farmers are not receiving project-affected certificates. The government should take appropriate action regarding this matter and provide a written explanation for the delay. The administration has stated that since the land has been acquired by a private company, project-affected certificates cannot be issued. A written clarification regarding this should be provided. Since 2010, the company has acquired our land, yet we have not been provided employment by the company. An explanation for this is expected.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**25) Sau. Savita Ashok Sontakke, Project Affected Person, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>Heavy vehicle traffic passes through our village, causing accidents, yet no compensation has been provided. We have repeatedly organized protests to</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

<p>demand compensation for the damages, but the company continues to avoid providing it. The primary demand of the villagers is that the company completely stop transportation through the village. The company should identify an alternative route for its traffic and permanently divert it away from our village. An accident occurred in our village 3–4 months ago, but the company has not provided any compensation. The police administration warns the locals of filing cases, causing villagers to stay away. The company must stop transportation through our village; otherwise, strict action will be taken in this regard.</p>	
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**26) Shri. Joshil Abhiman Ramteke, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 administration starts bidding from INR 50,000. When approached, the police administration advises to block the vehicles only after a death has occurred. After the death of Mr. Detha's son in an accident, the company's managers were placing bids regarding the amount for his medical treatment. Stop truck transportation from our village &amp; follow another route.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**27) Sau. Pallavi Akash Deogade, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 stop all transportation through Kondha village. An alternative route should be identified by the company, and traffic</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

	should be diverted to that route. No transportation should be allowed through Kondha village. The health of the residents of Kondha village is being adversely affected. During transportation, coal stones fall on the villagers, causing injuries, and the company has taken no action regarding this. The company does not listen to the concerns of the local residents. Heavy dust spreads in our village.	
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**28) Sau. Premila Vijay Kuredhan, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company should cease all transportation through Kondha village. The company should identify an alternative route and direct the traffic through that route. No transportation should be allowed through Kondha village.	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**29) Sau. Pallavi Korde, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Due to the intensity of blasting, utensils in homes are falling down. Information should be provided regarding who will be held responsible if houses collapse due to blasting. Blasting has also caused a significant deterioration in the quality of water in taps, making it unfit for consumption. Water is blackish. The district administration should resolve the problems faced by the local residents. The administration should either shut down the company or ensure proper rehabilitation of the locals. If rehabilitation is not carried out, we, the	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

<p>villagers, will collectively take action to stop the company. Our primary demands are that blasting should be stopped and the rehabilitation of our village should be carried out. The school building in the village has developed cracks due to blasting, putting the lives of students at risk. In the event that a slab in the school collapses and students are injured, information should be provided regarding who will be held responsible — the company or the district administration. The company must address the problems faced by the local residents. Baranj Mokasa village should be rehabilitated, and proper compensation should be provided. The company should provide compensation and rehabilitation to all residents collectively, without creating disputes over eligibility or ineligibility.</p>	
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**30) Shri. Praful Chatki, Mayor, Bhadrawati Municipal Council, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Karnataka EMTA has been engaged in coal mining for the past several years. However, the company is carrying out certain activities illegally. Adjacent to the company's premises, there is an operational ordnance factory supplying ammunition to the nation. It is essential for the company to obtain a "No Objection Certificate" from the ordnance factory. Without this certificate, the company cannot undertake mining activities. While granting environmental clearance, the company must be required to provide the No Objection Certificate from the ordnance factory. Transportation by the company through Kondha village has caused extensive damage to the crops in the fields along the roads in</p>	<p>The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

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the vicinity. No compensation for these losses has been provided by the company. Information should be provided regarding which government officials of KPCL are present at this public hearing. Is the Government of Karnataka aware of the ongoing activities here? Through EMTA, which has been assigned in this area, many illegal activities are being conducted without informing the Government of Karnataka. Representatives of the Karnataka government do not engage with the villagers, and law and order issues arise in this area due to EMTA's activities. No official from the Karnataka government is present here, and they do not show interest in resolving the problems of the villagers. Chichordi village falls under the jurisdiction of Bhadravati Municipal Council, and the company has provided no facilities there. Furthermore, the CSR funds are not being allocated to Chichordi, Bhadravati city or the project-affected villages in the area. The company has been operating in this region for the past 20 years. Under CSR, the company has deposited INR 60.0 lakh with the office of the District Collector, Chandrapur. Despite this, there is severe pollution in the area, and Chandrapur district is ranked as the second most polluted district in the country. The pollution adversely affects the health of local residents, while the company continues to profit. Due to the company's pollution, the health of local residents is being adversely affected, with an increase in the incidence of cancer. However, the company has not established a multi-specialty hospital in Bhadravati Taluka. Water discharged from the mining activities should be treated by the company and released through the Kondha Nalla, which falls under Bhadravati Municipal Council. Water samples have been provided to the

<p>company officials. In reality, the company should establish a domestic sewage treatment plant (STP) on the Kondha Nalla and discharge treated water. However, the company does not perform any treatment, and the water is released untreated into the Wardha River. Complaints regarding this have been submitted to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. When local residents approach the company to resolve their problems, the company exerts pressure on them through the police administration, and cases are filed against them. This must stop. While granting environmental clearance to the company, the government should involve all Gram Panchayats in the area. Approval for the proposed expansion should be granted only after the problems of the local residents are satisfactorily resolved.</p>	
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**31) Shri. Sahil Tonge, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I had tested the water samples from the said mine, and several parameters were found to exceed the permissible limits. The company has acquired additional land for excavation, and it has been observed that many animals died due to mine water discharged from this area. Since excavation is taking place in a forested area, wild animals such as tigers are moving toward human settlements, thereby posing a threat both to the animals and to the villagers. The company should install an industrial effluent treatment plant to treat the wastewater from the mine so that clean water can be made available for irrigation to the farmers along the banks of the streams. It has also been observed</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

<p>that the blasting work has been outsourced to a contractor. Information should be provided regarding who is legally authorized to conduct blasting operations and the relevant regulations governing the same. While conducting blasting, the company can observe the impact of using 30 kg of blasting material in a 6-meter-deep pit. The village is located very close to the mine, and nearly 100 blasting operations are carried out here daily. Has the company administration ever visited the village to engage with the villagers? The village existed long before the commencement of the company's operations. The company must also take into account the damage caused to the residents of the village due to blasting. A request for employment was submitted to the company two days ago. If no action is taken regarding this, the villagers may be compelled to halt mining operations. In view of the above, the company is requested to take appropriate measures to address these concerns. Tiger killed a cow. A tiger and a deer died. How much material is put in blasting hole? Daily about 100 blastings are done. Villages are near from blasting place.</p>	
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**32) Shri. Sunil Namojwar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Despite the presence of significant issues at this site, an explanation is expected from the District Administration as to why this public hearing was organized. At the time the mining lease was allocated, certain terms and conditions were imposed on the company. None of these conditions have been complied with</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

by the company. When the rehabilitation agreement was executed by Karnataka EMTA in 2013, the cut-off date was fixed as 2011. However, when a new agreement was made by KPCL in 2016, on what basis was the cut-off date still retained as 2011? This has resulted in more than 450 people being declared ineligible. A clear explanation regarding this matter should be provided. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders, the mine had been completely cancelled. Subsequently, in accordance with the Supreme Court's directives, the mine was allowed to resume operations. When the mine was restarted, all rules should have been applied anew. It should be clarified under which rule a person residing in Maharashtra is prohibited from purchasing property in Karnataka. Earlier, citizens from other states were not permitted to purchase property in Jammu & Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh; however, these restrictions have now been removed. Today, citizens of the country are allowed to buy property anywhere. If a person from Chandrapur has purchased property in Bhadravati, an explanation should be provided as to why they have been declared ineligible. According to the Gram Panchayat's list, all citizens should have been considered eligible by the company. Instead, the company has arbitrarily decided eligibility, creating a game of inclusion and exclusion, which is regrettable and unjust to the villagers. Until the village is fully rehabilitated, the rights over the land in question cannot be reduced. The rehabilitation process for the village has been ongoing for the past 15–20 years, yet the company has not completed the village's rehabilitation. Mining and coal extraction operations by the company commenced in 2021–22. Since then, local environmental

<p>organizations have repeatedly lodged complaints with the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) regarding violations of environmental regulations. Consequently, the MPCB has, in the financial years 2022, 2023, and 2024, confiscated the company's security deposits for three consecutive years. However, no criminal proceedings have been initiated. The MPCB should provide clarification on this matter. Due to the company's operations and transport activities, the Kondha Nala has become polluted, and the contaminated water is being discharged into the Penganga River, further polluting it. The measures taken by the company and the MPCB Chandrapur to address this pollution should be explained. Although the road leading to the mine was temporarily repaired with gravel for the public hearing, this is not done daily. Local villagers face dust every day, resulting in increased accidents and air pollution. Repeated complaints have been made regarding this issue, and responses should be provided. Trees have been planted at the site. Regulations have been issued regarding tree plantation, specifying how and which species should be planted. The company has undertaken no environmental measures whatsoever. Therefore, the ongoing public hearing should be immediately canceled. Until environmental degradation caused by the company is brought under control, approval should not be granted for their expansion project. Although the company's security deposit has been taken, criminal proceedings must still be initiated against the company.</p>	
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**33) Sau. Chaya Shyamrao Amne, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Our village is experiencing severe dust pollution, which is causing us considerable distress. Additionally, the poor condition of the roads has led to an increase in accidents. Issues have also arisen regarding the proper drying of crops and clothes. Therefore, it is requested that the traffic passing through Kondha village be immediately stopped.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**34) Sau. Sonali Mahesh More, Gram Panchayat Member, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company should stop all traffic passing through Kondha village. The company should identify an alternative route and divert traffic through that route. Traffic must not be allowed to continue through Kondha village, as the village is experiencing the maximum inconvenience from the movement of vehicles.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**35) Sau. Vaishali Kale, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company must cease all traffic passing through Kondha village. The company should identify an alternative route and divert traffic through that route. Traffic must not be allowed to continue through Kondha village, as the village bears the greatest burden	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

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**36) Sau. Vaishali Wadapane, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	This company has shown no concern for the environment. The company administration should reside in our village for at least one day to understand the situation. Dust pollution is causing health problems among the local residents, and even small children are affected. No "No Objection Certificate" shall be granted to the company for traffic through Kondha village. The company must stop all traffic passing through Kondha village and identify an alternative route, diverting traffic accordingly. Traffic must not be allowed to continue through Kondha village, as the village bears the greatest burden and inconvenience from the movement of vehicles.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**37) Sau. Babytai Nikhade, Project Affected Person, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	We have become aware that the mine is being expanded, and we will not allow this expansion. The company has acquired land in the village. Moreover, the company has not provided full employment to those affected by the project. The company should not exert pressure on the Gram Panchayat to obtain a No Objection Certificate. We will not allow any alterations until the complete rehabilitation of our village is	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

<p>achieved. When Hon. Mr. Ahir purchased land in 2007, we were informed that we would receive half the payment for our land. When the company's officials were questioned at the District Collector's office, we were told that the land would be returned only after the excavation is completed. There are tigers in the area near the village, which has made feeding the animals difficult and has created a threat to them. Until the full rehabilitation of the village is completed, we will not permit the expansion of the mine. We are prepared to protest and shut down your company if necessary. Cases have been filed against 210 villagers. The company has not provided employment to the local residents, employing only 40 people. Furthermore, through our own efforts, we are providing jobs to our children. The employed youth are being paid only ₹11,000 per month. At a time when inflation has risen sharply, it is impossible to sustain a livelihood on such meager wages. The District Administration is aware of the rates of farmland along the roads. It is not possible to purchase land elsewhere. I request the Gram Panchayat not to allow any alterations and not to perpetrate injustice against the villagers.</p>	
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**38) Shrimati Mangala Baban Randive, Project Affected Person, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have been residing in the village for the past 15 years. However, I have not received even half of the compensation for my land from the company. The company is delaying payment of the compensation. We	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.



<p>have repeatedly protested against this company, which has even led to our imprisonment. Despite this, the company employed our children at a meager salary of only ₹2,500 per month. Due to the company's pollution, local residents are suffering from respiratory ailments. Additionally, blasting operations have caused damage to my house. Although I lodged a complaint with the police regarding this, the company has not even inquired about the matter. The company is avoiding providing employment to local residents. Unemployment in the village has increased significantly, as the company is hiring outsiders while excluding local citizens. The administration should question the company regarding the actions taken after my house was damaged due to blasting. The company should not carry out any excavation under these circumstances.</p>	
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**39) Shri. Baba Thawari, Dust Affected Person, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>MLAs never protest for the public; they protest for themselves. Today, because of the public hearing, the road in Kondha village has been cleaned. Previously, this road was never cleaned. The company claims that accidents occur because trucks are stationary. When complaints are lodged with the police, we are simply told that they are present to ensure smooth traffic flow. The company had promised to provide a job to my son, but this promise has not been fulfilled to date. I request the village Sarpanchs that the company should not be granted a No Objection</p>	<p>The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

	<p>Certificate. If the number of company vehicles on the road increases, it will become impossible for villagers to travel safely. The movement of vehicles is causing severe dust pollution on the road. When the mine was closed, the road was not in a deteriorated condition. After the company resumed mining operations, information should be provided regarding what facilities have been made available to the residents of Kondha. In other projects, villages are adopted and all facilities are provided, but in our case, we only receive dust. The company should provide employment to the local residents and should not give jobs to outsiders.</p>
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**40) Shrimati Kamal Bandu Bawane, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Our village is experiencing severe dust pollution, and young children are contracting various illnesses. Both our time and money are being wasted in treating them. A few days ago, a woman from our village met with an accident, and the company did not provide any compensation for it. The company must stop all traffic passing through Kondha village. The company should identify an alternative route and divert traffic through that route.</p>	<p>The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**41) Shrimati Surekha Amol Donge, Kondha, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Our village is suffering greatly from dust, which accumulates in the</p>	<p>The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that</p>

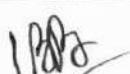
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	<p>corners of our homes. My young child also frequently falls ill due to this dust pollution. The administration should provide information on the measures being taken to address this issue. The company has not provided a hospital or medical facility for the local residents. The transportation of coal has caused severe damage to the roads. Large potholes have formed, creating a constant risk of accidents.</p>	<p>the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>
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**42) Shri. Purushottam Dupare, Chichordi, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Mauja Chichordi village is included within the Bhadravati Municipal Council. I have been repeatedly in contact with Mr. R.P. Singh via telephone. It is observed that he is present today during the public hearing. This officer has been giving only assurances for the past 15 years, without actually fulfilling them. The highway in Mauja Chichordi has been closed by the company. Does the company own this road to authorize its closure? I am originally a resident of Chichordi village, yet the company claims that I am not a resident. In fact, the company's officials themselves are not local residents. The company should understand the problems of the project-affected people. We do not oppose the company conducting its operations. We are willing to cooperate; however, the company must first resolve the problems of the local residents. Until the complete rehabilitation of the village is carried out, our settlement rights remain intact. The administration should explain why the company has not taken the land necessary for our settlement and why our village's rehabilitation has not been</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

undertaken. We have been waiting and listening for the past 15 years, and our patience has been exhausted. Due to the road closure by the company, local residents have no alternative route. Until all problems in Chichordi village are resolved by the company, the officials present are requested not to grant environmental clearance to the company. We do not oppose the project; however, since our houses have been damaged, it is essential that our issues be addressed. Blasting operations have caused cracks in houses, making life difficult for our children. In Mauja Chichordi, 25% of the award amount was required to be paid. Mr. Chavan had handled all matters regarding the award at that time. The company did not pay this 25%, which resulted in the suspension of the rehabilitation of Chichordi village. The company should explain the reasons behind this. If the company had paid the 25% at that time, the rehabilitation of Chichordi village would have received approval. The company obtained 150 acres of forest land, neglecting the villages. Now, as the mining limit of the forest land has been exhausted, the company requires land from surrounding villages and expects cooperation from the villagers. The company should not commit any injustice against the locals. The company should complete the rehabilitation of Chichordi village and resolve the villagers' problems to gain their cooperation. Due to the company's behavior, the villagers are compelled to oppose it. The company has directly contacted the farmers to purchase land. The company has submitted an affidavit in the Hon'ble High Court stating that coal from Kondha, Kiloni, and Kadholi villages will be transported via a conveyor belt to Majri Railway Siding. However,



	work on the conveyor belt has not yet commenced.
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Subsequently, the local residents created a commotion during the public hearing. Thereafter, the Hon. Chairperson and the Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed the company administration to respond. However, the commotion continued. Following this, the police administration appealed to the local residents to remain calm and maintain order.

**43) Shrimati Shilpa Adhiraj, Chief Engineer, Karnatak Power Corporation Ltd.:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Your concerns have been noted. The company will make efforts to address and resolve your issues. On our behalf, the environmental consultant will respond to your questions.

**44) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Responses are expected from KPCL Chief Engineer on behalf of the company. Responses are not expected from the company to which the work has been contracted. In Kondha village, an accident in the past led to the death of an individual. The company was expected to provide compensation of ₹15.0 lakh for this loss, but only ₹2.0 lakh was paid. In the name of law and order, the company manipulates the police administration to exercise coercion. From this coal mine, numerous coal-laden vehicles are stolen, and coal is sold illegally. As the principal employer of the company, responses are expected from you. The principal employer must supervise the contractors. To date, the company has not installed an industrial effluent treatment plant in its operations. For the environmental public hearing, the company has prepared only 2-3	<p>The project proponent stated that our office is operational here.</p> <p>The Hon. Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee requested the public to listen to the company's statement.</p> <p>The project proponent stated that all the questions raised by the attendees will be answered appropriately by our environmental consultant. Please listen to them calmly.</p>

storage tanks. Polluted water from the mine has been discharged into the Kondha Nala, resulting in the death of numerous animals in the vicinity. Who will take responsibility for this? Additionally, the company has acquired forest land and buried the deceased animals in the soil there. The company has not provided workers with minimum wages as per the laws of the Government of India. Instead, wages are being paid according to the rules of the State Government, resulting in significant losses for the workers. When a person from Bihar was employed in the company, there was a dispute with the company administration. At that time, the company stated that the employee's Provident Fund and State Employee Insurance contributions were not being deducted from his wages. A case was filed against me under Section 353 of the IPC regarding this matter. Information should be provided on how compensation will be determined if a worker suffers any loss or injury in the mine. The company is required to comply with all terms and conditions prescribed by the Government of India. The company's contractors are involved in coal theft on behalf of the company. A report on this was published on TV9 News. Despite operating for so many years, the company has not rehabilitated the project-affected persons. The company should carry out development work in project-affected villages through CSR initiatives; however, no such measures have been implemented. Information should be provided regarding the allocation of CSR funds by the company. Even when information has been requested under the Right to Information Act from time to time, no response has been received to date. Unless the company first complies

<p>with the conditions of the existing environmental clearance, it will not receive a No Objection Certificate from the Bhadravati Municipal Council and the project-affected Gram Panchayats in the area. The company should remove the contractor and be present at the site itself. Blasting has caused damage to the school roof. As per regulations, storage of blasting materials must be at least 8 kilometers away from the village. Who will be responsible if any accidents occur in the village? If Provident Fund and State Employee Insurance contributions are not deducted for employees working in the company, who will be responsible for any injury or loss to the employee? While awarding contracts, the company must verify all documents of the contractor and make payments accordingly. Check the compliance of consent conditions. Cancel this public hearing. No revenue from this mine. No tyre washing system. A person named Kishore died but company gave compensation only Rs. 4 Lakhs. We oppose.</p>	
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**45) Shri. Purushottam Dupare, Chichordi, Tal. Bhadravati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>For the past 15 years, the residents of Mauja Chichordi have had outstanding property taxes, and it is the responsibility of the company to pay these. The villagers will not pay the property taxes themselves. Company was to give Rs. 50 Lakhs as fund and install training center. But gave only Rs. 10000/- to laborers. Close this mine.</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that the locals have raised issues regarding pollution, health problems, rehabilitation, traffic, the pollution of Kondha Nala, and employment. Our responses to these issues should be listened to calmly, after which further discussion will take place.</p>

**46) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company should first provide information regarding the measures taken to address pollution. Thereafter, information should be provided on the work carried out under CSR initiatives. Outsiders are given jobs such as drivers, labourers. Company is not solving the issues. No rehabilitation till date. Close this mine.	<p>The project proponent stated that all the questions raised by the attendees will be answered appropriately by our environmental consultant. Please listen to them calmly.</p> <p>The Hon. Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee requested the public to hear the company's statement. The company's owners, contractors, and environmental consultant are all present and can provide responses to the issues raised.</p>

**47) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	It is requested that the Hon. District Collector clarify whether the present public hearing pertains to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) or EMTA Company. Information should be provided on whether the company has submitted a written authorization to the District Collector for EMTA representatives to respond to the issues raised during the public hearing, and if so, in what manner. If the company has authorized EMTA officials, we are prepared to hear responses from EMTA; otherwise, we are not. For the past 15 years, we have been fighting against the company, yet no KPCL official has ever been present in this area. Today, due to the public hearing, KPCL	<p>The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that conducting a public hearing does not imply granting approval to the project. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain the opinions of the local residents regarding the project. During the hearing, the issues raised are recorded, and the report is submitted to the government without any alterations. Even if certain questions raised during the public hearing are not answered by the project proponent, the proponent is required to submit responses on these matters before the Environmental Appraisal Committee. Without this, the project proponent will not receive environmental clearance.</p>



<p>officials are present. A case should first be filed against Mr. R.P. Singh and Mr. Jibhkate for unlawfully attempting to manage the public hearing. Yesterday, company officials contacted me via telephone, requesting that I not oppose the project during the public hearing, and illegally promised to fulfill whatever the officials desired in return. A case should be registered against the company officials for attempting to manipulate the public hearing. The company has attempted to conduct this hearing unlawfully. Information should be provided regarding whether KPCL has fully complied with the instructions issued by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) to date. Similarly, information should be provided on whether all the conditions and terms of the previously granted environmental clearance have been fully complied with. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Hon. District Collector, Chandrapur, on 20/11/2025. The Hon. District Collector had issued instructions to impose penalties on the company in case of damage due to pollution. Coal is transported daily in front of my house, but no vehicle is covered with tarpaulin. As per MPCB instructions, there should be a system for washing vehicle tires, but the company has yet to install such a system. If sub-divisional officers are disregarding the District Collector's orders, it raises serious concerns regarding the redressal of complaints by ordinary citizens. It is requested that today's public hearing be canceled, and that the District Administration, MPCB, and the company administration first demonstrate to the local citizen committee the compliance measures undertaken by the company. Only after this should the public hearing be conducted, with a minimum period of</p>	<p>The Hon. Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee inquired whether the company deposits the mineral fund with the District Mining Office and how this process is carried out.</p>
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seven days allotted for this process. The officials present here merely take a supervisory role and claim to record proceedings. However, portions of the video recordings are edited when creating the report. A similar experience occurred during the EMTA public hearing. Despite submitting 14 petitions to the Pollution Control Board and 17 petitions to the District Collector's office, no action has been taken. During the EMTA project public hearing, our opposition was not reflected in the report, and my questions were omitted. The report is available in my Gram Panchayat. Yet, the Pollution Control Board continues to organize public hearings for a corrupt company like KPCL. There is not a single Marathi resident staying in the company's township. The company pays local residents a monthly salary of ₹12,000, while I employ workers in my own farm at ₹15,000 per month. Moreover, even when employing us in agricultural work, the company provides lower wages. As per the information requested under the Right to Information Act, the Maharashtra government has not earned a single rupee in revenue from this project. From the EMTA mine, the government receives 33% royalty, but no such royalty is received from KPCL by the Maharashtra government. Due to this company, no benefit has accrued to my area. If a case is not filed against the two company officials, I will sit on a hunger strike in front of the District Collector's office. When Krishna Karnuji Dethe, a youth from my village, died, the company officials brought only ₹4.0 lakh as compensation. Therefore, the present public hearing should be canceled.



**48) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>A similar public hearing was conducted for the company M/s Arvindo. In that hearing as well, the local residents expressed opposition to the project. Nevertheless, the government granted a No Objection Certificate to M/s Arvindo through the Pollution Control Department. During that hearing, the local farmers also raised objections regarding the compensation rates for their agricultural land. From Kondha Phata to Kondha village, there is farmland on both sides of the road. M/s GMR Company compensated farmers whose crops were damaged due to pollution, paying up to ₹8.0 lakh per affected farmer. Similarly, information should be provided regarding the compensation given by the present company to farmers in the area whose chickpea, cotton, and soybean crops were damaged. There is uncertainty regarding whether surveys are conducted by the District Administration or the Tahsildar's office. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's mandate is to reduce pollution in the area; however, it is evident that effective pollution control is not being carried out. Despite submitting 7–8 complaints to the MPCB office, no action has been taken against the industries. The Karnataka government extracts coal from this mine, yet the local Marathi population derives no benefit. The contractors transporting the coal come from outside, and drivers from other states are employed, while local residents are not provided with employment. Clarification should be</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that all the questions raised by the attendees will be answered appropriately by our environmental consultant. Please listen to them calmly.</p> <p>The Hon. Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee requested the public to hear the company's statement. The company's owners, contractors, and environmental consultant are all present and can provide responses to the issues raised. The proceedings of the public hearing are submitted to the government, and the environmental clearance is subsequently granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.</p>

<p>provided on whether the company is owned by EMTA or by the Government of Karnataka. The company should explain what benefits, if any, have accrued to the local residents from its operations. Pollution has caused damage to the local population, resulting in serious illnesses such as cancer, as well as an increase in heart disease. The local residents are bearing the burden of these problems while being excluded from employment opportunities. Companies like M/s Arvindo face massive local opposition, yet they are still granted No Objection Certificates. How this occurs remains a significant question. First fulfill previous commitments and then go for expansion. Mining of coal with impurities is done. Company has now set up new office.</p>	
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**49) Shri. Ravindra Shinde, President, Chandrapur District Central Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>There have been many protests at this location. Today, the district administration has come here to hear the sentiments of the locals. When farmers and project-affected citizens went to meet the officials at their office, they were humiliated. We are aware that despite the opposition of the local citizens to the project, the project is likely to receive approval. The reason behind this is the need to generate energy from coal. It is a matter of concern why not a single elected representative is present here today. There are various issues faced by the locals at this location, and the company has not resolved these problems. If the locals decide to take any action, cases are filed against</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>



<p>them. If the public takes to the streets, the project cannot proceed. The country needs coal. The committee is expected to respond that the company must be granted permission. The company should provide an answer as to when the project-affected people will be employed. In the past, when locals protested, the local administration did not take notice. The company should explain why it did not acquire the remaining land. Additionally, the development of the surrounding area has not been carried out. Locals have not been given employment, while outsiders are being employed. The company must first resolve the problems of the local citizens and only then proceed with expansion. Justice must be provided to the locals, and their development should occur alongside the company. Approximately coal worth 40 crores is mined per acre. We are not opposed to this project. Locals should be provided with education and employment. The project should ensure that all types of facilities are available to the local population. Farmers' lands have been taken for the project, but no development has occurred.</p>	
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**50) Shri. Vishal Dudhe, Project Affected Person, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	All the residents present here have expressed opposition to the proposed expansion project. In accordance with the opposition of the local residents, the Pollution Control Board should prepare a report and submit it to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. During the public	The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the information is available on the website of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

hearing, video recordings are made; however, these recordings are often tampered with, and the opinions of the more assertive attendees are omitted before being submitted to the office. The report is then prepared accordingly and submitted to the government. As a result, the actual situation does not reach the State or Central Government, and projects are granted approval. Information should be provided regarding how many days it will take for us to receive a copy of the photographs and video recordings made during the public hearing. Details should also be provided on how transparency will be ensured in this process. If the Pollution Control Board grants approval to the project, I intend to file a Public Interest Litigation in the High Court against it. The local residents oppose the project because the company's mining activities in forest areas constitute a violation. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of local residents has been stalled for the past 17 years, which is also a violation of regulations. The company has also violated the "Show Cause" notice issued by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Despite repeated violations of government regulations by the company, on what basis has the Central Government granted permission to the company to produce 5.0 million tons per year? Has the State Pollution Control Board submitted a copy of the "Show Cause" notice to the Central Government? Has a report been submitted to the Central Government indicating that the company has not installed industrial effluent treatment plants, domestic sewage treatment plants, tire washing systems, or water sprinklers in the area? Similarly, has a report been submitted stating that the company has not installed air pollution monitoring systems for the past 17 years? In 2024, the Regional Officer of

	<p>the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, issued a notice to the company citing violations of a total of 11 conditions. Nevertheless, the company was granted environmental clearance by the Central Government in 2025. Under this clearance, the company was required to spend a total of ₹214 crore on environmental conservation and to construct a protective wall near the Ordnance Factory. Yesterday, I requested the Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, to conduct a site inspection to verify whether the company has constructed the protective wall and to provide detailed information from the company, including coordinates. Information should also be provided on whether the Pollution Control Board possesses comprehensive details regarding this matter. The report from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should have been submitted within one year but has not been presented. As a result, the report has not reached the Central Government. Additionally, the company was required to operate 20% of its total vehicles, equivalent to ₹8.50 crore, on CNG and LNG. Information regarding this should be provided by the company, and the vehicle registration numbers of all CNG and LNG vehicles should be disclosed. Give compliance status of consent conditions &amp; of EC conditions.</p>	
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**51) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, 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 first replace the contractor. Additionally, it must comply with all existing conditions and	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that

	terms of the environmental clearance to control pollution. The company should also address the problems of the local residents before commencing the expansion project.	the point raised by you has been duly noted.
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**52) Shri. Nitesh Banav, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Take action against two people of KPCL. Stop this Public Hearing. Give in writing about rehabilitation. Close this mine. Company don't report common people. No ambulance, no job, no safety, no roads, hence no ferfar.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**53) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Even though the company has a dedicated railway siding at the site, its coal is being unloaded at the Vimla railway siding. At the Chandrapur Thermal Power Station, the company's contractors purchase low-quality coal at a rate of ₹1.50 per kilogram and mix it with coal extracted from their mines, which is then sold to the Government of Karnataka. A report regarding this matter was prepared by officials of the Mining Department, but the said report was subsequently destroyed. In 2007, the EC had condition to install closed conveyor belt but it is not installed. Company has changed the highway. No bigger higher authority here. When locals will get job? All shall get justice.	The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the Board has taken action against the company from time to time, and a proposal regarding further action has been submitted to the headquarters of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in Mumbai.



**54)Shri. Sunil Namojwar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Regarding violations of pollution norms by the company, local environmental organizations repeatedly submitted complaints to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Consequently, the Board confiscated the company's security deposit for the three financial years 2022, 2023, and 2024. However, why no criminal case has been filed against the company by the Pollution Control Board remains unclear.	The Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the Board has taken action against the company from time to time, and a proposal for further action has been submitted to the headquarters of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in Mumbai.

**55)Shri. Vishal Dudhe, Project Affected Person, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In 2024, in the "Show Cause Notice" issued by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, the questions "Why your consent shall not be revoked?" and "Why your industrial activities shall not be closed down?" were posed to the company. The Board instructed the company to respond to these questions regarding the violations committed by it. Subsequently, in 2025, the company was again issued a Show Cause Notice. Due to violations of the terms and conditions of the consent letter, the mining operations were to be shut down by the Pollution Control Board within 15 days; however, the operations were not stopped. Thereafter, the Pollution Control Board granted consent to the industry. Although actions against the company have been proposed since 2024, no	The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that the Board has taken action against the company from time to time, and a proposal for further action has been submitted to the headquarters of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in Mumbai. The company's bank guarantees have been periodically seized by the Board. However, since the company continues to violate the terms and conditions despite the seizure of the bank guarantees, a proposal for further action has been submitted to the headquarters and is currently under the Board's consideration.

action has been taken against it to date. The company's mining operations should be stopped. By seizing the bank guarantee, the company suffers no loss. The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, should inform the Honorable Chairperson, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai, that even with complaints from the Gram Panchayat and local residents, the mining operations cannot be halted. We will follow up with the Honorable Chairperson, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai, regarding the issuance of orders to stop the mining. Despite action being proposed against the company over the past two years, untreated effluent from the company continues to be discharged into local drains, polluting the water resources in the area, and the mining operations have not been stopped to date. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should provide a clear timeline by which the company's mining operations will be halted. If the company does not cease mining operations within seven days, daily fines should be imposed, but no fines have been collected so far. By seizing the company's bank guarantee of ₹5–10 lakh, the company suffers no loss. We expect strict action against the company because it is flouting environmental regulations. Two days ago, I submitted a request to the Honorable Coal Minister for a central investigation into the company. The mining operations are adversely affecting nearby villages due to pollution, and the expansion of the mine will further increase transportation through the villages. No effluent treatment plant, no sedimentation tank, no air monitoring system. Cancel this public hearing. Fulfill all the conditions of consent & EC.

**56) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Chichordi (Women), Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Company don't reply to me. Count my plot and same type of another plot.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**57) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Previously, the company was found guilty of coal-related fraud, and a case was filed in the Supreme Court, resulting in the company being shut down. Yet, despite being a blacklisted company, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is holding a public hearing regarding its expansion, which is a deeply shocking and lamentable matter.	The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, stated that conducting a public hearing is a procedural requirement before initiating any new project.

**58) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	If the Pollution Control Board says that a public hearing is merely a procedural formality, does that make the local citizens who oppose the project fools? Even when the Arvindo project faced local opposition during its public hearing, it was still granted a No-Objection Certificate. When we went to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office to submit	The Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, has stated that the official record of the environmental public hearing will be sent to the headquarters for approval by the Honorable Member Secretary. Once approved, it will be made available on the Maharashtra Pollution Control

<p>complaints, the officers were absent. While the mine was non-operational, there was approximately 100–150 crore worth of coal in it. What happened to that coal? How was it stolen, and why did the company's officials not take notice? The company did not even have an office at this location; it has only been established here in the past 2–3 months. When we submitted applications under the Right to Information, the contractor claimed that private companies were not involved. When will we receive the official proceedings of this public hearing? Furthermore, they must immediately stop the coal theft and address the issues faced by the local residents.</p>	<p>Board's website. You can download it from the Board's official website.</p>
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**59) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Mining operations commenced in 2007, and a question was raised regarding the exact date on which KPCL received the rehabilitation orders. Between 2007 and 2014, that is, until the Hon'ble Supreme Court canceled the coal block, mining was carried out continuously for seven years. Mining operations were suspended for the subsequent four years from 2014. Therefore, during the period from 2007 to 2025, excluding the four years after the coal block was canceled by the Supreme Court, mining was conducted for a total of 14 years out of 18 years. Despite this 14-year period of actual mining, KPCL has not completed the rehabilitation of the affected villages, yet permission is now being sought for the expansion of the mine.</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that the relevant coal block was approved in 2003, production commenced in 2008, and the Hon'ble Supreme Court canceled the approved coal block in 2014. The condition to provide a conveyor belt was specified in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) in 2022, and the corresponding report has now been prepared.</p>

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**60) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>The rehabilitation process should be implemented first, and all pending compliance related to pollution control should be completed within one month, after which a public hearing (PH) for the expansion should be conducted. Action should be taken against coal theft, and harassment of local residents must be stopped. Mining has been ongoing for the past five years since 2021. Despite receiving notices from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), no substantial action has been taken in the past year. Priority should be given to resolving the issues of farmers and project-affected persons and ensuring all compliance is fulfilled before initiating the expansion process. It should be clarified whether mining should commence before the rehabilitation process is completed or after. The company is only focusing on mining, while not a single rehabilitation has been completed. How is KPCL conducting mining without completing the rehabilitation process? The question arises as to how KPCL is continuing mining despite rehabilitation not being completed.</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.</p>

**61) Wife of Retired EMTA employee:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>My husband was employed with EMTA Company from 2007 to 2024. The company terminated his</p>	<p>The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that</p>

	employment citing retirement, but his retirement benefits and other dues have not yet been paid. He has been unemployed for the past six months. Our children are pursuing their education, and due to the company's failure to provide the retirement benefits, we are facing significant financial difficulties. As he is 60 years old, he is unable to secure employment elsewhere.	the point raised by you has been duly noted.
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**62) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	We respect the law and order, which is why we are cooperating with KPCL; otherwise, the public's discontent is so intense that it could create a situation where you would not even be able to return home safely.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**63) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	It was demanded that all pending and long-standing environmental compliances be completed within two months, and only thereafter should a public hearing (PH) for the mine expansion be conducted. A question was raised as to how KPCL is continuing mining operations while the rehabilitation process remains incomplete. Previously, even though the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) had issued notices to KPCL, no action was taken. Therefore, it was demanded that the Board officials take immediate action	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

<p>to halt the mining operations. Despite KPCL not complying with any regulations, permission for mining is still being granted by the MPCB. Residents of Kondha village are losing their lives in accidents. Citizens are being intimidated by KPCL, and under the pretext of law and order, the police and administration are exerting pressure on the villagers. Due to all these unjust circumstances, the villagers are opposed to the mining operations. Although the company falls under the jurisdiction of the Central Government, the workers employed through KPCL contractors are being paid only Rs. 10,000 to 12,000 per month according to the State Government's minimum wage policy. In contrast, workers employed through WCL contractors receive Rs. 28,000 to 30,000 per month. As the Principal Employer, it is the responsibility of KPCL officials to ensure that all rules and regulations are being followed by the contractors; however, KPCL has failed to fulfill this responsibility. Consequently, a request was made to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) to shut down this company, which is operating in violation of the rules. Furthermore, the KPCL officials were urged to complete all remaining processes within 1–2 months, provide employment to the project-affected persons, and comply with all conditions and stipulations imposed by the MPCB. Only after these steps would the villagers be willing to engage in further discussion; otherwise, they would not entertain any discussion. Following this, an announcement was made to cancel the public hearing.</p>	
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**64) Shri. Vitthal Punwatkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	While acquiring land from the farmers, KPCL had agreed that after 7 years they would either pay Rs. 4 lakh per acre or return 50% of the land after reclamation. A question was raised as to when KPCL will make this payment.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**65) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The coal transportation road near Chiroli village is in an extremely deplorable condition. Despite submitting proposals for road repairs through the Gram Panchayat, KPCL has not carried out any repairs to date. My farmland is adjacent to this road, and a large amount of dust accumulates while traveling to the fields. KPCL officials have been accused of corruption. A few days ago, a young man died in an accident on this coal transport road, yet KPCL officials did not take serious note of the incident. Recently, I also met with an accident on the same road due to a company vehicle.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**66) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The Honorable District Collector has the authority to cancel the	The Honorable Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing

	environmental public hearing, as the public is opposed to the hearing.	Committee stated that the local residents can raise their concerns, and these issues will be duly recorded in the proceedings.
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**67) Shri. Vitthal Punwatkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Previously, an environmental public hearing was organized at Zari-Jamani, which was subsequently canceled by the District Collector. A request is made to the Honorable Chairperson to cancel this public hearing as well.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**68) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company must first complete its pending compliances, finish the rehabilitation process, and pay the compensation amount within two months. Only thereafter should an environmental public hearing be organized for the expansion project. You are not merely the District Collector for KPCL, but also for the general public; considering the intense public dissatisfaction and in light of your authority to cancel environmental public hearings, we request that this environmental public hearing be canceled, just as the environmental public hearing previously organized at Zari-Jamani was canceled. If this environmental public hearing is reconvened after all compliances have been fully met, the same public will welcome it and respond positively. I request the	The Honorable Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the public may present their grievances, which will be recorded in the proceedings. Citizens may also submit written representations, which we will forward to the higher authorities, and decisions will be made at a senior level. I do not have the authority to cancel the public hearing at this venue.

	Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, to cancel the present public hearing. The company should first comply with all the existing terms and conditions, and only thereafter should the public hearing be conducted.	
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**69) Shri. Vitthal Punwatkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Information should be provided regarding when the compensation of Rs. 4.0 lakh, which the company had announced, will be disbursed. A total of 1,269 local residents are awaiting this compensation. Details regarding when the company intends to provide the compensation to the local residents should be made available.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**70) Shri. Akash Wankhede, Chairman, Dispute-Free Village Committee, Gram Panchayat Kadholi, Kiloni, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I have a question for the Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur: Has not a single public hearing been canceled in the state of Maharashtra to date? A response from the Regional Officer is expected. Who holds the authority to cancel a public hearing? I pose the same question to my District Collector. The authority to cancel a public hearing lies with the District Collector. If even the administration is negligent, it represents an even greater tragedy. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the authority to	The Honorable Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that your concerns have been duly recorded and will be conveyed to the government.

	cancel an environmental public hearing rests with the District Collector. We, the villagers, have repeatedly submitted complaints and representations regarding the company's pollution; however, no action has been taken on them.	
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**71) Shri. Vikrant Nagpure, Project Affected Person, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	While an award had been declared for our land and compensation of Rs. 4.05 lakh had been determined, how did the 7/12 record get registered in the name of KPCL? How can the 7/12 be in the company's name without providing compensation to the villagers? I have submitted petitions at least 12 times to the District Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer regarding the land of 52 individuals, yet no action has been taken on these submissions. Road condition deteriorated near Kiloni Village. Proposal was given but till date there is no improvement. Company manages people.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**72) Shri. Vishal Dudhe, Project Affected Person, Barani Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The local public has been requesting the cancellation of the public hearing for the past half hour. The administration should cancel the public hearing. The said public hearing should be conducted only after the company has complied with the environmental clearance	The Honorable Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that I do not have the authority to cancel the environmental public hearing. The decision in this regard will be taken by the Honorable District Collector.

	conditions. Give me recording of the public hearing.	
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**73)Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	We, all the local residents, hereby express our protest against this public hearing and are leaving the public hearing venue. Despite having the authority, it is not being canceled by you.	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**74)Shrimati Madhuri Vinod Barve, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	My husband passed away in the mine on 02/07/2023. The company had assured compensation of Rs. 20.0 lakh and a job for one member of our household. I was provided employment by the company on a contractual basis. However, I request that I be given permanent employment. Even after 30 months of working, the contributions to the Provident Fund and the State Employee Insurance Scheme are not being deducted from my salary. My son is studying. RDC to declare to close this Public Hearing. Cancel this public hearing. Take after 2 to 3 months.	The project proponents stated that all facilities will be made available to you.  Hon'ble Chairman said that, this Public Hearing cannot be cancelled.



**75)Shri. Pundlik Ghorpade, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I was employed with EMTA Company from 2007 to 2024. The company terminated my employment citing retirement, but my retirement benefits and other dues have not yet been paid. I have been unemployed for the past six months. I have also not received five years' salary for the period during which the company was non-operational. My children are pursuing their education, and due to the non-payment of my retirement benefits, I am facing significant financial difficulties. As I am 60 years old, I am unable to secure employment elsewhere. Chairman has the power to cancel this public hearing.	The project proponents stated that, to the best of their knowledge, all dues have been paid from their side. However, your concerns will still be taken into consideration, and appropriate decisions will be made. Efforts will be made to provide you employment on a contractual basis.

**76)Shri. Pravin Thengane, Former Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti Bhadrawati, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Several issues have been raised here. I am submitting my written objections before the committee. No one got employment from our family.	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**77)Resident of Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I am a resident of Baranj Mokasa village and I own 8.5 acres of land here. The company has acquired 7.5 acres of my land, yet no member of my family has been provided	The Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

	employment. I requested a job for my son, but the company has not employed him. Without paying money, how 7/12 is changed in the name of company.	
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**78) Shri. Mukesh Jivtode, Loksabha Sanghatak, Chandrapur-Wani-Arni Constituency, Shiv Sena, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Even though 90 percent of the local residents oppose this public hearing, it is still not being canceled, which is a matter of grave concern. How KPCL took police action against me?	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**79) Shri. Dhiraj Punwatkar, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	I am submitting my written statement. If the mining continues, the concerns of the local residents will be addressed. If the mining remains suspended, the concerns of the local residents will not be resolved. I support this project.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**80) Answers given by the Project Proponent are as below:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company has incurred a total expenditure of INR 216 crore for the rehabilitation of two villages. The rehabilitation policy was formulated in coordination between the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of Karnataka. The rehabilitation process is being implemented under the supervision of the district administration. If any residents have specific issues, they may contact the district administration, and further action will be taken by the company in accordance with the administration's directives. For the proposed expansion project, 185 hectares of land in Chichordi village will need to be acquired. An application for this will be submitted to the administration within the next one month, and the land will be acquired following the guidelines issued by the district administration. Currently, a total of 1,446 workers are employed in the mine, of which 950 are local workers and 485 are

expert workers from other regions. The company administration will make efforts to ensure that 85–90% of the jobs are provided to local residents. All existing conditions and requirements of the environmental clearance have been fully complied with. On 18/12/2025, an inspection was conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, and compliance was certified by them. If required, a copy of this report will be provided to the villagers, and it will also be available on the company's website. The land acquisition compensation has been completed, and an amount of INR 6.97 crore has been disbursed. Following the project expansion, it is anticipated that traffic issues in Kondha village may increase. To address this, reports have been commissioned from two organizations namely, VNIT, Nagpur & RITES Ltd., New Delhi and a detailed project report is being prepared that will detail the associated costs and timelines. This work will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Controlled blasting in the mine area is conducted following the guidelines of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. No untreated wastewater is being discharged into the Kondha Nala; only treated wastewater is released. Treatment facilities have been installed in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. For dust control, the company utilizes 02 water tankers of 28 KL capacity, 04 water tankers of 12 KL capacity, and 02 water tankers of 09 KL capacity. Currently there is 01 cannon fogger, and provision will also be made to increase the number of cannon foggers, if required.

**81) Shri. Maruti Chandanwar, Former Dy. Sarpanch Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The mining operations commenced five years ago. Consequently, employment opportunities should be provided to the local residents, and the rehabilitation of the village should be carried out. The company must address and resolve the issues faced by the local community.	The Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that the point raised by you has been duly noted.

**82)Shri. Vitthal Punwatkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati,  
Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>In 2007, the company had stated that 50% of the farmers' land would be returned or compensation would be paid at the rate of ₹4.0 lakh per acre. However, to date, the villagers have not received this amount. Information should be provided regarding when the compensation will be paid. The company was awarded the relevant award on 07/02/2013. However, under the current regulations, the compensation has still not been provided. Clarification should be given as to when the land will be returned. An agreement of ₹4.05 lakh was made with the government, yet the compensation has not been disbursed. Under Section 124 of the Gram Panchayat Act, 1958, the company has an outstanding liability of ₹3.40 crore, which has not yet been paid. Information should be provided regarding when the company will settle this amount. The company is providing only ₹15.0 lakh to the villagers. In a city like Bhadrawati, ₹15.0 lakh is insufficient to purchase land and construct a building. In comparison, Arvindo Company provides compensation of ₹26.0 lakh for building construction. Here, the villagers have to bear a loss of ₹9.0 lakh compared to Arvindo. The company should carry out the rehabilitation of the village and provide all necessary facilities at the rehabilitation site. I request the Public Hearing Committee to cancel the present public hearing.</p>	<p>The project proponent stated that you should submit an application to the company. Appropriate action will be taken based on your application. The taxes will be paid to the Gram Panchayat at the earliest possible time.</p>



83) Shri. Jagdish Lavadiya, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>On 15th December 2016, an agreement was executed between the Government and KPCL. According to Clause 10.3 of this agreement, a fund of Rs. 50 lakh was approved for the training of local youth and unemployed citizens. However, local residents are being employed only as security guards with a salary of Rs. 10,000, whereas outsiders are appointed as operators with a salary of Rs. 40,000. Furthermore, as per Clause 10.3 of the agreement, Rs. 50 lakh was allocated for establishing an Industrial Training Institute (ITI); however, such an ITI has not yet been set up. There is significant dust pollution from the coal mine to the Majri railway siding, and the company has not taken any measures to address it. Spraying via canon foggers is necessary to control the dust. Although the company has shown canon foggers on paper, the actual arrangements have not been made. Canon foggers have been installed within the mining area, but not on the transportation roads where they are most needed. Unemployment among local youth is a major issue in this area. The company should provide information to the Hon'ble District Collector regarding the deposit of Rs. 50 lakh with the district administration. Despite the presence of highly educated local youth, the company is giving senior positions to outsiders. Have the lands of local residents been acquired only to employ them as security guards? Considering that all the villagers oppose this project; we request that this public hearing be</p>	<p>The project proponents stated that a canon fogger has been installed in the mine by the company and that its number will be increased. The company has deposited Rs. 50.0 lakh with the District Collector's office for the establishment of a Skill Development Center. The authority for implementing this rests with the District Collector's office.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee stated that inquiry and information regarding this matter will be provided.</p> <p>The project proponents also stated that local residents have been employed in the positions of Supervisors and Assistant Managers.</p>

	cancelled. Offered only Rs. 4.0 Lakhs per acre. When will company give Rs. 3.30 Crores.	
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**84) Shri. Jitesh Banot, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	Information should be provided regarding how many local residents from Baranj Mokasa, Kondha, Kadholi, and other villages have been employed by the company. We are local residents here, yet we are not being provided employment in the project. I am 27 years old, and the company has not offered me a job to date. Since the company has been operational, its inefficient management has been evident. The company has done nothing for the local population. I myself have worked in the company as a private security guard, and to date, I have not received the amount due to me under the Provident Fund.	The project proponents stated that a total of 270 project-affected individuals from the project-affected villages have been employed in the mine. Additionally, 685 individuals from neighboring villages have also been provided employment.

**85) Shri. Phirbha Sarbandan Gadappi, Baranj Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The company has acquired land in our village and compensation is being provided. The company had assured employment to every member of the project-affected families. However, some residents have refused to accept the compensation, and clarification is requested as to why they have demanded employment. The company has stated that, as per 2009, compensation of Rs. 11,000/- was provided to the local residents.	The project proponents stated that, as per the rehabilitation regulations, the company provides both employment and compensation. Two options are offered to the project-affected persons: either both employment and compensation, or only compensation. If, for any reason, the company is unable to provide employment to a project-affected person, full compensation is provided to them. An option form is issued by the company

<p>The cheque for this amount is to be collected by the residents from the office of the District Collector. It is being stated that the 2009 cheque can be obtained in 2025. However, the company should provide information on whether the land will be available for this amount in 2025. If this is not possible, the company should purchase land equivalent to my household's land and provide it.</p>	<p>for this purpose. Furthermore, if more detailed information is required, the concerned individuals may contact the company's office, and complete information will be provided.</p>
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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 19 suggestions/objections received by the office.

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