

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF INSTALLATION OF INDUCTION ARC FURNACE, ROLLING MILL & SUBMERGED ARC FURNACE FOR PRODUCTION OF INGOTS, BILLETS-5,00,000 TPA, TMT & LONG PRODUCT – 5,00,000 TPA AND FERRO ALLOYS-25,000 TPA RESPECTIVELY (IN ADDITION TO EXISTING 3,24,000 TPA SPONGE IRON PLANT, 0.216 MTPA COAL WASHERY & 25 MW POWER PLANT) AT VILLAGE GHUGGUS, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR PROPOSED BY M/S. LLOYD METALS & ENERGY LTD., PLOT NO. A-1 & 2, MIDC GHUGGUS, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR.

DATE : 30/06/2021

TIME : 11:30 AM

VENUE : PROJECT SITE, M/S. LLOYD METALS & ENERGY LTD., PLOT NO. A-1 & 2, MIDC GHUGGUS, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR.

Preamble :-

M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., Plot No. A-1 & 2, MIDC Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Govt. of India, New Delhi for proposed Project of Installation of Induction Arc Furnace, Rolling Mill & Submerged Arc Furnace For Production Of Ingots, Billets-5,00,000 TPA, TMT & Long Product – 5,00,000 TPA And Ferro Alloys-25,000 TPA Respectively (In Addition To Existing 3,24,000 TPA Sponge Iron Plant, 0.216 MTPA Coal Washery & 25 MW Power Plant) At Village Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur. The matter was discussed in Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the EAC Meeting held on 27-29 November, 2019. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 10/02/2020. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that in public hearing the issues raised, and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be reported separately.

Accordingly, project proponent had submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 20/04/2021 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. However, due to outbreak of second wave of Corona Pandemic & due to imposition of Lockdown & gathering of persons, this scheduled hearing was postponed & informed to the concern by publishing a public notice on 19/04/2021 in leading newspapers. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 30/06/2021 in consultation

with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 19/06/2020. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032
- (2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- (3) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- (4) Collector Office, Chandrapur
- (5) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur
- (7) Sub-Divisional Office Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (8) Tahsil Office Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Municipal Council, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Gram Panchayat Office Shengaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Gram Panchayat Office Usgaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- (13) Gram Panchayat Office Pandharkawada, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat Office Mhatardevi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- (15) Gram Panchayat Office Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- (16) Gram Panchayat Office Naigaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- (17) Gram Panchayat Office Belsani, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (18) Gram Panchayat Office Seoni, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.

The above authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 18 above, were also requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., Plot No. A-1 & 2, MIDC Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-210625-FTS-0220 dated 25/06/2021 (Office Order no. E-45 of 2021(Annexure-I) in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

1. Shri. Manohar Gavhad, - **Chairman**
Additional District Magistrate,
Chandrapur
2. Shri. Ashok M. Kare - **Member**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri. Umashankar B. Bhadule, - **Convener**
I/c. Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur

The written submissions were received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-“II” and “III” respectively.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri. Umashankar B. Bhadule, I/c. Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

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Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept of proposed Project of Installation of Induction Arc Furnace, Rolling Mill & Submerged Arc Furnace For Production Of Ingots, Billets-5,00,000 TPA, TMT & Long Product – 5,00,000 TPA And Ferro Alloys-25,000 TPA Respectively (In Addition To Existing 3,24,000 TPA Sponge Iron Plant, 0.216 MTPA Coal

Washery & 25 MW Power Plant) At Village Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur and about the objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants who are physically present at venue to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environmental aspects. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Mohan Rahangdale, Environment Consultant on behalf of Project Proponent made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised, and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

- 1) **Shri. Ibaadul Siddiqui, Social Worker, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I oppose the proposed expansion project. M/s. Lloyd Metals &	Project Proponent informed that, as per rules published by

<p>Energy Ltd., is running their sponge iron unit in this area but what they have done in public interest, also what health measures have been taken by them in respect of local people such as arranging health camps for local people & how many trees have survived for environment conservation? What pollution control measure have been taken by the company? Due to heavy dust generation from the industry, a child is born already diseased by birth in this area. There are ill effects of dust pollution on the health of local people. There is no sponge iron unit located nearby human habitation in the whole world. Company has not taken any steps to improve the health of local people in the surrounding area. Where has been the CSR fund utilized in Ghuggus area? Company has shown the information of CSR utilization during presentation in such a way that nobody can find any discrepancies in it. At the outset, company should give importance to the health issues of local people & providing employment to local people, otherwise I strongly oppose the expansion project. Company should not ignore the health issues of local people. If the health of people improves then providing employment will be helpful.</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, 33% area from the total plot area of the project shall be kept reserved as green belt area & green belt shall be developed. As per rule, 33% area has been kept reserved & green belt has been developed in last 10-15 years. Total 2.0 Lakh tree have been survived by the company in last 15 years & efforts will be made to plant more trees. Green belt area will be increased from 33% to 50%, in which fruit bearing trees & local species will be planted. Company has installed pollution control systems as per norms & same are operated & maintained properly. New notification has been published by MOEF&CC in the year 2020 & same will be implemented by upgrading the pollution control systems. Health issues will be discussed with the officials of Public Health Center & steps will be taken to avoid any arising health issues in the future & to improve health of local people.</p>
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2) Shri. Sayyed Anwar, Amrai Ward, Ghuggus, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>I am resident of most polluted ward of Ghuggus City. Children are facing health issues & are dying due to respiratory problems. My daughter is suffering from respiratory disease due to pollution & I had to shift her from my residence to other area of the city. I oppose the proposed expansion the existing project because this project is a curse for Ghuggus city. The said Public hearing should have been held at Municipal Council Office, Ghuggus or at Gandhi Square of Ghuggus City. Company has not informed the concerned authorities/local bodies surrounding the project or to the local people till yesterday. I request the Public Hearing Panel to re-conduct the Public Hearing & written submissions shall be accepted. M. P. C. Board Chandrapur has stated in its letter dtd. 02/06/2020 that, this industry is extremely dangerous for human health. It is also proven from time to time that the oxygen in the area is not good for human health. I oppose the Public Hearing & protest will be done if NOC is granted to the said project.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, health issues will be discussed with the officials of Public Health Center & steps will be taken to avoid any arising health issues in the future & to improve health of local people.</p>

3) Shri. Brujhbhushan Pazare, Member, Zilla Parishad, Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I appreciate the company authorities that the Public Hearing is conducted at the main gate of the company. Earlier Large-Scale industries were not in existence in this area. After some time, industries started coming in this area. Employment opportunities started increasing in this area due to commissioning of large-scale industries. Nowadays, getting employment in government sector is a tough job but M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., has proposed to provide employment opportunities to 700 local people. Company has proposed to incur an amount of Rs. 75.0 Lakhs towards environment conservation. Upgraded pollution control equipments will be installed which will help in reducing pollution. Facilities such as purified water, good quality roads will be provided through CSR funds. I support the Public Hearing.	The point is noted.

4) Shri. Suresh Malhari Paikrao, District Secretary, Bahujan Republican Socialist Party, Ghuggus, Tal Dist Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I am in receipt of disease wise health report from Primary Health Center of Ghuggus City in which diseases such as Asthma, Skin disease, Leprosy & diseases related to vision are included. 427 people were suffering from Asthma in the year 2015. 479 in 2016,	Convenor, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the advertisements regarding the Public Hearing was published in English & Marathi newspapers 30 days prior to the date of Public Hearing

<p>603 in 2017, 557 in 2018, 396 in 2019 & number of patients have decreased due to Covid Pandemic as people did not turn up to PHCs due to fear of Corona Virus. Skin diseases have been increasing since 2015 due to heavy pollution. I have submitted complaints to M/s. ACC Ltd., M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., & M/s. WCL authorities from time to time. In the said complaints I have requested the company authorities to provide free electricity & water supply. There is lot of dust deposition inside my house. Also, foul chemical odour from the industry is spread in Ghuggus city through air. Company has not published any advertisement in local newspapers. I oppose the Public Hearing.</p>	<p>and the copies of EIA Report & Executive Summary (Marathi & English) were kept at the concerned Grampanchayat Office & Govt. Offices for observation of local people.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, health issues will be discussed with the officials of Public Health Center & steps will be taken to avoid any arising health issues in the future & to improve health of local people. Foul smell or chemical odour is not spread from the industry. It is spread in the city due to combustion of coal for domestic purposes. Foul smell is spread from unburnt coal. Carbon Monoxide is used as raw material which is useful to reduce heat in Waste Heat Recovery Boiler & it does not spread any foul smell. The smoke released from Electrostatic Precipitator is clean smoke which includes Sulphur Dioxide in negligible quantity.</p>
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5) Shri. Praful Nanaji Yelchalwar, Ghuggus, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Project Proponent shall give priority to local people while providing employment opportunities.	Project Proponent informed that, 90-95% local people are employed in the existing unit of M/s. Lloyd Metals &

		Energy Ltd. We assure that, priority will be given to local people while providing employment.
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6) Shri. Vitthal Thakare, Ghuggus, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur

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7) Shri. Sunanda Vijay Lihitkar, Aamrai Ward, Ghuggus, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Employment opportunities will be generated due to commissioning of the said proposed expansion project. A lot of people have lost their employment due to Corona Pandemic. If the project is commissioned, then a lot of people will get employed. I request the company that they shall 100% reduce the pollution.	Project Proponent informed that, 90-95% local people are employed in the existing unit of M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. We assure that, priority will be given to local people while providing employment.

8) Shri. Mohan Yermule, City President, Bahujan Samaj Party, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	We oppose the Public Hearing conducted by M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., as they have not informed Grampanchyat Ghuggus, Municipal Council Ghuggus &	Field Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur informed that, the advertisements regarding

	<p>local people. We are fighting with pollution issues since last 15 years. Pollution of Ghuggus city is not decreasing even after taking adequate measures. Why there is a problem of employment even after the existence of this company? Why the health of people is in danger if pollution levels are decreasing? Why there is increase in various diseases?</p>	<p>the Public Hearing was published in English & Marathi newspapers 30 days prior to the date of Public Hearing and the copies of EIA Report & Executive Summary (Marathi & English) were kept at the concerned Grampanchayat Office & Govt. Offices for observation of local people.</p>
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9) Sau. Archana Suresh Pazare, Ghuggus, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Ole unit of M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., is already in existence but there is a problem of Truck Parking in this area. Women of the area has given several complaints, but company has neither responded nor solved this issue. We again request the company to solve the problem & after that new expansion project shall be commissioned.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, if there is support to this project then local people will get employment & development will take place.</p>

10) Shri. Vikki Gupta, Local Reporter, Ghuggus, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Why there is so much protest against the expansion project if local people will get employed & upgradation of pollution control system will be done? M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. is in existence since long, but the company has not complied anything as shown in the presentation. Company has not</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, we have provided separate energy meters to all the equipments. Also, the information is submitted to the concerned authorities from time to time. Therefore, the question of</p>

<p>provided any safety equipments to the workers. Lot of dust deposition was observed in the company premises when local people visited the company. The workers do not have any other option therefore they are working in this unsafe atmosphere. Company shall comply with the pollution control norms in the existing plant & shall take adequate safety measures for worker & thereafter, shall commission the new expansion project. The plant is not in operation during daytime to avoid the complaints related to pollution. But the plant is operated in the night without any pollution control measures. Company has not even installed any lights on the chimney. There is fog like atmosphere consisting of dust in the city during night-time. I request M. P. C. Board to check the lacunas in the existing plant & thereafter, shall give permission to new expansion project.</p>	<p>switching off the equipments does not arise. All the pollution control equipments are kept working 24x7. Also, all the pollution control equipments are operated & maintained regularly.</p>
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11) Shri. Ravish Vinay Singh, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>M. P. C. Board had carried out visit to M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., on 01/09/2020 & on the basis of non-compliances observed the Board further issued Warning Notice to the industry. In the said notice it was mentioned that, "All above said data transfer is as below:- Sensor to analyser to computer to MPCB-CPCB Server. However, there seems to be non-compliance because the analyser data is not connected to data logger. Instead of direct sending to MPCB server, it is sent through computer." If these non-compliances are</p>	Noted.

observed by M. P. C. Board, then serious doubt arises about the presentation. Company has secretly conducted the said public hearing without publishing advertisements in local newspapers & without giving prior information to the local authorities & local people.	
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12) Shri. Rohit Borkar, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I reside beside the company premises. Me & my family is suffering from respiratory diseases due to pollution of the company. I am suffering from Asthma from last 3 years. The dust arising from company goes into eyes of local people. Various complaints have been given to the company authorities, but they are neglecting the same & not taking any effective steps towards the same. Company does not even take cognizance towards water sprinkling. Water sprinkling is done just before visit of M. P. C. Board Officials. Parking facility is provided by the company surrounding the plant premises but there are no adequate measures taken. I oppose the Public Hearing. Firstly, company shall solve the existing problems & thereafter shall commission the new expansion project. Protests will be done by local people, if new expansion project is commissioned.	Project Proponent informed that, Water sprinkling arrangements have been made in plant premises. Water sprinkling area has also been increased. Also mist type foggers have been installed for dust suppression & sprinkling by water tankers is also done. Continuous water sprinkling on roads will be done to control fugitive dust emissions.

13) Shri. Shyamrao Ramchandra Bobade, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>The objectives mentioned in the presentation are just formality. The actual situation is quite opposite. I doubt whether company has carryout out study of the area or not. We are suffering since last 50 years. I request the authorities to think about the effect of pollution on human health & then shall consider granting permission to the new expansion project. The presentation give during the Public Hearing is fake. A lot of people have died in the last 3 months due to cardiac problems; investigation shall be done regarding the same. Govt. shall constitute an expert committee and shall carry out health survey of Ghuggus area. Local people have the right to put forth their opinion not just company contractors or political leaders. Company authority & Grampanchayat Office has negligence attitude towards providing information through RTI. It was informed that, they do not have adequate staff for providing information. Govt. should have published the advertisements in local newspapers & also should have informed the concerned local body regarding Public Hearing, but they did not follow the procedure. Therefore, the said public hearing is fake. Until & unless the company assure to provide adequate pollution control measures, I oppose the said new expansion project.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that avenue plantation will be carried out.</p>

14) Shri. Sanjay Vishwanth Tiple, Ex-Sarpanch & Grampanchayat Member, Mhatardevi, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur.

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	A colony of the company is in existence in Mhatardevi Village. But only one person has been given employment from the village. Company has not carried out any work through CSR funds. I request the company authorities to carry out developmental works through CSR & shall control the pollution, also company shall give priority to local people in employment and afterwards, shall commission the said expansion project.	Project Proponent informed that, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area. Chairman, Public Hearing Panel asked the Project Proponent to provide detailed information about proposed pollution control measures & information about employment generation as per govt. resolution published in the year 2008 which states to provide minimum 80% employment to local people.

15) Shri. Sheikh Saimuddin, Reporter, Daily Vidarbh Chandika, Ghuggus, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur.

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	There is lot of pollution in this area. Due to heavy pollution, there is increase in health issues such as Asthma, Tuberculosis & Cancer. Dust is also seen accumulated in Primary Health Center at Ghuggus. Dust pollution also occurs due to heavy transportation. Employment is also not available for local people. M. P. C. Board shall collect the information from Primary Health Center so that the ground reality will be known.	Project Proponent informed that, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area.

	Company shall look after the health of local people before providing employment to them.	
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16) Sau. Ranjana Anand Zade, Ex-Grampanchayat Member, Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. has lifted water from Wardha River without obtaining prior permission from Grampanchayat. Company shall provide employment to the unemployed people of Nakoda village. Also company shall provide employment opportunities to women in this Pandemic situation or shall organize Yoga sessions or provide ladies gym. There are profit & losses of commissioning the plant, but company shall provide employment to more persons & shall develop the village.	Project Proponent informed that, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area. Investigation is being carried out by Irrigation Department regarding illegal lifting of water from Wardha River. Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur had given permission to the company to lift the water from Wardha River. If local people has any queries, then they should contact Revenue Department. Company has submitted their report to Revenue Department.

17) Shri. Hemraj Bawane, Yuvasena Taluka Head, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	The commissioning of new expansion project of M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. is beneficial for the village. But local people are also suffering due to pollution of this industry. In spite of giving various complaints to the company authorities,	Project Proponent informed that, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area.

	<p>they neither give importance nor they provide any adequate pollution control measures to reduce pollution. Dust deposition is heavy at Primary Health Centre & at Janata Mahavidyalaya area. Company has not taken any steps to treat or provide any control measure for generated industrial effluent. The generated industrial effluent is discharged outside factory premises without any treatment into water bodies due to which animals are dying by drinking the polluted water. Dust deposition is also seen on the trees planted near the plant premises. Company shall provide employment to local people, shall take effective steps to control dust pollution & afterwards, shall commission the new expansion project.</p>	
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18) Shri. Ashfaq Sheikh, President, Kamgar Sanghatna, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>At the outset, Company shall resolve the issues of workers. Company does not provide safety equipments such as Helmet, Safety shoes & Gloves to their workers due to which safety of workers is at risk. Renewal of contract of workers is not done since last two & a half years. Hospital facility is also not provided for workers. Workers are not given their wages by the company authorities on time. The hopper is in dangerous situation & plant is also corroded. Due to which the lives of workers is at risk. At any time, major accident might occur in plant</p>	Noted.

	premises. Company authority has negligence attitude inspite of giving several time-to-time complaints. I request the company authorities to first solve the issues of workers & afterwards shall commission the project.	
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19) Shri. Vinod Siddique, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Company has removed 40 security guards from their jobs. Protest was done for the same. Company gave assurance & curbed the protest but till date company has not provided employment to these 40 security guards. Company shall provide employment to these 40 security guards & then shall commission the new plant.	Noted.

20) Shri. Vinod Janjarla, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Company shall take adequate pollution control measures & shall give priority to local people in employment.	Project Proponent informed that, pollution control equipments have been upgraded & are operated & maintained properly. We assure you that, latest pollution control technology will be installed in the new expansion project & will try to control pollution. Also, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area.

21) Shri. Mangesh Asutkar, Deputy Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Usgaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Company has not paid the taxes to Grampanchayat for 15 years. Effluent from the company is discharged causing losses to nearby crops. Also, animals are dying due to discharge of untreated effluent. Local people are not given priority by showing lacunas in their educational qualifications & outsiders are given employment. Company has not carried out any CSR activity in the last 15 years.	Project Proponent informed that, information will be sought from accounts department in respect of taxes & remaining taxes if there are any, will be paid to Grampanchayat. Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, Grampanchayat shall issue a notice to the industry & company authority shall provide the related information & shall pay the remaining taxes, if any.

22) Shri. Ishwar Dilip Bele, Bahujan Republican Socialist Party, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Company shall give written assurance to the points raised during the Public Hearing & afterwards, new expansion project shall be commissioned.	Noted.

23) Shri. Ajay Amte, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	400 to 500 people have got employment since the start of existing project. Around 700 to 800 people will get employed in the new expansion project. Company shall 100% control the existing pollution & afterwards, new expansion project shall be commissioned.	Noted.

24) **Shri. Kiran Bandurkar, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>A letter was received at Grampanchayat Nakoda stating that the Public Hearing of M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., was scheduled in the month of April-2021. But due to outbreak of Corona, the Public Hearing was rescheduled. I welcome that the Public Hearing is conducted today at the main gate of the company. Priority shall be given to local people of Ghuggus, Nakoda, Usgaon, Shengaon & Pandharkawada while providing employment. Land of villages Ghuggus & Nakoda have been acquired by the Project Proponent. Farmers of Usgaon Village are suffering from pollution. Therefore, I request the company authorities to acquire the land of usgaon village & shall provide employment to local people.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, employment will be provided as per educational qualifications & as per skill to the people of Ghuggus, Mhatardevi & surrounding area. The new expansion project will be commissioned at the existing project's land. Land will be acquired in future if there is any requirement as per govt. policy & suitable compensation, employment will also be provided.</p>

25) **Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad, Telangana:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>I support the new proposed expansion project. Company shall carry out study of health impacts of around 10 km radius of the project. Company shall submit groundwater survey report. Rainwater harvesting shall be done & it shall be utilized. Also, company shall arrange Skill Development program for the local unemployed persons. Company shall also form a</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

Co-ordination committee so that there shall be co-ordination between local people & company & problems can be solve at the earliest.	
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26) Shri. Rajiv Reddy, City Congress President, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I welcome the new expansion project but has the company taken any cognizance of the accidents occurred during last year? Is rainwater harvesting being done? Why the company has not installed new bag filters? Also, how much money the company has spent to upgrade the existing pollution control systems? Company has not done any social work during Pandemic. We had done something as per our capabilities. There is doubt about implementation of objectives stated by the company in the presentation. Company should have complied with the non-compliances in the existing project due to which there are health issues of local people. Company shall make arrangement to clean the dust of the area for at 4 hours per day. I request the company authorities to take review of the existing unit & shall propose the new expansion project.	Project Proponent informed that, non-compliances observed in the existing project will be complied. Also, latest technology will be used while providing pollution control equipments to the new project & will try to curb pollution. Company will try to establish a model plant by implementing the suggestions given by Environmental Committee.

27) Shri. H. Madhubabu, Environmentalist, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I welcome to the new expansion project. Coal is used in production of	Noted.

	<p>Sponge Iron due to which pollution occurs. But it is necessary that, company shall upgrade the existing pollution control equipments. Also, the company shall carry out adequate tree plantation due to which pollution can be controlled. Company shall continuously carry out water sprinkling so that fugitive dust emissions can be curbed & pollution will be under control. Priority shall be given to local people while providing employment.</p>	
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28) Shri. Mohd. Ali Baig, Ex-Dy.Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. has illegally lifted water from Wardha River for 15 years. I have submitted written complaints to Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur, Hon'ble Tahsildar, Chandrapur & to the company authorities since last 11 years. But till date no solution has been given to me. Company has lifted water without obtaining NOC from Grampanchayat. How many trees has the company planted? Also, company has not carried out any social activity under CSR.</p>	Noted.

29) Shri. Roshan Parshuram Pachare, President, Zilla Kisan Congress Committee, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd. has not provided the names of contractors working in their company. Around</p>	Noted.

<p>700-750 persons are going to get employment in the new expansion project. M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. shall visit the nearby M/s. ACC Ltd. Unit. Company shall take review of their construction & tree plantation done by M/s. ACC Ltd. & shall carry out tree plantation. Company shall provide employment to people from Usgaon, Pandharkawada, Shengaon, Nakoda but priority shall be given to people of Ghuggus city. I support the new project but people of Ghuggus City shall get benefitted by the project.</p>	
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30) Shri. Vivek Babanrao Bodhe, City President, Bhartiya Janta Party, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>If 700 people are getting employed, then I support the project because it will help in solving problem of unemployment. Local people shall be given employment as per their educational qualifications only. We will object if bad things happen with people of Ghuggus. Company shall be held responsible for increased pollution with the help of M. P. C. Board so that the company will install upgraded pollution control systems. Company shall install a model plant & shall help M. P. C. Board to decrease the pollution of Ghuggus City.</p>	Noted.

31) Shri. Pawankumar Agdari, Ex-Grampanchayat Member & District President, Anusuchit Congress Committee, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I welcome the new proposed expansion project, but company shall take adequate measures towards controlling air pollution, water pollution, health impacts & losses of nearby crops.	Noted.

32) Shri. Bhushan Bobde, Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Nobody in the entire Public Hearing has raised any questions regarding loss of agricultural crops. Company is neglecting the losses face by the surrounding farmers & residents.	Noted.

33) Shri. Prashant Puri, Vice President (Commercial) & Human Resource Development & Administration, M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	The Public Hearing is conducted for new proposed expansion project is for installation of Induction Arc Furnace, Rolling Mill & Submerged Arc Furnace for production of Ingots, Billets-5,00,000 TPA, TMT & Long product – 5,00,000 TPA and Ferro Alloys-25,000 TPA respectively (In addition to existing 3,24,000 TPA Sponge Iron Plant, 0.216 MTPA Coal Washery & 25 MW Power Plant). Local people are demanding for decrease in pollution levels by	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the company shall resolve the issues of 4-5 persons by conducting a separate meeting with them. Convenor, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the copies of the objections, suggestions & questions raised during the Public Hearing will be attached with

installing new upgraded pollution control equipments. In the proposed expansion project production TMT will be 5.0 Lakhs TPA. Visit will be carried out of the existing plant & water sprinkling will be carried out. Also, continuous water sprinkling will be done on roads to reduce fugitive dust emissions. Also, continuous wetting of roads will be done so that pollution due to transportation can be curbed. Sponge iron production is carried out in the existing project and it is transported by trucks to other points for production of sponge iron. Due to the expansion project, the transportation activity will be stopped. The Billets in the molten stage are transferred to rolling line to produce TMT Bars bypassing the reheating furnace. The cooled TMT Bars are then inspected & dispatched. Due to this, pollution due to loading & unloading will be negligible. Also, billets which will be produced by hot turning method will be transferred in Rolling Mill. Around 700-750 persons will be get employed in the proposed expansion project. I cannot make any statement regarding structure of employment provided for new expansion project. This Public Hearing is not related to the decision made by the Govt. The objections, suggestions & questions raised during the Public Hearing will be submitted to concerned department & the company is bound to implement the suggestions given by the department. The decision taken by the concerned

the Minutes of Public Hearing & will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

<p>department will be complied by the industry. As per govt. resolution of State Govt., priority will be given to 80% of local people while providing employment opportunities. Around 90-95% of local people are employed in the existing project.</p>	
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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.



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