

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPONGE IRON PLANT FROM 3,24,000.0 TPA (4 x 100 TPD & 1 x 500 TPD) TO 6,84,000.0 TPA BY INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL 2 x 500 TPD KILNS & POWER PLANT FROM 25.0 MW TO 85.0 MW (WHRB + AFBC) AT THEIR EXISTING SITE AT PLOT A-1 & A-2, MIDC AREA, GHUGHGHUS, CHANDRAPUR, TAL & DIST-CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S LLOYDS METALS & ENERGY LIMITED

Date : 06-05-2022
Time : 12.00 noon
Place : At Project Site, M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., At Plot No. A-1 and A-2, MIDC Area, Ghughus, Chandrapur, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., At Plot No.A-1 and A-2, MIDC Area, Ghughus, Chandrapur, Tal & District Chandrapur, Maharashtra, has applied to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GOI), 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 expansion of Sponge Iron Plant from 3,24,000.0 TPA (4 x 100 TPD & 1 x 500 TPD) to 6.84,000.0 TPA by installation of Additional 2 x 500 TPD Kilns & Power Plant from 25 MW to 85 MW (WHRB + AFBC) at their existing site only at Plot No.A-1 and A-2, MIDC Area, Ghughus. Chandrapur, Tal & District – Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the Expert Appraisal Committee – Industry on 20-07-2021, and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project.

M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., At Plot No. A-1 and A-2, MIDC Area, Ghughus. Chandrapur, Tal & District Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 07/12/2021 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on May 06, 2022.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India for English on 03-04-2022. 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) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur;
- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022
- 4) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 6) District Collector, Chandrapur
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur;
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office, Chandrapur, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 10) Chief Officer, Nagar Parishad-Ghughus, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 11) Tahasildar, Tahsil Office, Chandrapur, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Chandrapur, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 13) Gram Panchayat Office, Mhatardevi, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur
- 14) Gram Panchayat Office, Belsani, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 15) Gram Panchayat Office, Shengaon, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 16) Gram Panchayat Office, Sonegaon, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 17) Gram Panchayat Office, Anturla, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 18) Gram Panchayat Office, Mahakurla, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 19) Gram Panchayat Office, Padharkavada, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 20) Gram Panchayat Office, Vadha, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 21) Gram Panchayat Office, Usgaon, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;
- 22) Gram Panchayat Office, Nakoda, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur;

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.6 to 22 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-29/2022 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-330428-FTS-0065, dated 28-04-2022 as under :-

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

This office is in receipt 67 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any.

The 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 Atul Sathale, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Vishalkumar Meshram, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, 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 only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

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

Detailed Information of the Project -

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

After the presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee read out a statement received from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri. Balubhau Dhanorkar regarding the project.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Dhanorkar said in a statement that Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited's Sponge Iron project is operating at MIDC, Ghughhus, Chandrapur and its pollution has caused outrage among locals and villagers. The project is causing huge damage to health and farmers. He made some demands in his statement.

He said that the health of farmers and people is more important than industry. According to the Rules, individuals residing in seven k.m. should be given priority in employment. Project Proponent should control pollution so as to avoid harm to local health and farmers. Preference should be given to CBSC schools for students, priority should be given to development works in the area under CSR fund.

The demands also include clearing encroachments on Panand roads in the project area, stopping the movement of trucks in front of the health center, compensation for damages caused by pollution, jobs for the family members of the deceased workers and other demands.

After reading the suggestions given by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, 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 Kishor Ghugale, Congress Party Worker, Tal, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The company has promised to build a concrete road for the past several years. It has not been completed yet.	The Project Proponent said he would begin work on the road once the public hearing is over. Work will be done of the project as per the suggestions given by the local people earlier. The face of the company will change in six months.
2)	Similarly, the dust in the project has not been brought under control. How	In 2022, the project was closed for three months as pollution control systems as well as other systems had to be

	it will be prevented, as everyone is suffering from project dust.	repaired. The project started in February / March. Some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project
3)	Unemployment is high in the village. It is mentioned in the Presentation that 500 persons will be employed in the project. Give the details regarding the same.	As per educational qualifications, only local people will be given job opportunities. There are 80-85% local persons only are working in the company. We will give priority to local people as per Government guidelines.

2) Shri. Ebadul Hasan Siddiqui, Janhitaichi, Tal, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	It is informed that the public notice of the Environment Public Hearing is published in two papers only. It should have been published in all local newspapers. In the same way, it was necessary to blow the horn on the mic and make an announcement regarding public hearing in all the villages, so that more and more people would have been informed about the public hearing, because daily newspaper does not get everyone. Please explain.	<p>Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Notification issued by Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 16th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to publish public notice of Environment Public Hearing in one local paper for local language (here Marathi) and in one national newspaper for English.</p> <p>As per the directives, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur has published public notice in local paper Lokmat for Marathi and in national newspaper Times of India for English 30 days in advance before the meeting. Also, Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Executive Summary Report were made available in English and in Marathi in the notified offices of Chandrapur District, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai; Head Office of MPCB and in the Gram Panchayat offices of the project affected area informing them to give wide publicity and keep available for the observations and</p>

		information of the local people. MPCB has followed all the directives of the Notification. Here Shri Ebadul Hasan Siddhi Janhitechi asked why the announcement is not made by beating drums and with horns, the answer is given that the objection is noted.
2)	Public hearings are an opportunity is given to common people to raise their thoughts, suggestions, objections on the subject matter. No information is available about the report after the public hearing. We do not know what is written in the report. This is the plight of the local people	Here, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that copy of the minutes of the public hearing will be made available. If demanded.
3)	When a project is being implemented in the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zilla Parishad, Nagar Palika or Mahanagarpalika, what is the rule for issuing No Objection Certificate for implementation of the project? Can the project executed with the consent of one officer or does it require the approval of the entire Executive Committee?	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that since the project is operating in the area of "Industrial Development" as declared by the Government of Maharashtra, it does not require a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Gram Panchayat. The Government of Maharashtra has notified this area for industrial development activities.
4)	This is a public hearing for the expansion of the project. So, is the pollution control system in operation the project at present? Is expansion allowing to increase pollution by the Government? It is informed to give reply in this regard.	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed here that all the participants should be given an opportunity to raise their questions and combined answers will be given.
5)	The project has not taken any measures regarding pollution control. The health of the people in the area is in danger. We are not against the project and development. The Project Proponent have not developed drinking water facilities, health systems for the local people in the project area. Some people have died due to the pollution of this	Convener said here that the questions and issues raised have been noted.

	company, while others are suffering permanently.	
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3) Shri Shrinivas Ghoskulla, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion/ Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The public hearing, which is now held today, is it just a farce, or of any use? There is 100 acres of land adjacent to this project. The farmer who was cultivating 8-9 quintals in the field, now gets 2-3 quintals of crops. Farmers are suffering due to this project. The Lloyd's Company did not pay them compensation.	Project Proponent remarked that Public hearing is a method of co-ordination. The suggestions and objections raised during the meeting are considered. It is also noted while granting Environment Clearance (EC) by Government of India.
2)	Which benefits Ghughus residents will get after the expansion? The industrial effluent of this project is causing lot of trouble to the local farmers and their fields are deteriorating	Project Proponent informed that the expansion would provide employment opportunities to the local people. The list of affected farmers will be compiled, and a solution will be worked out in consultation with them.
3)	We are not against the project. Prior to the expansion of the company, 200 units of electricity should be provided free of cost to the local people.	The Project Proponent remarked that according to the Law, we can produce electricity, but we cannot distribute the electricity.
4)	Local people should be given job opportunities. 50% posts should be reserved for local women only.	The Project Proponent replied that in the project 80-85% are local people only. Just now, two women have been given employment opportunities. In future, posts in certain categories may be reserved for women.
5)	We came now from the square/ crossroads. So, can we stand there for a while because of the pollution?	Convener informed that the views, suggestions raised are noted and Project Proponent will give collective answers.

4) Shri Satya Narayan Dakare, National Congress Party Minority Cell President, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	<p>The condition of Ghughus village is such that even if it is cloudy and dusty, dust is flying in Ghughus village.</p> <p>There are 40-50 thousand people residing in Ghughus City. The Representative of People are not caring Ghughus. Dust is a major cause of coughs and other illnesses. The health here is in danger. For this, a hospital should be built for Ghughus villagers.</p>	<p>The Project Proponent replied that where there is a shortfall, the road would be paved. The Project Administration has decided to organize a health camp within a specified period, now further action regarding the same will be taken.</p>
2)	<p>No matter how many statements are made to the project management, they do not respond. Similarly, women should be given employment opportunities in the project. There are many educated girls in Ghughus city, they should be given employment opportunities according to their educational qualifications.</p>	<p>The Project Proponent replied that at present there are 80-85% local people only. Recently, two women have been given job opportunities. In future, posts in certain categories can be reserved for women.</p>

5) Shri Ganapati Pandurang Aashitkar, Usgaon, Tal. Dist- Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	<p>I am suffering from pollution of the company and we have given a complaint one year ago for the damage we have suffered. The answer from Collector Office, local MPCB office is not received yet. Copy of it has been submitted to the Environment Public Hearing Committee just now. The effluent from the project flows through the nalla, which contains sulfur. The</p>	<p>A list of affected farmers will be compiled and an amicable solution will be worked out in consultation with them. He further answered that Further action has been initiated regarding cleaning of Nalla.</p>

same water is drunk by cattle. Hence, further action in this regard should be taken and answer be given.	
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6) Shri Pradip Jogi, Ghughus, Tal, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This Lloyds project is causing huge loss to our agriculture and cotton. If cotton is taken to the market, no one buys it, they say take it back. Our health is in danger. Hundreds of acres of farmland are just lying next to Lloyds Metal. Farmers in the vicinity stopped farming, as due to pollution of this factory, the agriculture crops spoils. More than 70% of the population suffers from various diseases due to Lloyd Metal.	The Project Proponent replied that after the completion of the public hearing, a list of farmers affected by the project would be prepared and a amicable solution would be worked out in consultation with them.

7) Shri Ganesh Wamanrao Shende, Shiv Sena Dy.Taluka Pramukh, Ghughus, Tal. & Dist.Chandraur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The village Ghughus in Chandrapur District is ranked 4th in the world in terms of pollution, according to NASA. The project was approved by the locals in 1992-93. At that time, we did not think that this factory was going to kill us alive. There are no facilities for workers also in the project. Why this monstrous factory should be here? The condition of the factory has remained the same since 1993. If they are giving Rs 50 lakh to workers after death, give Rs 10 lakh when he is alive, we will appreciate you. Every year 10,000	The Project Proponent replied that the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired. Other systems also repaired. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project

	people die of diseases in this village. Newborns are also born with a congenital disease. He objected that a public hearing had been held in the past as well. What did it gain? If public sentiment is not valued, then what is the point of that public hearing?	
2)	We ask the factory to hold a health camp. Today, after 1993, the company realizes that there is a water scarcity in Ghughus village. Today a water tanker is moving through the village.	The answer has been given about the health camp. The Company Administration is planning to organize a health camp for a specific period of time and information about it will be made available.
3)	The 300 acres of land near the factory is left and the factory did not buy it. Explain the same. Farmers cannot grow crops there. The farmers have no income. So, farmers are committing suicide.	The Project Proponent replied that we do not need extra space for the expansion of project. However, considering the suggestions raised in the meeting regarding the purchase of land, the policy will be made in future.
4)	Talking about the environment, where did the Project Proponent plant the trees, how many trees were planted and how many of them survived? Where your CSR fund is used, how many health camps were conducted? How many people were facilitated? If not, why the expansion is needed?	
5)	He said that I personally written complaint to Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Environment Minister. Everyone in this Ghughus village should be in good health, they should get good facilities. We don't mind coming to the factory, but the factory should not be like a monster. If it kills workers, we don't want such a factory	Due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March, some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project
6)	The presentation showed that the expanded project would provide employment to 500 persons. But if the health of 50,000 people is endangered, what is the use of this project? Hence, the factory should be removed from this village and	

	move it to another place and may start there.	
7)	Similarly, it is observed that the factory brings workers from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Nepal but does not provide employment opportunities to the local need people. If the local people are not given a chance, we will not allow to continue the project in that village either.	Project Proponent informed that 80-85% persons in the project are local people only and as per the directives of the Government, local people will be given priority in the job opportunities.
8)	We declared Swachha Bharat. What's more, about 2,000 people are treated every month at the Primary Health Center (PHC) due to the project's pollution. Compensation and employment opportunities should be given first to the farmers whose lands have been acquired.	
9)	It is demanded to the Government that I do not talk to anyone crazy. First operating factory should be de-polluted. The factory should be repaired.	
10)	The minutes of the public hearing should be made available to Ghugghus residents.	Convener informed that copy of the minutes of the meeting will be made available.

8) Shri Anantrao Kade, Usgaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Our land has been lying fallow for 15 years, in which I have 7 1/2 acres of land. They have not paid compensation for the land.	The Project Proponent replied that we do not need extra space for the expansion of project. However, considering the suggestions raised in the meeting regarding the purchase of land, the policy will be made in future.

9) Shri Shamrao Ramchandra Ghugare, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	My grandfather's grandfather is from Ghughus village, I know the reality. In these 27 years, the company has done nothing to control pollution. He read out the number of respiratory, skin and eye diseases caused by pollution from 2015 to 2022 and stated that this is a government report. Whether you were going to make Ghughus as hell because of pollution? By raising awareness, we will continue to fight against pollution," he said.	Due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project

10) Shri Raghunath Dhongade, Shiv Sena, Former City Pramukh, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This public hearing is arranged for environmental issues. Then this is to inform that this company causes pollution during the day, but twice as much pollution at night. If local, villagers go to the factory to report pollution, the Project Chief hides and sends his junior officer. The company continues to pollute despite the written assurance of the project officials not to pollute as per the instructions of the Member of Parliament. So, what good is expected from company management?	Due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project
2)	He requested Environment Public Hearing Committee that if the management does not listen, then the expansion should not be	

allowed, and its permission should be revoked.	
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11) Shri Brijbhusan Madadev Pazare, Former Sabhapati, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He welcomed Chairman of the Committee and informed that there was a chemical project here, then there was SSP and WCL. But after the arrival of Lloyds Metals, the Marathi man started getting work. At the same time, people in other languages began to find work. But now the river Wardha is completely dried/blocked. If you bring such a big project, then a dam should be built on the river Wardha, it is not shown here	
2)	Similarly, it was also stated in the presentation that 3,000 trees were planted every year from 2015-2020. It means 18,000 trees were planted. But the proportion is low. Ten thousand trees should be planted every year. Planted trees must survive.	
3)	Similarly, there are many educated, graduates and engineers in the project area. They should also get employment in the project. There are a lot of Diyanga people in and around Ghughus. They should also get employment opportunities in the project.	The project has two female employees and in future some posts in the cadre can be reserved for women.
4)	There are many villages in Ghughus. Various social activities under CSR fund should be implemented in those villages also. There should be centers here and people should get jobs from them.	The Project Proponent said that we have planned to implement social schemes in all the villages under the CSR fund

5)	It is further demanded that trucks come from the main roads. There should be separate bypass. Trucks must come from that bypass. This will reduce the number of accidents.	
6)	Medical camps should be organized every month by the Project Proponent. This is not mentioned in the presentation. Ghughus has a primary health center. But there is a shortage of medicines. BP, diabetes pills are not available. Many times, we have to make a decision about this. Pills should be made available under CSR.	The Project Proponent replied that the Company Administration planned to hold the health camp after a certain period of time. All the local people will be informed in advance
7)	The expansion should not loss of the local people. The local people must get employment. A list of local unemployed personnel should be made available from the Gram Panchayat office. There is not be any political work here. The list should be made available by approving the resolution in the Gram Sabha. The person recommended by the Gram Panchayat should get employment.	The 80-85% persons in the project are local and the person is appointed keeping in view the educational qualifications
8)	It is demanded that cold water supply (i.e. in Marathi-Pan Poi) should be started. Some protested here, they also want project expansion. They have taken a stand against pollution. He also said that the local people should get employment.	

12) Shri Sayyad Anwar, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I am an ordinary citizen of this city. The organizers have already suggested that only talk about the environment. Today our city is	The Project Proponent said that we plan to implement social schemes in all the villages under the CSR fund.

	<p>number one in terms of pollution. The city is in dire need of water. If the project starts, there are fears that people will not get drinking water. It is informed in the meeting that the project has launched a water tanker for the villagers. I support it.</p> <p>However, we are supplying water by 2-3 tankers on behalf of our party. The project should plan to provide tap water to everyone. If you are bringing projects, then water plan should also be prepared</p>	
2)	There is a serious problem of employment in the country. We require projects. But these industries must keep people alive. Industry should not kill people.	
3)	If anyone come in the Ghughus, his eyes get irritated and there would be a lot of dust on his clothes. "Four months ago, we had a protest against this project for pollution and employment," he said.	
4)	The company will be shut down if the project employs personnel's from other States and outside project affected area. Employment of villagers, elimination of drinking water problem in urban areas, problems in wards should be solved from CSR fund. Public toilets must be provided. It should be facilitated. Industry is needed, but it should be by protecting people's lives.	The Project Proponent replied that the Company Administration planned to hold the health camp after a certain period of time. All people will be informed in advance

13) Shri Sajan Lone, Former Grampanchayat Member, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion/ Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Pollution is a curse of science. He said Lloyds Metal was allowed in	

	1993. Now where the Lloyds Metals colony is located, the factory should have been there, and where the factory is located, the Lloyds Metals colony should have been constructed. The local Gram Panchayat made a big mistake.	
2)	He further said that till the project comes, the local people will not get employment. Skilled, unskilled persons in the project area should get employment.	
3)	However, when the project came up in 1993, the Project Proponent did not fulfill the expectations of the local people. The company does not have a protective/compound wall. The workers do not have access to safe drinking water. Your workers do not have access to toilets. If there is an accident in the company or the employees and workers get sick, they do not have access to the hospital. The condition of the roads in the company is very bad. He said that first the problems in the working project should be rectified. Reduce pollution there.	The development of internal roads of the project is already started.
4)	He suggested that the project should be eco- friendly. For this, trees should be planted. Electricity should be provided to the local people, job opportunities should be given to the locals and women. Inform about how to implement this.	Two women have been appointed for the project and some posts may be reserved for women in the future.
5)	Due to the dust of the project, the cotton of the farmers in the project area turns black. Therefore, their cotton is not getting price. It has to be thrown away. The vegetable turns black, it has to be discarded. If there is no pollution, then we don't mind the project. However, first you have to solve the problems and pollution in your working project and	Due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project

	then expand it. We are not against the industry.	
6)	He further objected that those who lost their land due to your project have no source of income.	After the public hearing meeting, a list of project affected farmers will be made and a solution will be worked out through discussion.

14) Shri. Sharad Paikarao, Ghughus City Mahasachiv, Nationalist Congress Party:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He said the presentation showed that the expansion would provide employment opportunities to the local people. However, no facility is available for the employees working in the project. No health and safety facilities. Not only those working get health and safety facilities, but what will the new recruits get? So, the former workers should be made permanent. The workers should not be hired on a contract basis. Only then should new workers be hired.	
2)	He asked to all people in the meeting how much money did the Ghughus company spend on the locals in the hospital for medical treatment? How many health camps are run? The participants answered none.	Project Proponent informed that the medical camps will be arranged in scheduled time. All the local people will be informed accordingly.
3)	The previous working personnel's/workers should be made permanent in the service.	
4)	The medical camp should be arranged quarterly.	The Project Proponent replied that the Company Administration planned to hold the health camp after a certain period of time. All people will be informed in advance
5)	It is informed that Shri Ganesh Godari, who is worker in the project fall down while working and he is injured. Hence, he should get the payment as it is and after becoming	Project Proponent informed that the concerned worker is Member of ESIC (Employees State Insurance Corporation) and he is getting 90% in the sick leave period.

medically fit, he should be taken back in the factory.	
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15) Shri Sanjay Tiple, Member, Nathali Gram Panchayat and Sarpanch, Dy. Sarpanch, Member:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Objection reported that the residential area of the project falls within the limits of Nathali Gram Panchayat. The road there is completely damaged, and the company never throws water on the road. Also, health camps should be organized in our village from time to time, the problems of the farmers in the village should be solved.	If the road is owned by the state government, the project proponent will not be able to do anything about it. The answer has been given about the health camp.

16) Shri Satish Punde, Shivsena City Pramukh -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	What percentage of employment has been provided in the project till date and in what manner the future employment will be provided. The first opportunity should be given to the people of Ghughus.	80-85% of the people in the project are local people. Employment opportunities are being offered considering educational qualifications.

17) Shri Kale, Local Farmer:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I own the land and if I sell it to the project proponent, what will be the price? At this time, Shri Brijbhushan Mahadev Pazare, Former Sabhapati, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur informed that many local farmers ask us question and it	

	is requested that Project Proponent should purchase the land and develop it as green belt.	
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18) Shri Vinod Janjala, Engineer: –

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I am a trainee engineer in the company. The project is expanding here, and it is good, because educated people need employment. However, my request is that project expansion is needed for the unemployed to get jobs. The project should provide employment according to the educational qualifications.	

19) Shri Dinkar Kale, Usgaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: –

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He demanded that his land is adjacent to the project and Project Proponent should purchase the same.	Project Proponent informed that they did not require additional land for the expansion of the project. But the suggestions gave in the meeting are noted and in the future, it will be considered.

20) Shri Mangesh Maruti, Dy.Sarpanch, Usgaon Grampanchayat, Tal.Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He asked Environment Public Hearing Committee that if the project officials say there will be no pollution, then they should express their opinion on whether the project will cause pollution or not.	Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee replied that pollution occurs due to production process in the project, but it can be controlled.

2)	At that time, the Dy. Sarpanch demanded an answer as to how much compensation the company would pay. He further demanded that the company should undertake social development works in the village under CSR.	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the Project Proponent would provide it.
3)	He opined that air pollution would happen at Usgaon, then job opportunities should be given to people of Usgaon.	

At that time, Shri Ganesh Wamanrao Shende, Ghughhus, Taluka, District-Chandrapur, Shiv Sena Deputy Taluka Chief demanded that the local farmer should get Rs. 25 lakhs per acre.

21) Shri Raju Reddy, Ghugaghus Congress City President, Tal, Dist-Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The application / statement sent to him by the District Guardian Minister and the only MP of the district should be considered. He said that if project would provide employment opportunities, there is no opposition to the project. But the mothers and sisters who are at our home suffering due to the problem of pollution should also be thought. In the last public hearing, all the points were discussed. The participants have demanded to provide employment opportunities to those recommended by the Gram Panchayat and according to the qualifications of the candidates. The demand of the local people not to consider the ideology of any political party while giving employment to the candidate is true. Those who are eligible should get employment for the local youth. But people are	Project Proponent informed that due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project

	suffering due to Ghughus pollution, hence steps should be initiated immediately.	
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22) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Environmental Consultant has carried the basic survey of 10 km radius of the project of air, water, soil. Also, 10 km. Data should be collected on health status of peripheral people, condition of crops, ground water status. It will be useful to maintain ecological balance. Your project is in 203 acres. So rainwater should be conserved. The efforts should be made to increase the ground water level.	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Shri Reddy to submit his views in writing. Shri Reddy supported the project and suggested to give jobs to local people only.

23) Shri Suresh Vallari Paikrao, District Mahasachiv, Nationalist Congress Party, Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	We have raised our suggestions and objections in the public hearing of 13-10-2021. It is now in this meeting heard that due to the expansion, local people and young boys and girls will get employment. He asked the management of the company who had set up the pandol for the public hearing. Even if there is a pandol builder and a facilitator in the Ghughus village, the pandol builder is hired from Wani. Then how will the company provide employment opportunities after the expansion to the local people?	There are 80-85% persons in the project are local people only.

2)	<p>We are not against the project," he said. Our role was presented on 13-10-2021. If you want to start a project here, we should be provided free electricity and water. Now they are saying that the tanker will provide water. So, build your own tank and provide tap water to villagers.</p>	<p>Electricity distribution cannot be done as per Law.</p>
3)	<p>He suggested that the 750 workers will be required in the expansion project should be permanent. The project took thirty years to complete. But the workers did not increase even thirty rupees. Those who have worked in dust for the last 30 years should also consider whether they are paid as per the minimum wage law. He again reiterated that the permanent workers should be appointed.</p>	
4)	<p>"It's good that people are getting jobs," he said. But the farmer around the project should be considered. How much has the company paid for the loss of farmland and crops so far? If that doesn't happen, it's still a way to get more involved. If the farmer does not grow food, then man will not get food, so take care of the farmer. Consideration should be given to how much can be paid per hectare by surveying the area.</p>	<p>The Project Proponent said that a list of farmers in the area would be prepared immediately after the public hearing and an amicable solution would be worked out.</p>
5)	<p>The surrounding farm should be purchased by the project so that it will benefit the farmer.</p>	<p>The suggestions given in the meeting will be considered. But there is no requirement of additional land for the expansion of the project.</p>

24) Ms. Sana Ravindra Patil, Mhatardevi Gram Panchayat Member, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Asked about pollution. There are agriculture fields near the village. The cotton in the field becomes black. There is company colony in our village. The road is completely dusty. A water tanker should be provided for sprinkling. Also, the youth of our village should be given priority in employment.	Local people will be given priority in job opportunities.

25) Shri Amit Borkar, Aam Adami Party, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	It is suggested by the Committee to talk about pollution, but you also have to listen to the problems and harms that this project will cause to the locals. According to the Constitution of India, Project Proponent have to provide security and facilities to the workers. He further said that the pollution was not of coal or dust but of Iron particles. When iron particles enter the body, there is a risk to life, if they enter the kidneys the kidneys get damaged. This iron particle adverse effects can be seen at a distance 30 k.m.(from the project site) to Chandrapur. Then how can a new expansion project be approved?	
2)	However, the company should reduce the pollution level by 75%. The workers of the project should be provided security and facilities as per the directives of the Indian	

	Constitution, 100% of the land of the farmers in the area should be purchased. He objected that a newborn infant inhales dust before first drinking its mother's milk.	
3)	He further said that if the project expansion is allowed, then as a President, Aam Aadmi Party, Ghughus will go to court against the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. For that, if I will have to go to the High Court, Mumbai and finally to the Supreme Court. However, I urge you not to allow the extension.	Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that this Committee does not give permission or does not reject the project or does not recommend the project. This Committee is constituted to know the views, suggestions or objections of the proposed project of Project Affected Persons (PAPs), local people in environmental angle. The suggestions/objections raised during the meeting are noted and minutes of the meeting will be prepared, and it will be submitted to MoEF & CC, Gol with permission of Chairman of the Committee through MPCB Head Office. An Expert Committee takes further decision accordingly.

26) Shri Roshan Parshuram Pathare, Former Sabhapati, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Though we were asked to speak only on environmental issues, when the meeting is chaired by the District Collector, then any subject should be discussed. It is demanded that whether any such Government Resolution is available that this public hearing is exclusively for environmental issues.	Convener of the meeting informed that such G.R. is available that this public hearing is arranged for the environmental angle only.
2)	During the discussions, it is informed that the project expansion would require 750 people, while 500 people would be from Ghughus and 250 from other villages. However, my request is to stop the contracting	Project Proponent informed that as per the requisite educational qualification the persons is appointed in the project. Local people are always given priority.

	system in the project and give opportunities to the local needy and new people.	
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27) Shri Nilkanth Ramchandra Nande, Ghughus, Tal & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He questioned that in 2006-2007 when the unit of coal washeries was installed, the dust that had gone through the water had accumulated in the nalla and now the nalla has been extinguished - from Ganesh Mandir to Shengaon Fata - the nalla has been extinguished. As the nalla is blocked, water goes to the farm. However, it should be cleaned and deepened. Also, due to blocked drains, dust water goes to the fields. This causes damage to crop. However, it should be surveyed by the Tahsildar and employment should be given as per Government Rules.	The Project Proponent informed that the project management has decided to implement the cleaning and deepening of the nalla.
2)	He further said that eucalyptus trees have been planted in the fields due to dust and their height is not increasing. The company should publish report regarding how much compensation is paid so far to the local farmers. Also, the survey should be carried annually for granting compensation to farmers.	

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

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The project will be commissioned in Ghughus villages, hence unemployed young boys and girls of	Project Proponent informed that while extending job opportunities, education qualification will be considered.

	Ghughus area should be given job opportunities. The job opportunities should be given as per educational qualification. The agriculture land of Ghughus village is acquired for the project and effluent from the factory goes through Usgaon village only, which affects the fields.	
2)	Farmers in Usgaon have given up farming due to losses. So, it is necessary to carry survey it and bring back the activities of farming as before. Action should be taken accordingly.	As informed earlier, the list of affected local farmers will be prepared and with direct discussions with them, amicable solution will be find out.
3)	The workers who are working here as temporary should be absorbed as permanent workers.	

29) Shri Mohan Rajurkar, Usgaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	There is loss of my farming due to these activities of the company as adjacent to this company is my farm and my S.N. is 95, 67 R. The company had first held a public hearing in Chandrapur on the subject. The company has not taken notice and has not received a single penny till date. Company management does not bother my requests. I can't afford to farm, so I'm in debt. Hence, compensation should be given to me.	As informed earlier, after this public hearing only, the list of the affected farmers will be prepared and after direct discussions, amicable solution will be made.

30) Mrs. Mamta Ramesh More, Nakoda Grampanchayat Member, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I ask question to Ghughus residents that how many times since last 27	

	<p>years, the Project Management has arranged medical camps in the area? All the local participants shouted None. Then, how you expect that after expansion of the project, the company will arrange medical camp? Project Management is giving just promises.</p>	
2)	<p>A leader recommends that his man be employed. But if a needy person asks for employment, do they give him employment?</p>	
3)	<p>There are many widows and needy women in the village. Have they ever been considered? How many women have worked in 27 years till date? So how do we trust you? There are women whose husbands died when their children were 1-2 years old. They have no agriculture land.</p>	
4)	<p>About the pollution, even after washing the floor ten times, clean water never comes out. Then how Project Management will control the growing dust due to expansion?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that due to previous discrepancies, the project was closed for three months in 2022, as pollution control systems had to be repaired, as well as other systems. The project started in February / March; some systems are yet to be launched. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project.</p>
5)	<p>80% of the locals, that is, the residents of Ghughus, should get employment opportunities, whether it is there or not, the participants refused. He objected to the health issue, saying that the incidence of skin diseases in the area are very high. Similarly, the incidence of eye diseases, asthma and cough is significant. It is demanded the monthly health camps, check-ups and medicines should be planned.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that periodical medical camps will be arranged.</p>

31) Shri Vivek Bode, BJP Worker :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	We have given our opinion during the last public hearing. BJP support the farmers and against pollution The activists have fought. If there is a project that provides employment to the unemployed, then our idea is that this project should be a pollution free, green project. We should get employment opportunities, but at the same time we will not run out the question of farmers. The problems of the farmers should be solved. Local women need to be empowered by setting up training centers.	
2)	He demanded that health camps and public works should be undertaken from time to time from the CSR fund of the Lloyds project. He further demanded that the project should provide employment opportunities as per the educational qualifications. Here we have never changed policy. We are the ones who employ the unemployed.	The Project Proponent said that it is the intention of all the villages should get proper disbursement of CSR funds
3)	However, if the expansion project will provide employment and be a pollution free green project, if the project meets the various legitimate demands of the meeting, then we will continue to support and co-operate with it. But if the project is polluting, we will oppose it.	The power generation in the project is a green project. To de-pollute the project, the project has been trying to reduce coal since 2010 and uses the waste from the Sponge Iron project in power plant boilers. Solid waste power is generated in the project. The 25.0 MW project will be expanded to 85.0 MW. The new project will use Swiss technology and will use the entire waste heat. Not a kilo of waste will be wasted. The second project is that the dust of the sponge iron fly causes a lot of trouble in the area. So we are going to produce steel. If you transport that steel outside, there will be

		no pollution. Sponge iron will go into the furnaces. So material handling is going to be read.
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32) Shri Nagesh Malhari Paikrao, Chairman, Helping Organization :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He protested the expansion, saying the project's pollution is causing many diseases to local people. There are many diseases like asthma, tuberculosis, dermatitis and 9 to 10 thousand people suffer every year. According to the information provided by the Primary Health Center, between 2016 and 2022, 45,000 people were suffering from various pollution diseases.	
2)	In the presentation, it was stated that three thousand trees would be planted every year, so plant them on the ground and not on paper. Because we plant trees every year, but we don't see where they are planted and how long they have survived.	
3)	However, we oppose expansion. This expansion will not benefit the people of Ghughus and surrounding areas. It is not right for 750 people to endanger the health of 50-60 thousand people. "Our organization opposes this expansion," he said.	

33) Shri Deepak Kharkar, Chandrapur Sambhaji Bridage, Vidhan Sabha President:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He said all issues were discussed at the meeting. But when asked about	

	<p>farmers, it is true that farmers are the breadwinners of the world. So, the damage caused by the company's pollution is the loss of every farmer. Today our breadwinner is hungry. Because the Government doesn't pay the price, nature doesn't let them sleep and they don't let the polluted project live. In desperation, he commits suicide. At the meeting, some farmers demanded that the amount paid should be given in writing.</p>	
2)	<p>Unless and Until the company pays an average acreage in compensation to all the farmers in the periphery of 15-20 k.m. of the project in writing for rabi and kharif crops and the compensation reaches the farmer's house, the Sambhaji Brigade request MPCB not to sanction the project.</p>	<p>Project Proponent answered that after this meeting, the list of affected farmers in the vicinity will be prepared and after discussions with them, amicable solution will be made</p>
3)	<p>Employment should be available to all. The unemployed young boys and girls of the surrounding villages and of Ghughus should get the same yardstick.</p>	
4)	<p>The farmer whose land is acquired demands compensation and job. He will not survive by getting meager salary from the job. Hence, share of the company should be given to the farmer along with the compensation and job.</p>	
5)	<p>If even the President of India cannot revoke the resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, then it is wrong that issuance of No Objection Certificate from the Gram Panchayat is not required if the project is in MIDC area.</p>	
6)	<p>If the Project Proponent cannot provide facilities to his workers, what will he provide to the local people? Monthly medical camps should be organized in every village,</p>	

7)	As suggested in the meeting, a dam should be built on the river, but first the drinking water facility should be provided to all, then the same order should be maintained for agriculture, because only if the farmer survives, will everyone get food.	
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34) Shri Ashok Vishwanath Lole, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The plant is polluter and the Project Management does not operate/keeps ESP closed. When the weather is bad, ESPs are kept ideal/closed. The project releases the dust completely in the evening and night. We told this story to reporters. Journalists don't say anything, then the company shuts his mouth by paying journalists. One report came, he has taken sign, took photo, but pollution is not stopped. When MPCB officials come, they close it by paper and show normal pollution level.	Project Proponent answered that ESP can never be closed like this. Turning off ESP does not generate energy. Technically, ESPs do not close.
2)	Hence, why is not kept operating fully. If ESP kept in operation fully, there will not be air pollution. Hence, ESP should be in operation full time. My house is adjacent to the project. I went thrice for the temple. From we have been prevented from the gate only. All the people here say that Project officials keep ESP closed to save electricity.	
3)	It is requested to Environment Public Hearing Committee that if all the pollution control devices work efficiently, then only permission be given. If it is allowed, then we all will close the gate.	

4)	Local People with requisite qualifications should be given priority in employment first. The adjoining resident who suffer due to factory dust (i.e. dust eater) if not given job and outside person is appointed will not accepted. He further objected that if a worker dies, his wife or heirs must be given employment opportunities. It should be given.	
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35) Shri Chetan Bobde, President, Yuva Sena, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The project has spent Rs 53,84,853 from the CSR fund. So where did it spend as there was complete lockdown. He read out a report in the paper that the water bill had not been paid, so the Irrigation Department had shut off the company's water supply.	
2)	We will support the expansion of the project only if the pollution stops. He also demanded that two water tankers be sprayed daily. Also online system should be developed while providing employment in the project.	

36) Shri Rajgadkar, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Nakoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	We support the expansion and demand that the project be a Green Project. Demand to build an up-to-date hospital without just organizing health camps. The company	

workers, the citizens of Ghughus area should benefit from that updated hospital.	
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37) Shri Ajay. Farmer from Ghuggus, Shivsena Worker, Ghughus, Tal, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	It is objected that the multi-crore farm on the right side of Chandrapur had been decimated by the project. After three years later, there is no cotton yield. I give my farm on a contract basis, to be farmed in Ghughus. All the farms in Ghughus, Usgaon, Vada have been destroyed due to pollution of this project. However, the expansion project is not supported by the farmers	

38) Shri Nilesh Sapate, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion/ Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	My house is 200 meters away. Today is the day of low pollution due to this meeting. The information provided by the company's environmental consultant in the presentation is totally false. The level of water and air pollution shown in the presentation is completely false. He objected that the noise level in the company's process is so high that it sounds like a plane is approaching.	
2)	Despite having only one project, political leaders supply water by tankers as there is no water. So, after the expansion, the locals will not get water. The locals must get employment. But for 700 people,	

	you are playing with the lives of 50,000 to 60,000 people.	
3)	I expressed displeasure over the indifference of the Gram Panchayat office. It is alleged that there were few ordinary citizens and a large number of people affiliated with political parties. Along with employment, life is also important. We will not even reach our retirement age due to the pollution of this project. The incidence of cancer has increased among women in the area. If the company does not meet any of the criteria, then this life-threatening project should be stopped immediately. There is no question of expansion.	

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Proponent to give answers collectively for the suggestions/objectins raised during the meeting

Project Proponent has given the answers as under:-

According to Project Proponent, M/s Lloyds Metal has been operating here since 1995. There were many suggestions and objections regarding the company's pollution, employment, CSR funds, dust, etc. Attempts are being made to answer and resolve all the issues raised as per the directions given by the Environmental Public Hearing Committee.

The Project Proponent said that the public hearing was held last year, and now the public hearing is held today. In the meeting, it is informed how this project will take measures to reduce the pollution. In the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, it is mentioned in detailed regarding this Integrated Project and how beneficial it is for the overall development of the area.

He said that this is an Integrated Steel Plant Project. Previously, here only Sponge Iron produced. Now the project will also produce Sponge Iron, Steel and Power. Sponge Iron has power in the Waste Heat, and we are not using additional coal.

The project has been trying to reduce the use of coal since 2010 and uses the waste from the Sponge Iron project in power plant boilers. Solid Waste is utilized for generation of power in the project. The 25 MW project will be expanded upto 85 MW. The new project will use Swiss technology and will use the entire waste heat. Not a kilo of waste will be wasted.

The second project is that the dust of the sponge iron which flies and causes a lot of trouble in the area. Hence, we are going to produce steel. If you transport that steel outside the factory, there will be no pollution. Sponge iron will go into the furnaces. So, material handling will be reduced.

In 2022, the project was closed for three months to repair and replace pollution control systems as well as other systems. It is again started in February / March. There are still some systems, which are still to be started. The steps we are now taking will completely change the direction of this project.

He stated that the paving of the road will start after the public hearing is over. Work will be carried in the project as per the instructions given by the local people earlier. The face of your company will change in six months.

Project Proponent informed that according to the Government process, the project may take some time to start (one and a half years), but as suggested by the local people, changes will be seen in the project. But we don't want to do any illegal work in the project. He said that I will do my best for the company, for the village. Human Beings must live along with employment.

- 1) Shri Krishnaji asked the question how job opportunities will be given. So, the answer is that we will give employment opportunities only to the local people according to their educational qualifications. 80-85% of the people in the company are local people only. We will give priority to local people as per the Government guidelines;
- 2) The second question is asked by Ebadul Siddqui. It is as per the directives of the Government;
- 3) Questions were asked about pollution control. We had closed the project for three months. In this period, we have replaced all the pollution control systems. There will be new projects in the year. We are replacing the old system with a new one. Therefore, the issue of fugitive emissions will be greatly reduced;
- 4) We felt short in providing medical facilities. Here, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that modern hospital be built having all medical facilities;
- 5) The company has prepared a policy on medical treatment. Similarly, medical camps for the local people will be arranged periodically;
- 6) At that time, one of the participants showed a letter of the company giving promises 27 years ago in which it was written that the company had promised to build well-equipped hospital in the premises. Similarly, green belt will be developed around the company and in the colony. He blamed

that nothing is done in last 27 years. So how many years will it take now?
Also, nothing has been done about educational facilities;

7) Shri Shriniwas Biskulla:-

Public hearing is a method for co-ordination. The suggestions and objections raised during the meeting are considered while granting Environmental Clearance by the Government of India.

Project Proponent remarked that everyone raised questions about the agriculture compensation. Further action will be definitely taken after discussing with the farmer brothers. At that time some farmers raised some issues, and the Project Proponent asked them to prepare a list of concerned farmers. He instructed the officer of HR department to prepare the list.

Project Proponent informed that free energy cannot be provided, but we will give Pollution Free Power. He said that they are going to generate electricity, they will not be able to distribute electricity.

Project Proponent further informed that the question was raised about the pollution of the road. The front roads will be made of concrete. He further stated that the roads owned by the State Government would not be repaired by the Project Proponent. He said that it was not possible to clean the road on a daily basis as the roads are not under the possession of the Project Proponent.

One participant who is activist (Karyakarta) present at the time asked who was in charge of the area. Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed him to submit a statement.

Shri. Amit Borkar, Aam Adami Party, Ghughus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur suggested that the project officials should not use the village road. Here Project Proponent promised to enquire and further action accordingly.

While concluding the meeting, Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that today we gathered for the Environment Public Hearing of M/s Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., At Plot No. A-1 & A-2, MIDC Area, Ghughus, Chandrapur, Maharashtra for their proposed expansion of Sponge Iron Plant from 3,24,000.0 TPA (4 x 100 TPD & 1 x 500 TPD) to 6.84,000.0 TPA by installation of Additional 2 x 500 TPD Kilns & Power Plant from 25 MW to 85 MW (WHRB + AFBC) at their existing site only.

In the meeting, many suggestions, objections have been raised by local people, farmers and PAPs, which have been noted.

Chairman of the meeting further informed that this Committee does not give permission or does not reject the project or does not recommend the project. This Committee is constituted to know the views, suggestions or objections of the proposed project of Project Affected Persons (PAPs), local people in environmental angle. The suggestions/objections raised during the meeting are noted and minutes of the meeting will be prepared in Marathi and

English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions and objections to MoEF & CC, GOI with permission of Chairman of the Committee through MPCB Head Office. An Expert Committee takes further decision accordingly.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all local people, PAPs, Government Officials, Police officials, Project officials for attending this meeting and declared that Environment Public Hearing Meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

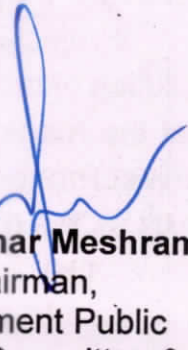
Enclosed 67 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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