

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF EXPANSION OF LIMESTONE MINING IN PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 50,000 TPA TO 3,00,000 TPA AND MINE LEASE AREA 11.898 HA LOCATED AT VILLAGE WANJARI, TAL. WANI, DIST. YAVATMAL MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. WANJARI LIMESTONE MINE-11.898 HA, KHASRA NO. 105,107,108 & 111 VILLAGE WANJARI, TAL. WANI, DIST. YAVATMAL

Date : 19-05-2022
Time : 11.00 AM
Place : At Project Site, Vill. Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal

Preamble:-

M/s. Wanjari Limestone Mine-11.898 Ha, Khasra No. 105,107,108 & 111 Village Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Govt. of India, New Delhi for Proposed Project Of Expansion of Limestone Mining in Production Capacity from 50,000 TPA to 3,00,000 TPA and Mine Lease Area 11.898 HA located at Village Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in the EAC Meeting according to the letter dtd. 06/07/2021 the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project was issued. 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. According to the TOR, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 19/05/2022 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" and English newspaper "The Times of India" on dated 12/04/2022. 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, 2nd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- (3) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (4) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (5) Collector Office, Yavatmal.
- (6) Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal.
- (7) District Industries Center, Yavatmal.
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (9) Municipal Council, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (10) Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (11) Panchayat Samiti Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (12) Grampanchayat Office, Rajur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (13) Grampanchayat Office, Wanjri, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (14) Grampanchayat Office, Majra(Nagala), Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (15) Grampanchayat Office, Nandepera, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (16) Grampanchayat Office, Bhandewada(Sonapur, Bodad), Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (17) Grampanchayat Office, Kalamana Kh. Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (18) Grampanchayat Office, Rangana, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (19) Grampanchayat Office, Bhurki(Pohana), Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (20) Grampanchayat Office, Nimbala(Road) Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (21) Grampanchayat Office, Shelu Kh. Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 21 above, were also requested to arrange wide 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 At Project Site, Vill. Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

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A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-220513-FTS-0013 dated 13/05/2022 (Office Order no. E-31 of 2022 (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. Lalitkumar Warhade,
Additional District Magistrate,
Yavatmal

- **Chairman**

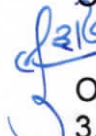
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| 2. Shri. A. M. Kare
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur | - | Member |
| 3. Shri. A. P. Sاتفale,
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur | - | Convener |

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. Atul P. Sاتفale, 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.

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 Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept of Proposed Project Of Expansion of Limestone Mining in Production Capacity from 50,000 TPA to 3,00,000 TPA and Mine Lease Area 11.898 HA located at Village Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal and about the objective of Public Hearing. The Chairman made an appeal to participants who are physically present at venue to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environmental aspects. The Chairman stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. The 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. The Chairman 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 the Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Chandrakant Jadhav, 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 Biodiversity 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.

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

1) Shri. Vijay Anandrao Pidurkar, Former Member, Zilla Parishad, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1	 <p>This public hearing is conducted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in which no desk is provided for submitting objections regarding Public Hearing. The same was provided for previous conducted Public Hearings. M. P. C. Board shall rectify this mistake. Presentation made regarding the project is not clearly visible to the public. Tent should have been erected properly so that the presentation would have been clearly visible to the public. The said project of Wanjari Limestone Mine is operating in this area since 2012 i.e. for 10 years. But the information regarding plantation made by the Project Proponent in last 10 years is</p>	

not made available through video during Presentation due to which we find the report false. Project Proponent has said that they have planted trees along the approach road but in reality, there are no trees planted. Also, they have submitted in written that around 350 trees are planted but nothing is visible in mine area. The information regarding load bearing capacity of the road is misleading. There is difference in the information provided in the EIA Report & Executive Summary. The load bearing capacity is shown as 30 Ton in EIA report whereas the same is shown as 10-20 Tons in the Executive Summary. Therefore, it is clear that the Project Proponent is provided false information & is misleading the administration. Justification regarding submission of misleading information shall be submitted by the Project Proponent during the Public Hearing. It is necessary to construct a road of 40 tons capacity for transportation of minerals from the mine. But confirmation regarding load bearing capacity of the road is required so as to whether the Project Proponent has constructed such kind of road or not. It is proposed to provide covering during transportation of Limestone from the mines, but it is observed by the people that, no such covered transportation is done. Information can be sought from RTO Department regarding uncovered transportation in this area. Also official of police department & Revenue Department have observed uncovered transportation of minerals in this area. Information regarding water sprinkling arrangement installed to avoid dust

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	<p>emissions so as to not cause any damage of agricultural crops such as cotton & soyabeans shall be given by the Project Proponent. Health report of the local people is not displayed during Presentation. M. P. C. Board conducts Public Hearing & people raise their objections without any drinking water facility is a matter of concern. Environmental Clearance to be obtained by submitting false information by the Project Proponent it's a matter of shame.</p>	
2	<p>What is the policy of compensation of the Project Proponent for crop damage? Also, how much compensation will be given to concerned farmers so that they can live a normal livelihood? If a policy is decided; then Project Proponent shall give a written assurance regarding implementation of the same.</p>	
3	<p>I have submitted a written objection to Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing Panel as well as to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Plantation shall be done on the road from Wanjari Limestone Mine upto main road to which the Project Proponent has neglected since 2012. Also, a notice shall be issued to the Project Proponent by MPCB for displaying false information of air pollution control arrangements under provisions of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act. Also, directions shall be given to Project Proponent for providing double or triple amount of plantation as they have not done adequate plantation. While issuing Environmental Clearance to the project expansion the matter of submission of false information by</p>	

	Project Proponent shall be considered.	
4	Expansion of main road to State Highway is necessary so that daily transportation from Wani to Ralegaon & in the surrounding area can be done smoothly. As proposed 112 to 120 trucks will ply on this road, therefore load bearing capacity of the road shall also be increased.	
5	Water sprinkling arrangement is proposed for dust suppression as shown during Presentation. Spillages are observed during transportation & due to vehicular movements; dust emissions are also observed. Provision of water sprinkling arrangement is foolishness as per my perspective. But for emissions above ground level there is only one option of mist type fogging system. Also, no traffic rules are followed during transportation. As on toady i.e. on 19/05/2022 the air quality index of Wani city is 122 which is dangerous for human health. Average air quality index of a city shall be 80 but the air quality index of Wani Area is around 100, 120 & 139. There is no any compliance made as shown in the presentation. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has not made any wide publicity regarding the said Public Hearing. Also, no compliances are made regarding rules & regulations of Mining Department. Project Proponent is submitting documents to administration & obtaining illegal permission is objectionable.	
6	Royalty shall be totally spent in Wanjari Village. Project Affected People had protested to State Govt. & Central Govt. against the projects.	

<p>efar g</p>	<p>Project Proponent shall provide roads, water, health electricity & educational facilities in the area. For the same, Mining Ministry was formed in the year 1997. It was proposed to spend the royalty at around 25 km radius of the project. The distance was shortened upto 20 km area in the year 2016 & it was again shortened upto 5 kms by the Central Govt. in the year 2019. It is brought to your notice that Wanjari Limestone Mine has not prepared any action plan regarding utilization of royalty in the surrounding area. As per guidelines of Central Govt. royalty shall be spent in 5 kms area. The PAPs, local people, representatives of the area had taken pursuance for the same & brought to the knowledge of Central Govt. that the said fund is utilized beyond 25 kms. Central Govt. published a notification regarding utilization of fund within 5 kms. in the year 2019. No action has been taken regarding royalty expenditure even after 3 years. List of villages can be obtained from Sub-Divisional Officer & Tahsildar of Wani Taluka so that royalty expenditure can be ensured in 5 kms area only. Information regarding organization of health camps from CSR funds are given during presentation but for 10 years the same is not organized. Project Proponent shall utilize the said amount for developmental works in the village. If the same is not done, then it would mean that Collector Office & M. P. C. Board is granting permission to the projects without any investigation which is objectionable.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Project Proponent & Administration shall finalize policy regarding</p>	

	compensation to be given to roadside farmers.	
8	<p>Around 18 persons will be employed in the project as told by the Project Proponent during presentation. But it would give employment for the post like supervisor, etc. A Certificate shall be given by the Project Proponent to the Project Affected Person as given by Collectorate & WCL. Also, employment as per requirement shall also be given by the Project Proponent in the said project. Direct & indirect employment shall be given to 50% of the local people in the said project so that unemployment can be eradicated.</p>	
9	<p>I have submitted a written objection to Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing Panel. It is told regularly by the panel that; the panel has no authority of taking any decision regarding the projects. Minutes of Public Hearing will be submitted to State Govt. The issues raised during the previous Public Hearings are not complied till date. Therefore, question about legality of minutes is raised whether it is legal or illegal. If the minutes are signed/approved by the District Collector, then how it can be illegal. Therefore, if no action is taken regarding assurances/objections raised then I have objection that, M. P. C. Board is granting permission to the projects on the basis of illegal documents & making people suffer the adverse effects of air pollution. if the Public Hearing is constitutional or unconstitutional, then conditions stipulated by M. P. C. Board are also unconstitutional. Criminal complaint shall be filed against the Project Proponent for non-complying with</p>	

	<p>environmental standards/norms. No Project Proponent has the right to cause any damage to health of local people. If any harm is caused then M. P. C. Board shall take action against the defaulter Project Proponents.</p>	
10	<p>There is difference in report submitted by Earthcare Labs & soil retention department. The Earthcare Labs is preparing report in a closed room & report submitted by soil retention department states the crop yielding capacity, effects on crops. If there is no resemblance in both the reports, then justification shall be given by M. P. C. Board regarding the same. The issue is in context of the life of farmers in the area. Life of mine is around 16-20 years. But M. P. C. Board & the Project Proponent does not possess any right to utilize the land for 16-20 years & then leave the area & people in the surrounding as it is after the life of mine. Information regarding plantation is not given in the EIA report. There is no information given the EIA report regarding plantation done between 2012 to 2022. Also, the information about the length & breadth of the trees planted in the surrounding area is not enclosed in the report. No tree plantation is found in mine area. Information about tree plantation is given in every Public Hearing. Project Proponent shall take responsibility that no harm is caused to pipelines of farms & children, also, houses of adjacent area. I have visited the office of M. P. C. Board in Chandrapur a day before yesterday where only Sub-Regional Officer is available in Sub-Regional Office. There is no manpower under him. The mistake is of head office of M.</p>	

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P. C. Board. Due to which no one is looking after the increasing pollution level of Wani Taluka. There are three districts under the jurisdiction of RO, Chandrapur in which pollution of Wani city is disastrous. Also, Wani Railway Siding is not complying with the terms & conditions of the consent granted by M. P. C. Board. Also, no officer is willing to carry out visit to the said location. I have been filing regular complaints against the railway siding, but it is being neglected by the authorities. Also, there are illegal coal depots operating in the area. Only Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is responsible for increasing pollution levels of Wani Area & is unexpectedly causing mass execution of local people. If permission is granted to this Public Hearing, then we also have many options. The facts are not taken into consideration while preparing draft EIA report. The meaning of Public Hearing is to record opinion of people & to submit it to the government. No Public Hearing is conducted here, only Hearing is conducted as there is no consideration of Public. This means that public should not record their opinions. The RTO department does not have any record of permission granted by them. Project Proponent shall submit a copy of permission granted by RTO Department. Also a copy shall be given to RTO department so that action can be taken against illegal transportation of minerals. Information presented by the Project Proponent shall be scrutinized by various departments & then permission shall be granted to the project.


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2) Shri. Avdhut Mahadevrao Dewalkar, Former Sarpanch & Dy. Sarpanch, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	<p>A farmer's land is used for mining purpose in this area. No facility is provided to local employees in the project. Whenever injustice has occurred in this area it is done on poor farmer. Lord Bramha temple is located in this area & no developmental works are done by the Political Representatives in this area. Everybody has opposed the said expansion project. There is no road for connecting Wanjari & Rajur Villages. Market located at Rajur is easiest way for us to sell our product. Project Proponent shall give employment to local people in the project. Also wages & facilities shall be given as per govt. rules & regulations. Repairing/construction of main road shall be done. I once again request you to construct the road from Wanjari to Rajur & no permission shall be given to the project.</p>	

3) Shri. Anil Madhukar Deulkar, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Majra, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	<p>This area is notified as Mining prone area. 10 kms area is notified which is wrong. Mineral Development Fund which is generated in this area is not utilized for this area but for areas located far from mine. The facilities available under MDF are</p>	

	<p>not provided till date. Information regarding percentage of revenue given to the Gram Panchayat is not given to us. Information regarding primary facilities for mining activity is not provided. I have contacted the Project Proponent regarding carrying out mass plantation on unutilized land. We have planned to plant around 1000 trees in this area considering rise in temperature. We are also submitting a representation regarding same to SDO, Wani & Tahsildar Wani. It is also requested to the Project Proponent & local villagers to support in this cause. Primary Health Care Centre for Majra & Wanjari Village is located at Rajur Village. Transportation of minerals is done on Wanjari to Rajur road due to which the condition of this road is dilapidated. Therefore, we request the Project Proponent to either repair or construct the new road. Lot of excavation is done in this area due to construction of roads & heavy transportation. The condition of roads besides agricultural field is dilapidated due to heavy vehicular movement. It is requested to Project Proponent to repair the road & to improve the situation. Due to spillages during transportation quality of land is deteriorated. It is requested to the authorities to solve these issues.</p>	
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4) Shri. Amol Kumbhare, Dy. Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Firstly, tarring of transportation road shall be done and after that	

<p>ef/26</p>	<p>permission for mineral transportation shall be given to the Project Proponent. Farmers in this area will be suffering due to limestone transportation, therefore, it is requested to give compensation to the farmers. Also, monthly health camps shall be conducted in the area. There are chances of depletion of groundwater levels of borewells, tubewells & wells of the area due to blasting activities. Project Proponent is requested to take effective measures regarding the same. Tree plantation shall be done in mine affected areas. Fogging machine & dust arrestor shall be provided to arrest the dust. There are chances of injuries to local people due to blasting. If such injuries are found; then Project Proponent shall give compensation to the inured people. Information shall be given regarding provisions made in CSR funds for providing roads, drainage system, electricity, schools, community halls, gardens & crematoriums in the village. Also, annually development fund shall be given to the village. Overburden shall be disposed off in the premises of Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj community hall by way of landfilling & plantation shall also be done in the premises. Overburden shall be used for construction of roads of Wanjari Village. Animals will get injured by falling into mine pits during limestone mining activities. Fencing shall be provided around mine lease area so as to avoid injury to animals. Local villagers shall be given employment in the projects where the excavated limestone is getting utilized. Written assurance shall be</p>	
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given to Wanjari Gram panchayat regarding above compliances.	
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5) Shri. Anil Gedam, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	My agricultural land is at Gat no. 156. Mineral transportation is done illegally from road going through my agriculture field. Due to which my farm is getting damaged. The quality of crop is getting deteriorated due to dust pollution during limestone transportation. The said road is not demarked on the map of Revenue Department. Thus, it is illegal road.	

6) Shri. Ashish Fulsange, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Today Public Hearing is conducted by M. P. C. Board. Before the committee my question is that whether Public Hearing is conducted at project site, Gram Panchayat or at Tahsil Office, please clarify. For the first time I have noted that the Public Hearing is conducted at Project Site. Earlier, in the year 2011-12 Public Hearing was conducted at Project site & during hearing some unfortunate situation had arised. Hence, I am of the opinion that, the said hearing shall be conducted at Gram Panchayat or Tahsil Office or at an open place where villagers, Sarpanch, Dy. Sarpanch will come to know about new projects and its benefits to the village. Wani & Zarijamni Talukas are rich in coal & limestone minerals due to which	

	<p>many coal mines & limestone mines are operating in this area. Therefore, Project Proponent shall give proper information regarding utilization CSR fund in the area such as fund allocated to Grampanchayats. Priority shall be given to villagers for providing employment as per their capabilities. If villagers are unskilled then opportunity of employment to nearby capable villagers of neighbouring villages may be given. Project Proponent shall maintain his attitude to not to give employment to other state unemployed persons. There shall be fixed timing for controlled blasting & care shall be taken to not cause damages to nearby households during blasting activities. Also, care shall be taken to not cause any damage to nearby agriculture fields during blasting. If any mishap is found, then provision of annual compensation shall be made towards such damages. We have taken follow-up regarding such provision with all the limestone mine Project Proponents. What provisions have been made by the Project Proponent towards developmental works in Wanjari Village. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will always be hold responsible for increasing pollution in Wani City. 10-20 Tons of transportation is proposed but actually 20-30 Tons of transportation is done due to which roads are getting damaged resulting increase in environmental pollution. Public Works Department has negligent attitude towards repairing of roads due to which people are suffering. What are the benefits to Wanjari village due to the said project is the main question? What developmental works will be carried</p>	
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out in the village? We are not opposing the said expansion; but parallel development of nearby villages is expected.	
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7) Shri. Rupesh Rahate, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	My agriculture farm is located near mine of which lease was granted from 2006. Lease has been extended till 2026 but compensation is not provided till date. Administration is neglecting the issue inspite of submitting repeated applications.	

8) Shri. Baliram Roge, Farmer, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I have land of 11 acres & 32R to which lease has expired in the year 2007. Also, it has come to my knowledge that the lease has been extended till 2026. I am attending the Public Hearing without having any information regarding the hearing.	

9) Sau. Aruna Jivanrao Jenekar, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayt Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Today Public Hearing is conducted at project site, but it is organized without giving prior information to villagers of the villages. The said hearing shall be conducted at Gram	

	Panchayat or at Tahsil Office or at nearby school so that problems of farmers can be understood properly. Hence, the said hearing shall be cancelled & rescheduled.
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10) Shri. Avdhut Mahadevrao Dewalkar, Former Sarpanch & Dy. Sarpanch, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Survey of Dolomite Mines of the area shall be conducted by Talathi & Gram Sevaks & benefits of govt. schemes shall be provided to Wanjari Village. Proper roads are not available in the village. Administration is not giving any benefits to village after submission of repeated applications. In today's hearing it is requested to complete construction work of roads of village at the earliest for further development of village.	

11) 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)	I am supporting the project. Company shall prepare health report of around 10 km radius of the project. He further suggested that rainwater shall be stored for reuse. Skill Development programs shall be conducted for unskilled local young persons and training shall be given to them. Company shall constitute a co-ordination committee for smooth communication between company & local people to resolve the issues arising from time to time.	

12) Shri. Avinash Warwatkar, Project Proponent, Wanjari Limestone Mine-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	We have planted sufficient trees in the mine area. Blasting is carried out two times in a week i.e. on Monday Friday.

13) Shri. Baliram Roge, Farmer, Wanjari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal: -

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Till date I have not received any compensation of my agriculture land.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, decision will be taken after verification of land documents from Revenue Department.

14) Shri. Atul Satfale, Sub-Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1)	Project Proponent shall give detailed information as per issues raised during hearing such as heavy transportation on road from mine to the village, details of plantation, details about blasting, etc.

15) Shri. Kishor Jadhav, Environment Consultant, M/s. Earthcare Labs Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur on behalf of Project Proponent: -

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Presently, adequate plantation is not carried out from mine to village road. It is proposed to plant around 80 nos. of trees from mine area to village road. Permission to the mine has been granted since 2013 but mine is operating intermittently till date. Due to which adequate plantation in mine area could not be done but around 300 trees are planted within mine lease area. There are some natural trees are grown. Mine holders in the vicinity will jointly carry out plantation along the roadside & will also repair the existing roads. In future it is proposed to plant around 3000 trees in mine premises & proper care will be taken for their survival. Project Proponent is ready to give written assurance towards the same. Mine holders in the vicinity are using the village road. Hence, all the mine holders will jointly carry out repairing works of the roads. Groundwater levels is getting depleted day by day in summer season. But proposed mining activity a pit of around 9 Ha. will be created. Due to which there will be no water scarcity for agricultural use in future. Those who required

water from the pit for agricultural purpose, they can lift water by installing their motor pumps.

16) Shri. Vijay Anandrao Pidurkar, Former Member, Zilla Parishad, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1	<p>Project Proponent has not given answers responsibly & wrong information is produced, hence, this public hearing shall be cancelled. Misleading the public. I am not opposing mining but there is impact on health of people & on agriculture land due to increasing pollution. Project Proponent has given wrong information in Draft EIA Report & Executive Summary. Due to which offense shall be filed against Project Proponent. They have not mentioned the details of ancient Kashimata Devi temple which is located at around 7 kms. away from the site in the report. There is no proper road going towards the ancient temple. Due to bad condition of the road & pollution due to mines, health of public is in danger. Project Proponent has not installed modern air pollution control systems. If M. P. C. Board take the guarantee from Project Proponent to control the pollution then there is no objection for proposed expansion of this project from our side.</p>	

17) Shri. Kishor Jadhav, Environment Consultant, M/s. Earthcare Labs Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur on behalf of Project Proponent:-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	<p>Transportation of minerals of capacity 10-20 tons will be done from mine to village road & onwards by trucks. Fogger machine will be installed for dust suppression. Written assurance will also be given to resolve the issues of local</p>

people. We will try at our best to comply with suggestions given during Public Hearing. Necessary corrections will be done in the final EIA report & it will be submitted to the competent authority.

18) Shri. Atul Sathale, Sub-Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1)	All the issues raised during Public Hearing are taken on record. Also, Project Proponent shall make necessary corrections in the final EIA report & then only shall submit it to the competent authority.

19) Dr. Aaglawe, President, Human Rights Organizatio, Vidarbha Region:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1	I have received the complaint stating that, the original owner is Mr. D'Costa & not Mr. Warwatkar. Mr. Warwatkar has obtained the mining lease on submission of false documents to the govt. and govt. has given the lease for mining purpose. It is necessary conduct enquiry of the matter. Mr. D'Costa had expired in 2013 & on the basis of power of attorney, how the mining lease was extended upto year 2026 at Sr. No. 394. There is no any No Objection Certificate from original owner of the mine. Hence, this public hearing shall be cancelled. High level corruption has occurred in this issue. Investigation shall be done & criminal action shall be initiated against the defaulters. Hon'ble Chairman shall look into the matter. Mr. Warwatkar is not the main owner, hence, question of expansion of mine does not arise. Project Proponent has not made any development in the nearby villages. I have submitted written objection	

regarding the ownership of lease issue which need to be enquired.

20) Shri. Avinash Warwatkar, Project Proponent, Wanjari Limestone Mine-

Sr. No.	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The mine has been transferred in the year 2003. The main owner had made an application for transfer of mine in the year 1998.

21) Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel:-

The issues raised by the people during Public Hearing have been recorded. Also, the written objection submitted at the time of Public Hearing are also taken on the record. Project Proponent shall submit revised report as per issues raised during Public Hearing to the office of M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur & District Collectorate, Yavatmal. Issues raised during public hearing are summarized in brief. All revenue records regarding ownership of mine will be examined & accordingly report will be submitted by Revenue Department & communicate to all the concerned.

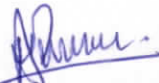
The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional 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.

Enclosed 04 suggestions/objections received by the office.



(Atul P. Sathale)
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