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No. MPCB / SROC / 436 / 2022

Date: 15 / 09 / 2022

To,

The Joint Director (WPC),

M. P. C. Board, Sion (E),

Mumbai-22.

Sub:- Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Project of Mining Project Cluster for Stone Quarries total Extent in the Cluster Total area 99.99 HA (Cluster Area 67.58 HA) located at Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal proposed by M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.

Ref:- 1) Board's Office Order No. E-43 of 2022 dated 30/06/2022 regarding Panel.

2) Public Hearing conducted on 13/07/2022 at Project Site, M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.

Sir,

With reference to above cited subject matter, M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal had applied to the Board for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for their Proposed Project of Mining Project Cluster for Stone Quarries total Extent in the Cluster Total area 99.99 HA (Cluster Area 67.58 HA) located at M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The Public Hearing was conducted on 13/07/2022 at Project Site, M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, submitting herewith the copies of proceedings of the Public Hearing as under;

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Received
[Signature]
Anand Waghade

- 1) Minutes of Public Hearing in English & Marathi (One original Copy & one photocopy).
- 2) Copy of attendance sheet.
- 3) Office order for constitution of Public Hearing Panel.
- 4) Notices of Public Hearing published in English & Marathi Newspapers.
- 5) Copies of written submissions received regarding project.
- 6) DVD of video shooting at the time of Public Hearing.
- 7) Executive Summary (English & Marathi).
- 8) EIA Report.

This is submitted for your perusal and onward submission.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully



(A. P. Satfale)

Sub-Regional Officer, Chandrapur.

Copy submitted for information to:-

- 1) The District Collector, District Collector Office, Yavatmal.
- 2) Additional Collector & Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Yavatmal, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 3) Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur.
- 4) EIC, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai – for display on website of the Board.

Copy for information to:-

M/s. Mohada Crusher Owners Association, At. Mohada Village, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MINING PROJECT CLUSTER FOR STONE QUARRIES TOTAL EXTENT IN THE CLUSTER TOTAL AREA 99.99 H.A. (CLUSTER AREA 67.58 H.A.) TOTAL 69 MINES AT VILLAGE -MOHDA, TAL – WANI, DISTRICT - YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S MOHDA CRUSHER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AT VILLAGE -MOHDA, TAL – WANI, DISTRICT -YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA

Date : 13-07-2022
Time : At 11.00 AM
Place : Project Site, M/s Mohda Crusher Owners' Association, Vill. Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s Mohda Crusher Owners' Association, At Village – Mohda, Tal – Wani, Dist – Yavatmal, Maharashtra, has applied to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India 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 Mining Project Cluster For Stone Quarries Total Extent In The Cluster Total Area 99.99 H.A.(Cluster Area 67.58 H.A.) and for Total Mines - 69 at Village Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

An Expert Committee at Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India New Delhi has approved the ToR on 07-01-2021. 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. As the proposed project falls under S. No.1 (a) Mining of Minerals under Category B, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India New Delhi.

316 Project Proponent M/s Mohda Crusher Owners' Association, At Vill. Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 25/04/2022 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Yavatmal, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 13-07-2022. It is directed to conduct the Online public hearing. The meeting number and password was made available.

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 10-06-2022. 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, Yavatmal;
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal;
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Yavatmal;
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 10) Chief Officer, Nagar Parishad Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 11) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 13) Gram Panchayat Office, Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 14) Gram Panchayat Office, Pusad, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 15) Gram Panchayat Office, Tundra, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 16) Gram Panchayat Office, Kishnapur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 17) Gram Panchayat Office, Dorli, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 18) Gram Panchayat Office, Velabai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. no. 06 to 18 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, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E--43/2022 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-220630 FTS-0129, dated 30-06-2022 as under:-

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

This office is in receipt 23 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 detailed list of the Members – Name of the Project, Name of the Mine Owner, Gut No., Project Number, Project Area, in hector, Full address in the above referred project as submitted by Project Proponent M/s Mohda Crusher Owners' Association, At Village Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra Members is enclosed herewith and marked as **Annexure-"I"**.

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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 and Total list of Stone Crushers – 69 numbers are attached herewith as **Annexure-"II"**.

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri. Atul Satfale, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Lalitkumar Warhade, Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Tahsildar, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal District Collector Office, Yavatmal, 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 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/Project Environment Consultant/Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri. Santosh Kadu Shankarwar, Ward No.3, Vill. Mohda, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Though we have paid and cleared our loans, the road in our Dalit Vasti, is not made. One person has even encroached illegally. Even after handing over the road to the Gram Panchayat, nothing happened. Sarpanch does not pay attention. Even the Gram Panchayat is not paying attention.	Suggestion is noted.

2) Shri. Rahul Sunil Tawade, Village-Mohda, 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)	The crushers near my agriculture fields have been running for the last 8-10 years. Due to this, agriculture fields is also suffering a lot. My crops are getting damaged. My parents are suffering a lot due to dust of the crushers and are undergoing treatment in hospitals and medicines.	The Environmental Consultant informed that the public hearing, which is going on, is for the cluster. Environmental Clearance (EC) for stone quarries gets in two stages. The first Cluster will be granted EC. The reason for forming Association of stone quarries is that a small miner cannot afford it, because he has small pockets. The Central Government informed to form an Association of all mines and implement a big programmed which would be done through clusters.

	Besides this, each individual mine has to obtain EC. So, here the first Cluster will get EC and then individual mine will get EC. The Association will have CSR and CER. 2.5 percent profit and CER will be separated. Most advanced Air Pollution Control (APC) system will be installed in the project.
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Here, the Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, appealed to participants to state their name and village clearly while raising their suggestions or objections orally.

3) Shri. Nagesh Vitthal Junnari, Vill. Krishnapur, 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)	Our fields have been affected due to the dust from the project. When there is blast in the mines, there is a very foul smell. Residents feel uneasy there.	The Environmental Consultant informed that there are small mines here. So, for proper co-ordination, this cluster proposal has been prepared and the public hearing method has been adopted. Many Mine Owners do different types of blasting. Here Control Delay Blasting will be carried by Association. It will be implemented by the Association and will be binding on the Mine Owner who is a Member of the Cluster. A Regulatory Procedure will be implemented by the Association. It will also be a condition for each mine owner's individual Environment Clearance.

4) Shri. Sachin Wasikar, Dy.Sarpanch, Mohda Gram Panchayat, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions

<p>1) It has been 32 years since 1989 at Mohda. In the last 32 years, around 400 crore funds have been received from Mohda village and 10% of it i.e. 40 crore rupees has been deposited with the Government. Until we get that Rupees 40/- Crore, no new proposal should be approved. In this, the terms and conditions of the Government have been followed. A total of 19 farmers' statements have been received by Mohda Gram Panchayat. They should be given a compensation of Rs 50,000 per hectare.</p> <p>Government is getting funds because of the growth that is happening in Mohda. Gram panchayats need to get funds from it for health, education. As the Deputy Sarpanch of Mohda Gram Panchayat, Mohda is requesting you not to approve any new proposal until the funds are available.</p>	<p>Environmental Consultant said that this subject of 10% is related to Government. Mine Owners and association continue to pay DMF on royalty.</p>
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5) Shri. Khalil Shaikh, Vill. Mohda, 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>I have a request to the Crusher Association that they should supply murum, stones and other necessary materials for the roads where agriculture fields are adjacent to the crushers.</p> <p>Because many roads are broken due to yesterday's rain. If the local farmers demand murum or other commodities, the crushers usually refuse to supply. However, I request that they should repair the roads. This is a heartfelt request to you.</p>	<p>The Environmental Consultant opined that there is no objection. He asked the President of the Association to reply. Shri. Rajurkar, President, Mohda Stone Crusher Association said that questions have been raised regarding the road next to the farm. Even in the past, when the farmers, the Sarpanch's of the respective village demanded to put murum on the Panand road, at that time, the Mine Owners have provided and spread the murum. So, the question of making available the murum is secondary. In future, when required, it will surely be made available on</p>

		<p>demand. The Environmental Consultant said that the Project Proponent has given an assurance in this regard. At this time, some of the participants protested that it was never given. The participants demanded that the proof should be given if it was given.</p> <p>Shri. Rajurkar said that it has been made available where the local administration asked for it. If you want clarification about this, the local administration will clarify it.</p> <p>This time, when the participant gave a negative reaction, the Environmental Consultant said that this is why the Association has been established and all the statutory rules can be followed.</p>
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6) Shri. Sandesh Ambatkar, Vill. Mohda, 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>He objected that the crushers do not give murum but sent the dust by air. We told them to stop the dust, they say do what you have to do. They bully us. So, tell us what to do. He requested to show a video to all the participants of the Environmental Public Hearing. We are not against anyone. However, measures should be taken regarding the dust which is causing problems.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted. The answer is as per sr.no.5.</p>

7) Shri. Kishor Shankawar, Vill. Velabai, 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>There is a lot of traffic in this area. Three normal accidents took place on the road from Wani to Mohda.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>

	<p>One woman died and two youths are in hospital.</p> <p>Now, these accidents have happened due to the wrong way of injecting the murum. There are potholes on the road, but the overloaded trucks in this mine have made the potholes worse.</p>	
2)	<p>He further objected that the dust from this mine falls on our crops and cotton fields, which are surrounding the project. Due to this, the cotton turns black and we suffer huge loss per hectare.</p> <p>When our farmers go to the crusher owners to ask for compensation, they are chased away. Although the crusher is allowed by the Mohda Gram Panchayat and the Government, the dust causes huge losses to the local farmers. Similarly, these crushers are playing with the health of the local people. Here, in the morning, if water is covered in any earthen pot or steel pot, next day it is observed a layer of dust is formed on it. That layer is caused by explosives in the mine, mixed with water. There was no water in Mohda before ten years. Now it is there because of water in the mines. The Gram Panchayat tank was empty. People's health is bad because of water and pollution. This situation is due to these mines. People do not get clean water. That water is gunpowder containing. They get water to drink. Anganwadi-1 and Anganwadi-2 and Asha workers have figures that how many children are born as malnourished, disabled due to this pollution. In Mohda, Keshavnagar and at nearby villages, all this is happening due to this pollution.</p>	<p>Provision has been made for providing drinking water facilities in the villages. Reverse Osmosis (R.O.) system is proposed by the Association.</p>

3)	Also, here we have children, old people. They should not have an accident due to these roads. Roads in between were built, but the main roads were closed. Do not know who's this question belongs? Many Gram Panchayats and Sarpanches here are trying. This should be taken care of. Similarly, it should be taken seriously that there should be no loss to the farmers.	Suggestion is noted.
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8) Shri.. Sanotsh Shankarwar, Vill.Mohda, 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)	A mine here was closed due to pollution, but how was it started in 15 days?	Suggestion is noted.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

Convener appealed participants who were present Online to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

9) Shri.. Vasudeo Vidhate was present Online :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	He asked the question that the mines that are going to be built are going to be 18 meters deep. So, the proposed closure plan of mines in the future has not been shown in the presentation. So, what are the rules for closing these mines in the future? These mines are going to be about 60 feet deep. Water accumulation in	Shri. Vidhate's online question was about Mines closure. According to the Maharashtra Government Notification dated January 12, 2018, the mines of minor minerals should be converted into ponds for water storage. Such measures should be taken. Similarly, the final mining closure plan should be approved by the Director, Geology

	<p>it also creates other problems. There has also been loss of life. Many times, animals have also died due to falling into mines. However, the proposal to close mines after a certain period should be clarified. The plan drawn up by the Project Proponent should be known to all, although an alternative, arrangements would be made to train villagers in fishing, that is the next step.</p>	<p>Mining. Actions should be taken, and the report should be submitted to the District Mining Officer. Here at gut no. 75 is a Government gut number. There is no actual involvement of the mining owners. Where there are mineral mines, the final closure plan will have to be approved by Director, Geology Mining.</p>
2)	<p>Convener again appealed Online participants to raise any questions, suggestions regarding the proposed project. At that time, a question was raised by Shri. Vidhate that although the project promoters have given guarantee to provide training and arrangements for fishing to the local people under the CSR fund, there is no mention about how many people, how many villages will be trained and who will have the ownership rights of fishing. Has the Project Proponent done any study or survey in this regard? If so, statistics should be made available. Similarly, if twenty-five thousand funds are to be kept in reserve, it seems insufficient. Whatever the plan is, everyone needs to know it.</p>	<p>Project Environment Consultant informed that where there is a Final Closure Plan/Final Mining Closure Plan, a water sump will be prepared and approved by the Director, Geology Mining. Shri. Vidhate has raised the issue of fishing. So we thought while planning that there is a big closed Government mine. So, fishing system can be adopted there. Here fishing training is considered, and provision is made for it. This expenditure can be made from the CER fund of each mine. The association will create public awareness, while the individual mining fund is given to the district as per the government rules.</p>
3)	<p>Shri. Vidhate further objected that these mines are on lease. Then the following issues arise in this regard-</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
a)	<p>Who will retain the rights to the fishery?</p>	
b)	<p>Who will retain the right to that Mines Pond? Because there are many mines.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted</p>
c)	<p>Wildlife habitat is seen in the area. Moreover, evidences of tiger habitat, existence, movement of tigers have been found. Here, No Objection</p>	<p>No Objection Certificate from Forest Department is not required.</p>

	Certificate is not obtained from the Wildlife Department, Govt. of India.	
d)	Similarly, there is no mention in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and presentation about the habitat, existence, movement of tigers in the area and regarding obtaining of No Objection Certificate for wildlife and tigers.	
e)	The report does not mention that animals and humans have been attacked by wild animals. Here No Objection Certificate from the concerned Wildlife Department i.e. Wildlife Department, Govt. of India is not obtained.	
f)	There is no mention in the report about whether they have submitted an application for these licenses, whether they are going to get the license, in how many days and for how long the license will be obtained. Here Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Wildlife Act have been violated.	
g)	Similarly, plantations and green belt have not been developed in the mining area. Also, it is necessary to increase the area of green belt development here.	
h)	Here the safety zone has been set at a distance of 200 meters. Drilling holes, blasting (Controlled Delayed Blasting), crushing, transportation of minerals will be carried during mining. So, keeping 200 meters safety zone is less and may invite accidents unnecessarily. Similarly, there is an agricultural area around, and crops are grown in the fields, so there may be movement of farmers and animals there. However, there should be a safety zone of 500 meters here. It is essential for the safety of people and crops.	Safety Zone is 200 meters as per Maharashtra Mining Act. As this is per the Law, there is no provision for 500 meters safety zone under the law.

i)	Similarly, the State Highway passes near the mining area. Blasting will take place in the mine. The report does not mention anything about traffic and safety on State Highways. Similarly, the promises made by the Project Proponent i.e. Mohda Stone Quarry Association are ridiculous. So these questions answered by the project promoters	Suggestion is noted.
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10) Shri.. Ashish Fulsunge, Vill. Ganeshpur (Khadki), Tal. Zarijamni, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Shri. Ashish Fulsunge asked the questions – The road problems can be solved through DMF.	Chairman, Crusher Association will also resolve the issue. At this time Shri.. Phulsunge objected that the DMF funds would not have been received if the Chairman of the Crusher Association had said so.
2)	He objected for how many health camps were conducted by the Project Proponent under the CSR fund. Not even one. He said that the company told the people of the village that the RO plant would be given to the villagers. So why it was not done in the last several years? Therefore, the project should not be approved unless the promises made by the Project Proponent are fulfilled first. Apart from the road, no other topic is really important here. Today's inspection found that the responsibility of planting trees has been avoided. Today I saw that trees have not been planted wherever possible. Have Mining Owner kept a place to plant trees in the mining area? Because these mining owners digs and carry the work of mining upto	At that time, Shri.. Rajurkar informed that according to the ideas presented by Shri.. Phulsunge, the state roads cannot be taken up under the DMF fund. MLAs of this area have discussed this issue many times and the road can be developed through the funds from the Central Government and the funds from the State Government. A discussion was held with the Member of Parliament here and he was of the opinion that if the roads are not built, then there should be an agitation. Here, Shri.. Pulsange opined that the common people of this area are suffering a lot due to this. The school bus at Mukutban has stopped due to poor road conditions. Shri.. Phulsunge demanded that until these roads are totally built, all the mines should be closed. Shri.. Rajurkar informed that Hon. Collector, Yavatmal was requested to

	<p>their boundary. If this much pollution has been happening here for the past ten years, then the Project Proponent should provide information about how many trees have been planted, how many have survived and what type of trees have been planted.</p>	<p>appoint a representative from Minor Minerals. Therefore, some government funds could have been brought to Mohda village. But Hon. Collector rejected this demand and took both the representatives from the Major Minerals cadre.</p>
<p>3)</p>	<p>Here Shri. Fulsunge remarked that if the agitation is to be carried, then this public hearing should be cancelled and after the repairs of all the roads, it should be called after six months.</p> <p>Shri.. Fulsunge objected that this meeting should be taken again after six months. Shri.. Phulsunge demanded that we give a statement to the Hon. Collector here. If nothing happens in eight days, we will start agitation, till then all quarries should be closed. Mines should be started only after the roads are repaired.</p>	
<p>4)</p>	<p>The officials who came to the meeting here must have seen the condition of the road while coming. This situation is due to the mines around. 15 years ago, there were 1-2 mines here. Then the roads would not have been damaged so much. It can be seen here that what development done by these crushers in the area? He said that the roads are not being repaired in spite of the CSR funds that the project promoters have due to various mines also mining funds, which are collected from the mines in the area and which is under the jurisdiction of the Collector.</p> <p>More than 10,000 people live here, and the area has been decimated by these mines. Roads are completely cracked due to the overloaded traffic in the mines here. Without the capacity of these roads, such</p>	

	<p>overload is caused by traffic mines, these mines are playing with people's lives. Buses are closed due to bad roads. However, this public hearing should be suspended immediately and held again after the roads are repaired. However, this hearing should be adjourned immediately and rescheduled later. Water has accumulated in the closed mine here and there have been accidents and loss of lives. He further objected that the issue of planting trees has been raised. Now it is rainy season. Otherwise, the dust flies from here to Mohda, Tundra, Ghavave.</p>	
5)	<p>The report informs that Project Proponent will help the farmers. How many farmers have been provided borewells by the project officer as the water level in the area which has decreased due to the mine. If the surrounding agriculture is damaged, how many surrounding farmers have been paid compensation? At least Rs. 25,000 per acre should be given. It was expected to be fully informed.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that under CSR Fund, Reverse Osmosis System will be provided to all the affected villages.</p>
6)	<p>The Project Proponent does not give job opportunities to the local people in the project. Job opportunities are given to the people from other State. The Government's order to give 80% employment to local people is being violated. Here the local youth unemployed have come to the meeting. They hope for a job. But there is no safety system for those who are working in the mines. As far as I know, even basic safety equipment is not provided. All these mines are illegal if they violate the rules of providing safety equipment.</p>	

7)	They objected and demanded that no further sanction should be given unless all our demands are completed. Also, it is necessary to pay attention to how much salary is paid to the people working in the project, whether the salary is paid according to the government rules.	
8)	If the mine near the road was closed a few days ago, how it was reopened should also be explained. Because if there is a safety distance of 200 meters the villagers are informed that 500 meters safety distance is given, then an explanation should be given as to how the mines are opened which are not even ten feet away from the road? However, I request the government that no mine should be approved unless all the demands are accepted. The said public hearing should be stopped here and the public hearing should be held again after the demands are fulfilled.	

11) Shri. Ramkrishna Uike, Vill. Mohda, 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)	He objected that there is a mine next to the road, we demanded that Zaveri's mine be closed in the general body meeting. It was discontinued but resumed at the monthly meeting. He objected that we pay gram panchayat tax, water and electricity tax. But a simple lamp is not provided for our routine working in the night. We asked for power supply, but it was denied. So why should we pay taxes?	Suggestion is noted.

12) Shri. Baliram Laxman Vandre, Vill. Mohda, 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)	Small stones fall on our house. No one takes care of it. We don't know when the blasting will happen. We have children, will you take responsibility for it?	Suggestion is noted.

13) Shri. Ravindra Pusate, Vill. Mohda, 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>He suggested that there are so many crushers in our village. But there are fewer local workers and more in other states. Why is that? Need more employment for local people. Shri. Ravindra Pusate further said that I boycott this meeting as it is necessary to conduct the said meeting in summer to understand the level of pollution. That is, everyone would have known how much dust pollution is caused. The crushers here are closed today for this meeting. Similarly, they are doing injustice to the local people here by giving employment to the people of other states. He alleged that though the worker has to work hard for 12 hours, only 8 hours payment is given.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
2)	I demand to Chairman of the Meeting that there are local people, there is District Collector representative and there are mine owners. So now let's go to the mine and check how many trees are planted.	Chairman of the Committee informed that Project Proponent is directed to submit the report.

3)	<p>Here Shri. Ravindra Pusate asked question to Environment Public Hearing Committee that there is Union of Mining Owners, then why there is no Union of Mining Workers. He requested to guide all mining workers regarding the same. We need Union of Mining Workers. He reiterated that we want union means we want union of mining workers. He said that I am Lekaur of Bhima i.e. I am infant of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Ambedkar. We need Union of Mining Workers.</p>	
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14) Shri. Sandesh Ambarkar, Vill. Mohda, 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>Politics in our village. There are many unemployed people here. Local workers who come here cannot say anything. Because they are under pressure. Tomorrow they may lose their job or cut the salary in half. Some are illiterate. So now the Crusher Association should be asked to inform the local people about the facilities they will provide. He said that the Government has come to know our problems. People of Crusher Association are bullying us. Their manager kicks us out, we don't even know who owner is. So, what will be the solution?</p>	
2)	<p>Here, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants in the meeting that you should fearlessly raise your questions, objections about the project without coming under any pressure. All the participants welcomed it by clapping the hands.</p>	

15) Shri. Vijay Pidurkar, Ex-Member, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I have given a written statement to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board regarding the mining process, ups and downs, traffic due to the Mohda Stone Crusher collective project and the subsequent traffic arrangements and the possible adverse effects on the air, water, soil, animals and birds etc. Shri. Vijay Pidurkar read the written suggestions/objections.	
2)	Mohda stone quarry project will be set up in how many hectares. There is a discrepancy between the information provided in the EIA report and the executive summary. Hectares of the project shown in the EIA report are shown below in the executive summary report. It should be explained here	The Environmental Consultant said that the said report is a draft and all errors will be corrected while submitting the final report to the government.
3)	What is the capital budget for this project? It is necessary to explain the capital of participating mine owners	
4)	If this activity creates a problem in the surrounding villages, the government should give an explanation about who is responsible for it. i.e. clarify whether to call the President of the cluster association or to call the concerned mine owner	Suggestion is noted
5)	It is written in the Executive Summary Report and in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report that this Mohda project will provide 1,600 jobs. It does not explain the cadre of workers, i.e. how many unskilled, semi-skilled	Environmental consultant said that the proposed project can provide employment to 1600 persons, out of which 200 persons will be from skilled cadre.

	and highly skilled workers will be employed. It needs to happen.	
6)	Also, does the cluster have a separate employment placement policy for the concerned workers? Explanation of this be given.	
7)	How much land will be reserved for production?	
8)	Explanation of how many trees will be planted in the project and whether they will be planted around the project. Will mine owners collectively take responsibility for green belt and tree plantation? Farmers, village land, cattles, birds will be damaged due to this project. According to the EIAA notification, has a survey been conducted regarding the educational qualification and unemployment of youth, young women and women in the project-affected villages? This list is not given in the EIA report. Explanation about this.	The Project Proponent said that 7,500 trees will be planted by the Association.
9)	Clarification as to whether the mine owners will implement some of their own measures for environmental conservation	Every mine owner has to plan measures for environmental conservation.
10)	Action should be taken regarding compensation for the loss of the damaged area due to this excavation. Due to continuous mining, blasting and loading of goods, dust pollution, asthma disease, skin disease, especially kidney disease occurred in Mohda village, because the amount of sulfur and calcium in that dust is high. So those poor workers/farmers spend 2 to 5 lakh rupees. While health measures are not mentioned in the EIA report. The survey and report made by Enviro of Nagpur is very irresponsible.	
11)	There is no discussion about environmental side effects in the	The Environmental Consultant said that this is a draft Environmental Impact

	<p>public hearing. Because environmental impact assessment means the survey that is going to be done, it should be done in a scientific manner. It is necessary to include the impact of social, scientific and other factors. If that study, survey is done wrongly, then a case of 420 should be registered against the environmental consultant.</p>	<p>Assessment Report and all errors will be corrected in the final report.</p>
12)	<p>It is necessary to transport cargo according to the capacity of the Mohda Velapur state road. Now as it is a state highway, it carrying capacity is 25 tons.</p> <p>Mine owner, District Mineral Works Officer and Additional District Collector are present here on behalf of the district administration. The road through which the goods to be transported from the mine passes must first be checked whether the road is capable of carrying the weight of the mine. Due to its absence, people have lost their lives due to potholes in the roads. It is necessary to disclose who is responsible for this, whether it is the Public Works Department or the mine owner or the MPCB or the District Mining Officer.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
13)	<p>400 crores royalty and District Mineral Fund is given by Mohda village to Government. If the district got fund through Prime Minister Mineral Development Foundation, then it is necessary to design a road with a load capacity of 50 tons.</p> <p>The condition of the road here is terrible, it's a shame that many women give birth to newborn babies on the road.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
14)	<p>The royalty of mines of Mohda village is visible on paper. So, if the government is getting this much royalty, then 400 crores out of 400</p>	

	crores should be given to this village. It is unfortunate that so much money is being received from this Mohda village and the local people have to submit the letters to government for water, electricity, health, roads, disabled and senior citizens.	
15)	Technical officers from the Public Works Department were required to be present here to explain the technical aspects of the road to the people.	Suggestion is noted.
16)	According to the new policies of the central government, Money should be spent within the radius of five k.m. Then Mohda village should get funds accordingly. There are still funds left. So, 100% share should be given to all the villages like Mohda, Velapur, Tundra. Our villages are being kept away even when there is such a provision in the Prime Minister's Mineral Development Foundation.	Suggestion is noted.
17)	The amount of royalty received from the old mine should be disclosed here. Accordingly, we should also be informed whether the refund can be given.	
18)	The CSR is shown for cluster. Then, as per provisions of CSR, 2% of the profit, then CER is shown as 2% of the capital. Shri. Vijay Pidurkar suggested that directives under EIA Notification should be followed. He further said that MPCB and Government should guide for the Gazette Notification.	
19)	Shri. Pidurkar objected that the figures given regarding CSR and CER funds were wrong. He said that the EIA report shows excavation of hundred acres upon hundred acres. This means that the environmental consultant was not aware while	

	preparing the EIA report. Both these things need to be disclosed here.	
20)	Shri. Pidurkar asked how many trees will be planted for the closed mines.	
21)	They should inform about the measures to be implemented in relation to air quality. The environmental consultant gave misleading false information in the EIA report. For this, legal action should be initiated against the consultant as per Environmental Notification.	

16) Shri. Rahul Sunil Pawade, Vill. Mohda, 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 public hearing has been organized for Mohda Stone Crusher collective project today. First of all, it is necessary to solve the problems of our village. The roads in Wani village are so bad that if a person has health problems, a ten-fifteen-minute journey takes two hours. He dies on the road. Nothing has happened in the last 10-15 years. All the roads are completely damaged due to the traffic of overloaded mining trucks. If this public hearing does not first consider the problems of the village and take measures, then we are against this public hearing.</p>	
2)	<p>He further objected that till now the crusher owners have not provided any facilities to the village. Most of the unemployed are in our village. Gram Panchayat is not solving our problems. It is difficult for us to live. However, first solve our problems, then this public hearing should be held again after two-four months, it is my request and the villagers' request.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

17) Shri. Yadhav Uike, Vill. Mohda, 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>People of Mohda village raised their issues- be it agriculture, environment or dust. There are problems in every village around the mine. People who are landless, educated unemployed, having dry land farming, young educated, do not get girls for marriage. Many youths have to leave their village for lack of employment and go to Mumbai, Nagpur to find any job or work they can find. But these mines have not benefited us.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
2)	<p>But I thank Crusher Association for choosing our village for the project The village panchayat and the crusher organization should immediately prepare a joint plan and undertake a village-to-village program on how to absorb the local uneducated and well-educated, as well as skilled and semi-skilled unemployed people in various mining projects.</p> <p>For this, a training scheme should be undertaken in various villages. Skill development program should be undertaken. Shri. Yadav Uike demanded that the Government, Zilla Parishad should take the initiative in this regard.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
3)	<p>He further said that the skilled persons should be classified as skilled and semi-skilled and given employment contracts in the skilled cadre. If it were not for this mining industry, we would have no choice to survive without agriculture. Although India is an agrarian</p>	

	country, at present agriculture is no longer a business to run a household and life. Various industries and mines provided employment.	
4)	He said that our aim is not to close all the mines. Nor are we against any project. All the young men and women here want to get employment. So that they can settle and get married. We don't want to leave our village. If the children go to the village, who will take care of the parents? But mine owners must fulfill environmental obligations. Responsibility for health and education should be fulfilled. Similarly, the local people should be trained in advance for job opportunities in the mines. It is the responsibility of the government to build the roads in this area	

18) Shri. Ajay Pandurang Dhobe, President, Yavatmal Zilla Sambhaji Brigade, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This public hearing should not be closed without giving detailed answers to the questions raised by the dignitaries in the meeting. In the last 30 years, the 22 mines operating in Mohda village, because of the mine owners, due to the wrong policy of the administration, we are the culprits of all the people who died in these accidents. We have repeatedly requested the administration that in 2019, the villagers of Mohda village and the environmental committee had requested the Environment Department, Government of	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee answered that the survey carried by MPCB and further action will be informed accordingly.

	Maharashtra, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to visit all the mines here, prepare a status report and take further action. Nothing is done.	
2)	<p>Yet now public hearing is organized by the Government for new mines. This public hearing is illegal. So, it should be canceled first. The problems faced by the villagers due to the working mines should be solved first. The Government should devise a strict policy in this regard and solve all the problems of the local people. Later new mines should be considered. There has been a discussion about employment and unemployment for the people of the village. We have the same demand. Training on skill development should be provided. A local native farmer's land is taken for mining and his son joins the project as a laborer or watchman. He who was the owner, works there as a servant. Therefore, native farmers should also be considered while developing the quarry.</p> <p>We have obtained information under Right to Information (RTI) which reveals that in last 20 years, Mohda village has given Royalty of Rupees 400 crores to the Government. But in our Mohda village, not a work of forty thousand is undertaken. Hence, we should protect the environment and should live as a human being.</p>	
3)	<p>He further said that several times Hon'ble District Magistrate, Yavatmal, Mining Department, Yavatmal has been requested for social works in the village. When there is a meeting of the mining department, our issue is not taken up at that time. Mining Department</p>	

	<p>says to prepare DPR of our village and bring it.</p> <p>If the mining department receives salary from the funds received by the government from the mine, then it is necessary for them to prepare the DPR in co-ordination with the concerned department of the Government. We request that the MPCB, Revenue or Labor Officer should stay in the village together.</p> <p>As IAS graduates go to the country for training, they should also come here and study the conditions here. No decision is made regarding the depth of the mine, wire fence around the mine.</p>	
4)	<p>He further objected that the relevant department of the government is expected to collect the information about whether the workers of various cadres working in these mines are getting wages as per the rules and make it available in the meeting. If a worker dies accidentally in line of duty, what compensation will be given to his family, whether the heirs of the worker will be rehabilitated in the project? Similarly, information is required as to whether and which insurance cover is provided for all the workers concerned. Only then should new mines be allowed.</p>	
5)	<p>This public hearing should not be closed until all questions are answered. Said that 1600 workers are needed in the project. It should be known completely.</p>	
6)	<p>He further objected that after a complaint about the project is lodged with the MPCB, it is inspected by the MPCB. But the inspection report and further action taken thereon are not made available to the concerned complainant.</p>	

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Proponent to answer all the questions before the participants.

Environment Consultant gave all the answers to the questions, suggestions or objections as under :-

- 1) The first question was from Shankarvarsaheb – Encroachment of Dalit settlements. This question belongs to Mining Association and its officials will answer the related question;
- 2) Shri. Rahul Tawade asked the question that there is a problem related to agriculture. Here is the basic concept like Vijubhau or Ashish Bhau said that this public hearing is going on, this is going on for the cluster. Environmental Clearance for stone quarries gets in two stages. The Cluster will be granted EC first. The reason for taking it is that a small mine owner cannot afford it, because he has small pockets. The central government directed to form an association of all and implement a big programme which would be done through clusters. Besides, each individual mine has to obtain Environmental Clearance. So here the first one will come from the cluster and the second one will be from the individual mine. CSR and CER are only of Associates. 2.5 percent profit and CER will be different. If you see the District Survey Report, it is mentioned in it. Each mine will be different. There is complete information about it on the website of District Mining Officer, District Collector, Yavatmal. CSR and CER of each project promoter will be different.

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3) **Shri. Nagesh Vithal Junnari -**

Dust comes in the field and smells After the explosion there is a smell - there are small mines here. So for proper co-ordination, this cluster proposal has been prepared and the public hearing method has been adopted. Many miners do different types of blasting. Here Control Delay Blasting will be done by Association.

It will be implemented by the association and will be binding on the mine owner who is a member of the cluster. A Regulatory Procedure will be implemented by the Association. It will also be a condition for each mine owner's Individual Environment Clearance.

- 4) **Shri. Sachin Wasikar, Deputy Sarpanch, Mohda –** Project Consultant informed that 10% is related to Government and associations continue to pay DMF on royalty.
- 5) Shri. Khalil Shaik, Mohda demanded for murum and stones. Environment Consultant remarked that there should not be any objection for this demand. He appealed President, Association to answer the same.

Shri. Rajurkar said that questions have been asked about the road next to the farm. Even in the past, when the farmers, the sarpanchs of that village

demanding to put murum on the Panand road, at that time the mine owners have provided and spread the murum.

So the question of getting rid of murum is secondary. In future, when required, it will surely be made available on demand. The environmental consultant said that the project promoter has given an assurance in this regard.

At this time, some of the participants complained that it was never given. The participants demanded that the proof should be given if it was given. At that time, Mr. Rajurkar said that it has been dumped where the local administration asked to dump it. If you want clarification about this, the local administration will clarify it. This time, when the participants gave a negative reaction, the environmental consultant said that the association has been established for this purpose and all the statutory rules can be followed.

Shri. Kishore Sankawar, - Project Consultant informed that Provision has been made for drinking water in the village. R.O. Water provision is proposed to be done by Association.

Shri. Vidhate online question was about Mines closure. According to the Maharashtra Government notification dated January 12, 2018, the mines of minor minerals should be converted into ponds for water storage. Such measures should be taken. Similarly, the final mining closure plan should be approved by the [Director, Geology Mining]. Actions should be taken and the report should be submitted to the District Mining Officer. The gate no.. 75 is a government gate number. There is no actual involvement of the mines owner. Where there are mineral mines, the final closure plan will be approved by [Director, Geology Mining]. He said that where there is a Final Closure Plan/Final Mining Closure Plan, by creating a water sump. The mining closure plan will be approved by the [Director, Geology Mining].

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Shri. Vidhate has raised the issue of fishing. So, we thought while planning that there is a big government closed mine. So, fishing system can be adopted there. Here fishing training is considered, and provision is made for it. This expenditure can be made from the CER fund of each mine. The association will create public awareness, while the individual mining fund is given to the district as per the government rules.

Here, Mr. Ravindra Pusate, living in Mohda, living in Mohda, Taluka-Vani, District-Yavatmal expressed his opinion that we don't want fish, we want employment.

Shri. Vidhate had asked a question about tree planting. The association has set a target of 7,500 trees per year. (Avenue Plantation) will be done next to the road.

Mr. Ashish Phulsange's questions were- On the road condition. This subject can be solved from DMF. President, Crusher Association will also resolve the issue. At this time, Mr. Phulsange objected that the DMF funds would not receive, though the Chairman of the Crusher Association said so.

At that time Mr. Rajurkar informed that according to the ideas presented by Mr. Phulsange, the state roads cannot be taken up under the DMF fund. MLAs of this area have discussed this issue many times and the road can be developed through the funds from the central government and the funds from

the state government. A discussion was held with the MPs here and they were of the opinion that if the roads are not built, then there should be an agitation. At that time Mr. Phulsange opined that the common citizens of this place are suffering a lot. The school bus at Mukutban has stopped. At that time Mr. Phulsange demanded that until these roads are built, all the mines should be closed.

Shri. Rajurkar informed Hon. Collector, Yavatmal was requested to get a representative from Minor Minerals. Therefore, some government funds could have been brought to Mohda village. But Hon. Collector rejected this demand and both the representatives were taken from the Major Minerals cadre. Mr. Phulsange opined that if agitation is required, then this public hearing should be canceled and be held again after six months after the roads are improved.

Shri. Phulsunge demanded that We give a Niveda/statement to the Hon. Collector here. If nothing happens in eight days, we will start agitation, till then all quarries should be closed. Mines should be started only after the roads are repaired.

Shri. Vidhate, who was present online at this time, objected and said that this public hearing is a government one. It is going on under the chairmanship of the Hon. Collector. There is no provision for agitation in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification.

However, the concerned officer should withdraw the word protesting or agitation. Convener, Environmental Public Hearing told Shri. Vidhate who was present online and everyone in the meeting that the words that they have to protest were not uttered by the environmental committee or the government officials present.

for The meeting is a dialogue between the local people present, the Environmental Consultant and the Project Proponent i.e. President, Mohda Dagdakhan Collective Association. Convener asked the project promoters to withdraw the word protest. Mr. Rajurkar President, Mohda Dagdakhan Collective Organization withdrew the word to protest.

The Environmental Consultant said that a question was raised about job opportunities to local people. So, in the proposed project 1600 persons can get employment, out of which 200 persons will be from skilled cadre. Mr. Phulsange asked how many jobs are you going to provide and how many people are currently working in the project?

The Project Promoter stated that 40% of the working project is skilled and 60% unskilled. Shri. Phulsange asked to give the figures of how many skilled and unskilled employees there are.

The project promoter said that 350-400 are unskilled, while around 125-150 are skilled labour. Mr. Phulsange further asked how many of these are local people from Mohda and how many from the Tundra? After the project promoter replied that 70-80 Mohda workers started shouting in the meeting that the local people are not doing a single job.

At this time, the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee instructed the project promoters to make available to each Gram Panchayat the name wise and village wise list of working workers, local and external.

At that time, after the discussion, the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed the project promoters to provide a separate list of the number of unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled cadre posts in the project and the classification of the proposed appointments to all Gram Panchayat offices.

Shri. Phulsange demanded that the character certificate of the workers of other district and other state should be taken and the information should be reported to the concerned police station here. Because there is no such report of the workers in any of these mines in the local/concerned police station.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee welcomed the relevant suggestion and said that the said suggestion is right and suggested the project promoters to implement it immediately. The project promoter agreed to the suggestion and promised to take further action in this regard.

Environmental Consultant informed that suggestions were made to us for training the local people. Vocational Training Center which is DGMS can conduct training in co-ordination with it. Association will definitely take initiative in this regard. Mr. Phulsange asked how many days it would take to decide the policy. The environmental consultant said it would take at least four months.

The next question was that after making a complaint to MPCB, the concerned complainants are not informed about the inspection report and further action. MPCB should give an answer in this regard.

The Environment Consultant, while replying to the written objections of Mr. Vijubhau Pidurkar, said that the total area is 99.99 hectares and the cluster area is 67.58 hectares. There are some closed mines. As per the notification dated July 1, 2016 by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, the areas of closed mines and those granted environmental clearance till July 1, 2016 should not be included in the cluster. Therefore, the difference in area is visible and will remain.

Responding to Mr. Pidurkar regarding the discrepancies in the figures, the Environmental Advisor said that just as each mine has an individual mining plan, the cluster also has a regional mining plan.

A mining plan approved by the Director, Geology (Mines) will be made available. He said that if there are any discrepancies in EIA and elsewhere, they will be rectified properly. At this time, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee directed to make the changes in the report to the project promoters and environmental consultants, it should be made like that the general public can understand it.

Shri. Pidurkar objected that in the EIA each capital is shown separately. Answering about the capital, the environmental consultant said that the capital investment for the cluster is the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), but the budget for collective responsibility will fall to the Association.

The Environmental Consultant said there were no rules for minor minerals. Now it is in existence. Every mining DSR – District Survey Report is

important. The mineral policy of the district is based on this. He explained the policies regarding CER.

He said that if the capital investment is less, they are prescribed a certain amount. Accordingly, the responsibility of planting 7,500 trees will be with the Association. But after obtaining individual environmental clearance, the responsibility for planting trees at a distance of 7.5 meters or at other places will remain with those mine owners.

After Shri. Pidurkar raised objections regarding tree plantation, the Environmental Consultant replied that out of the four mines which are closed, three are government mines, so the association cannot do anything about it.

Shri. Pidurkar object that so far only the information about how many trees have been planted on these mines and their width and height should be given. According to the instructions of the environmental consultant, trees of 2-4 years and their height should be kept only 5-6 feet. Here we are only talking about clusters.

Shri. Pidurkar objected again and said that whether you are going to guarantee the survival of 7,500 trees? The environmental consultant replied that the tree planting rate in stone quarries is 70%. Here, 7,500 trees will have 70% survival and 30% will have to be planted each year.

Similarly, we are going to plant trees along the road. Also, we will plant in public places, dams, because the survival rate of trees there is low.

Shri. Pidurkar suggested to provide a statistical list of trees in existing mines and closed (closed and functioning) mines. The project promoter replied that a list certified by the Forest Department would be provided.

Shri. Ajay Pandurang Dhobe, District President, Sambhaji Brigade, Yavatmal Dist. Yavatmal inquired that Mohda villagers had complained to Mpcb on 02-11-2018 regarding air pollution in working mine. MPCB had conducted a survey in this regard on 24-01-2019. Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Chandrapur issued instructions to each mine on 4-2-2019, whether it been fulfilled?

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that the relevant survey and subsequent action will be reported in this regard.

At this time Mr. Ajay Pandurang Dhobey suggested that until the report of 4-2-2019 is received from MPCB, this public hearing should be postponed, because if those instructions are still not fulfilled, then how will it be done now? Convener, organizer said that your suggestion has been noted.

The environmental consultant admitted the mistake and said that it is per acre and not per hectare. Mr. Pidurkar made a statement to the Environment Public Hearing Committee that the EIA report should be prepared according to the scientific and scientific approach of the government in relation to agriculture.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee directed to rectify the discrepancies.

Shri. Pidurkar demanded that the local youth should be given the training needed for machineries in the mining industry. There is no mention in the EIA about on-the-job training.

Shri. Pidurkar suggested clarification regarding CSR. At that time, the Environmental Consultant said that CSR can be determined only after 2% of each mine is profited, considering the cluster here, CSR said.

Shri. Pidurkar questioned the mining officials whether a list of 5 km was prepared according to the new policy and whether Mohda's name was included in it. According to the notification amended from time to time under the Mining Rules, 1957 by Govt. of India, the District Collector is Chairman of the Mining Fund Allocation Committee. Whether according to the Central and State Government Notification of 2019, 5 km villages are listed?

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee replied on behalf of the District Collector said that all the notifications presented by Shri. Pidurkar, as per the government decision, five km. list of remote villages will be provided to you in written form. For that you should submit your written application to the Mining Authorities.

On this occasion, Mr. Pidurkar expressed his opinion that there should be a big library and gymnasium here. Here the return of royalty is NIL. We can make Mohda village even next to Singapore. However, if Chairman gives an explanation about the non-availability of funds, we will get justice.

Chairman Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee here promised that whatever there are DMF Rules, District Mining Officer (DMO) will look into the matter personally and it is directed to DMO to initiate further action.

19) Shri. Waman Madavi, Vill. Mohda, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

He raised the issue of not getting the pending money of thirty thousand rupees. The concerned cluster member promised to give the concerned person the pending money within eight days. Shri. Madavi said I am a local and I don't have a simple house. But those who came from outside area and State are getting houses built. Chairman said that the issue of Gram Panchayat should not be raised here.

Shri. Phulsange said that the Project Proponent said that they had provided the Murum. However, on this 4th of July, there has been a protest for road repair in Tundra. He has not provided the murum of one vehicle/small truck also to the villages. So, we are repeatedly talking about this issue, if not done so far, then what will be done in the future? However, we demand that this public hearing be postponed for four months. It should be taken back after four months only after fulfilling everything.

20) Shri. Vijay Maruti Thavari, Sarpanch Tundra Gram Panchayat, 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)	We had protested for the road on 4th July. The school bus does not come. Overloaded trucks pass through bad roads. Due to this, accidents have increased. Convener asked the Project Proponent to provide information on the removal of murum.	The Project Proponent said that for the Tundra-Mohda road, a discussion with Deputy Engineer, Wani is held four days ago. They demanded us Murum, and they are ready to provide the machinery. So Muram in this regard will be made available and further action will be taken in 1-2 days. Chairman here remarked that promise made by the Project Proponent to provide Murum, then he is instructed to complete all the process within eight days.

Shri. Ravindra Pusate, Vill. Mohda, Taluka Wani, District Yavatmal demanded Chairman that there are local people, Collectors and mine owners. So now we will go to the mine and check how many trees are planted. Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the project promoters have been ordered to submit a report.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Consultant to give answers again to Online Participant Shri. Vidhate.

Environmental Consultant replied that as per Central Government Notification dated January 2018, it is directed to make water storage arrangement/pond during mine closure for minor minerals. Accordingly, the closure plan has to be submitted to the Director, Geology (Mines) and the mine will be closed under the supervision of his District Mining Department.

Environmental Consultant replied that the amount indicated for fishing training would be paid from the CSR of the association. But the CSR of every mining owner will be different. There is no need to get any objection certificate from Wildlife Board. 5,700 trees are proposed annually for green belt development. Safety Zone is 200 meters as per Maharashtra Mining Act. There is no provision for 500 meters as it is statutory.

Chairman, while concluding the meeting, said that the written statements have been received in the meeting and they are being handed over to the MPCB and instructed to send their answers in written form. The said written comments

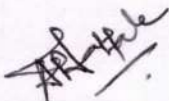
will be submitted to the Government alongwith the Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, minutes of the meeting.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined here that the public has no opposition to the project and development. But it is expected that their basic needs should be fulfilled, i.e. drinking water, good roads, medical facilities, education facilities. If they are not getting it, it is necessary to understand their displeasure. For this, co-operation is expected from the Project Proponent.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked all the local people, project affected persons, government officials and employees, Police Administration, project management and declared the public hearing is concluded.

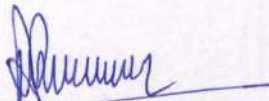
Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 23 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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