

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MTPA (ROM) TO 10.0 MTPA (ROM) ALONGWITH CRUSHING & SCREENING PLANT OVER AN EXTENT OF 348.09 HECTOR AREA AT VILLAGE SURJAGARH, TALUKA ETAPALLI, DISTRICT GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. LLOYD METALS & ENERGY LIMITED, SURJAGARH IRON ORE MINE, AT VILLAGE SURJAGARH, TALUKA ETAPALLI, DISTRICT GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA

Date : 27-10-2022
Time : 12.00 A.M,
Place : Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Gadchiroli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., Surjagarh Iron Ore Mine, Village Surjagarh, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MoEF & CC) Govt. of India, (Gol), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of production capacity from 3.0 MTPA (ROM) to 10.0 MTPA (ROM) alongwith crushing & screening plant over an extent of 348.09 hector area at Village-Surjagarh, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi (MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi) approved Terms of Reference (TOR) on 18-07-2022. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category A Schedule 1 (a) (i), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Lloyd Metals & Energy Ltd., Surjagarh Iron Ore Mine, Village -Surjagarh, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 28/07/2022 for conducting Environment Public Hearing.

District Collector, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 27-10-2022. 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 23-09-2022. 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, Gadchiroli
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Gadchiroli
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office Etapalli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 10) Nagar Panchayat, Etapalli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 11) Tahsil Office Etapalli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 12) Panchayat Samiti Office Etapalli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 13) Gut Gram Panchayat Office Pursalgondi/ Bande / Mallampad (Matyampad) / Manger / Parsalgondi / Surjagarh/Hedri/ Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 14) Gut Gram Panchayat Office Todsa (Ekara Kh. (Akeratola), Karampalli Petha(s), Zareguda (Jharewada)), Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 15) Gut Gram Panchayat Office Nagulwadi (Kudari (Kudri), Nagulwadi (Nagulpadi), Mohrall (Morli), Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 06 to 15 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

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

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-76/2022 under letter no. BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-220930-FTS-0177, dated 30/09/2022 as under :-

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| 1) District Magistrate, Gadchiroli
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 37 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Atul Saffale, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Dhanraj Patil, Additional District Magistrate, Gadchiroli and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, 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 reading the suggestions given by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Convener appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions

or objections about the proposed project. While raising questions, inform the full name, village. He also informed Project Environment Consultant and Project Proponent to give appropriate answers.

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

1) Ms. Eligresh Hurketta, Residence - Manger, Tal - Etappali, Dist - Gadchiroli :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I live in Manger. There is a hill in my village. Mountain water comes in our fields. Somebody should do to avoid the water to the farm. When sows a seed to take root, does not take root. It is being buried by that soil. It is bothering us. Bullocks and goats are also suffering from drinking water. We stay in a remote area. Our children should be educated. My children should study and work in this project. Our children should be taught, trained and put to work on projects. There should be a hospital in the village and need a school. Children should learn there. You have to learn and deal with it. There is an opportunity in the project, there should be employment.	Project Proponent said that all the points raised have been noted.

2) Shri. Mangeshkumar Pungati, Gram Panchayat-Nagulwadi, Mouje Kudri, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchilori:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Educated and uneducated young boys and girls of the affected areas should be given job opportunities in the project.	Project Proponent said that in the project, the local people and project affected people will be given job opportunities.
2)	Higher education training like ITI should be provided free of charge.	Suggestion is noted.

3)	According to the Government Notification, CSR funds should be spent in the Gram Panchayat area, so it will help in village development.	CSR funds have been spent as per Notification
4)	Toilers should be given permanent leases in forest land. Permanent leases of ownership rights should be given on pending new forest land.	Suggestion has been noted.
5)	Mineral production involves mineral-rich muddy water from the mine. It should be controlled as it is harmful to agriculture.	Project Promoter said that all measures will be taken to avoid damage to agriculture.
6)	Since the said villages are on the banks of the river and there is danger from floods, the company should not block the water by building a dam and build a road	Suggestion is noted
7)	100% chance of displacement of villages due to mineral mining landmines in future cannot be ruled out.	Suggestion is noted
8)	It will be the responsibility of the government to provide basic facilities for rehabilitation by fully compensating the entire property, land or other resources owned by the family, rehabilitation should be done by providing all the facilities.	Suggestion is noted
9)	Most advance healthcare services and facilities should be provided for the health of citizens.	Project Proponent informed that the suggestion is noted.
10)	Schools and teachers should be provided to children, who left the school in between for some or other reasons.	Suggestion is noted
11)	The company should not operate outside its lease area and should not cross lease area.	Suggestion is noted.

3) Shri Saurabha Kavadu, Gram Panchayat Pursalgundi, Tal.Etapalli, Dist - Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This project which is going to expand, local unemployed young boys and girls, should get job opportunities in the project.	Project Proponent informed that 90% job opportunities is given to local people only.
2)	Also an English Medium School needed for local pupils to learn. It should be completed.	Suggestion is noted.
3)	A 24-hour government hospital with all facilities should be opened immediately for the people of the village.	Project Promoter said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and an up-to-date hospital will be built there.

4) Shri Rohit Baburao Dhadabe, Vill. Surjagarh, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There are villages affected in Surjagarh project. The people in the villages are jobless. Hence, the people of the affected villages should get employment.	The Project Affected Persons (PAPs) will be given job opportunity.
2)	In our area, we need an English medium school from 1st to 12th. Our village needs an up-to-date hospital. It should be opened for 24 hours. Good roads are needed for commuting. A hostel should be constructed immediately to accommodate the children.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and schools will be built there. Similarly, a positive decision will definitely be taken regarding the hostels.

5) Shri Ankush Gavade, Residence - Nagulwadi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It has been 75 years since our country got independence. Still my village has no electricity, no medical facilities. It is very difficult to get	The suggestion was noted. Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the

	medical facilities during monsoon. Hence, an up-to-date hospital should be built in the village. Ambulances cannot come to the village, as there is no bridge over the river in the village. A bridge should be built immediately.	affected villages and the hospital will be built there.
2)	Similarly, the amount from mining fund should be spent for village development. Solar energy should be provided to all farmers for agriculture. Gram Panchayats should provide job opportunities to the people in the project.	Suggestion is noted.

6) Mrs. Mita Mangesh Matali, Residence - Bande, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Women should get job opportunities in the project. There is a need for 1st to 12th convent school in the village. It should be started immediately. An up-to-date hospital should be built in the village.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there.
2)	Boys and girls of the village should be given training and should be given job opportunities in the project.	Project Proponent said that a positive decision will definitely be taken in this regard.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that everyone has made demands regarding employment, roads, hospitals, schools. The said meeting is about the environmental aspects of the proposed expansion project. However, the participants are requested that if they have any suggestions, objections or criticisms regarding the environment of the proposed project, they should raise it.

7) Shri Namsu Karve Marathe, Nagulwadi Grampanchayat Member:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We need job opportunities in the project. Also, free medical services be provided in the village.	Only Local people will be given job opportunities.

8) Lalita Echami, Nanayadri, Kusumb Gram Panchayat, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Men and women of the village should be given job opportunities in the project. Improve village road. An English medium school should be started in the village.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there. Similarly an English medium school will be opened.
2)	A Government hospital should be opened immediately to provide health services to the villagers.	Suggestion is noted and it will submitted to the District Collector Office.

9) Shri Yogesh Sadame, Vill. Hedri, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Many people have expressed their opinion. So also I express my opinion. The job opportunities should be extended to the unemployed.	Project Proponent said that local people will be given 90% job opportunities in the project.
2)	Roads in Hedri village are completely damaged. However, those roads should be repaired immediately	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	The bridge at Aladand has been closed. In future, that bridge may collapse. So it should be renewed	Suggestions are noted.
4)	An English medium school as well as a modern hospital should be built in our village.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there. Similarly, an English medium school will be started

10) Shri. Pankaj Ekka, Residence - Bande, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The roads in our village are full of potholes. A good road is needed for the village. Roadside trees are completely broken.	Suggestions are noted.
2)	There is need of Convent School and Hospital in our village. It should be developed.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there. Similarly, an English medium school will be started.
3)	The bridge in Bande village is not built. It is needed. A patient cannot be taken at night. However, a bridge should be constructed in Bande village.	Suggestions are noted.
4)	There are many graduates in the village. They are still not employed.	90% jobs will be extended to the local young boys and girls only.

11) Shri Manoj Tavande, Residence - Kushapuri, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There are many problems in our Gram Panchayat limits. Maximum number of people in our Kushapuri Gram Panchayat should be given job opportunities in the project. Kushapuri village does not always have availability of electricity. Similarly, the road in the village is not good. Hence, road should be repaired. Here, agriculture is the most important. So solar electricity and tap should be provided in agriculture fields.	90% job opportunities will be given to the Project Affected Persons (PAPs).

**12) Ms. Soni Suresh Shende, Residence - Fursangsundari, Tal. Etapalli,
Dist. Gadchiroli:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Managing Director of the company gave confidence that women can also work. He deputed to Orissa for training and today we are working here in Surjagarh project. The road we drive should be repaired immediately.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	People lived on agriculture in the area. Even now they live, but now red water comes into the fields from the project. It should be stopped.	Pollution control system will be erected in the project
3)	There are uneducated and educated young boys and girls in Etapalli taluka. They should get job opportunities in the project.	90% job opportunities will be given to the local people.
4)	Similarly, our village needs a school, an emergency hospital. This is a tribal area and there is no electricity and water is not available on time.	Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there. Similarly, an English medium school will be started.

13) Shri Ramchandra Gudru, Village Bande, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The road in our village is not good. The road is completely potholed. Similarly, there is no good hospital in the village. The young boys and girls of the village should get job opportunities in the project. Similarly bore well facilities should be provided to all in the fields.	90% jobs will be made available to local young boys and girls.

14) Shri Ramin Swami, Residence-Manger, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have only two questions. The control and measures of noise, air and dust pollution from the mine should be mentioned, the company should inform about the measures taken to prevent pollution in the area.	Environment Management Plan will be implemented totally.
2)	As many trees as were cut down for the mining project, those trees should be replanted in the same area.	Suggestions have been noted.

15) Shri. Rakesh Sadame, Gram Panchayat Pursalgundi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	People here need Maharashtra State Corporation bus. Similarly, local people need a mobile tower.	Suggestions are noted.

16) Shri Subhash Panjabrao Tupa, Residence - Malam Pada, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	He said in Hindi that my village is approximately three k.m. from the mine. The drain coming out of the mine passes near my village. The red water that comes from it is completely spread in our fields. It should be settled by the company.	Suggestions have been noted. EMP - Environment Management Plan will be implemented.
2)	A college and a hospital should be started immediately in our Malampadi village as demanded by the local people.	The Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built there. Similarly, an English medium school will be started. Similarly, a school will also be built.

3)	The farmers of our village who have a measured/calculated plot and no one else has it, then make a plan for it.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	In our village, there is no power since last three months. We have now frustrated to go to MSEB office to press our need. Nobody gives satisfactory answers. Company should solve this problem.	Suggestions have been noted
5)	Be it encroachment or allotted belt space (farming belt) in our village, solar pump facility should be provided. The road from Hedri to Malampadi is completely bad. It should be repaired immediately	Suggestions have been noted

17) Shri Zulsamaha, Residence - Mangeri, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Even though there are vacancies in the company, job opportunity is not given to the local people saying that there is no vacancy. If you give jobs to outsiders, then why not to local people? In the presentation, it is mentioned that 2,000 people will get job opportunities. But in the written report it is written as 3,000.	Project Proponent answered that 90% job opportunities will be given to local people only.

18) Ms. Tara Matau, Residence Pursalgundi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My village needs a cement concrete road, a hospital. The girls who came with me here ask that if men are appointed in the security, why women are not taken. I also want job. We request to give us job in Security Department.	Suggestion is noted.

19) Ms. Dipali Dunasa Mahan, Residence - Manger, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There are many potholes on the road, making it very difficult to travel. So make a good road. I am going to company for the last 30 days, but they have not given job. I have not gone to work in the mountains for two days to get job. But till now I have not received any reply from the company. Even though I am a local I am not getting job, then how outsiders are getting job?	90% job opportunities will be given to local people.
2)	80% of job opportunities in the plant should be reserved to lady employees.	Suggestions are noted.
3)	A convent school should be started immediately for the children of our Manger village. Manger needs a modern hospital.	The Project Proponent said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and the hospital will be built on the center point. Similarly, an English medium school will be started. Similarly, a school will also be built.

20) Shri Ramyogi Visugota, Residence Ekrapur, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We should get job. Drinking water facility is required. If there is no hospital in the village, it should be constructed immediately. There is a stream near our village. There is no bridge over it. It causes a lot of trouble when going.	Suggestion is noted.

21) Shri Madhukar Kongadi, Residence Purasalgudi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Here everyone is asking questions to get job. He questioned the company management that they promised to employ 80% local people. So, we are asking for employment of 80% local people in this project. Now, the company management should answer this. There are Collector, there are other government officials and the local people should be answered.	Project Proponent said that job opportunities will definitely be made available to the local people. But we have to consider some technical issues - the post of Operators, blasters etc. in the company requires special skill. Hence, for this a Skill Development Training Program has been undertaken. It may take time to complete. We have an employment policy, a plan, it will be implemented. We have started teaching classes. We want to make 100 Mining Men. We send experts to teach. Mining is a field where anyone can rise from a low position to topmost position. 10th pass can also get promoted to General Manager. So, we will implement the policy at every stage and give employment to local people only.
2)	I am the only Civil Engineer in that area. Despite applying 4-5 times, I have not been given a job opportunity. I am pass out of 2017. If I don't get a job opportunity there, what about others?	Project Proponent replied that priority will be given to local people which means that only local people will get priority. Whatever personal issue you have, it will be resolved positively.
3)	What plans does the company have for farming?	The Project Proponent replied that their project is on Gut no. 348.09 hectares will remain here. Here some people objected that red water comes from the mine. So muddy water keeps coming. But if it is coming from our project, there will be settling point, garland making and all the processing will be done on it. Our project will not cause any water pollution, Agriculture will not be damaged. Likewise, no one will be displaced. There is no question of displacement.
4)	The company has done mining without planning. So there is no	Project Proponent replied that all our mining activities are technically studied

diversion. Water is flowing in the river. Gadchiroli district receives the highest rainfall in the state of Maharashtra. Further expansion should be done only after the company resolves all the issues.	first and implemented only after receipt of all the notified permissions, no objection certificates etc. from the Government.
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22) Shri Krishna Wegadu Kavadu, Residence - Hedri, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Around Rs 60 crores of royalty money is deposited in the District Mineral Fund. When it will be classified for the development of our village panchayats?	Suggestions are noted.

23) Shri Prashant Aatram, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Todsa, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Project Officer should inform the percentage of people who got jobs in the project from Gram Panchayat Nagulwadi, Todsa and Pursalgundi area. But those who are unemployed, young boys, girls, and women in above Gram Panchayat limits should be given priority for giving jobs in the expanded project. So they will get financial strength. I am making this demand to the Project Management.	Project Proponent said that we will definitely create job opportunities by implementing the company's policy as promised. We will Skill 2,000 employees who are now in Unskilled category. As the person acquires skills, we will increase the number to five thousand. <u>Second Point -Hospital-</u> The project has a 24-hour medical facility. Similarly, 24-hour para-medical services are available. We have also provided 24 hours ambulance service. Now it is not possible to build a modern hospital and making available ambulance services in every village. For that purpose, the central point within the village limits will be decided and an ambulance and modern hospital will be built accordingly. Similarly, a school will be built there according to the demand of the people by deciding the center

	<p>point within the boundaries of all the villages. As soon as the proposal is sent to the Government and approved, the school will be built accordingly. According to the demand of the people, the medium of the school will be kept. Another topic is the essential facilities in the village. It was told in the meeting that in some villages there is no electricity for three months. The follow up of this subject will be taken.</p> <p>Two years ago, it was not possible to walk on the roads. So, 10 km of the periphery of the project potholes on the roads will be filled immediately by the company.</p> <p>Similarly, as per the demand of the villagers, follow up will be done with the government regarding the construction of bridge over the drain, bridge over the river (Bande river bridge). If the bridge needs to be repaired, it will be followed up.</p>
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24) Shri Dayalu Ekjur, Vill. Dayankunji, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There are many people in the village, they used to work, now they can't. So they must get a pension of two thousand rupees per month. Similarly, it would have been better if the hospital with all facilities that is being built in Etapalli would have constructed in Edri.	Project Proponent informed that we are proposing to build a hospital in Edri. At least we will definitely build a day care hospital there.

25) Smt. Aruna Madhukar Salwe, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Pursalgundi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The demand of the people is my demand. I had objected that the	District Collector informed that Government of Maharashtra has notified

	<p>public hearing should be held only where there is a mine / quarry. Now it has been organized in the Collector's office.</p> <p>The common people of my Gram Panchayat have come to register their suggestions and objections. They are kept out. They should be given an opportunity to raise their views and it should be recorded. Henceforth, public hearings should be held only where the project is located.</p>	<p>the limits of "the affected area the periphery of 5.0 km from the project site" as per the Notification dated 29th September, 2019. It means that the public hearing is to be conducted in the periphery of 5.0 k.m. from the project site.</p> <p>But if there is any possibility of arising law and order issues in the periphery of 5 k.m. of the project, the public hearing can be arranged at other place.</p> <p>Etapalli was not even considered at that time. But after all the orders, and public notices were published in newspapers, some insisted for conducting the meeting at Etapalli.</p>
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26) Shri Ajay Maruti Salwe, Member, Gram Panchayat Pursalgundi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	From Pursalgundi village. Alenga, Edalgondi, Alur villages are 4-5 km of distance. Here is the drain. There is no road. For the last 7-8 months, traffic has stopped. But we need a bridge over that stream. There is no road in the village. No electricity. These facilities should be provided.	Suggestions are noted
2)	Surjagarh is a temple. Access to the temple should be provided. Similarly, the jobs allotted uneducated person in the project are also given to those who are educated-graduates. Gadchiroli district has the largest number of tribals, hence a Tribal Bhavan should be constructed.	Suggestions are noted

27) Shri. Madhukar Sadme, Member, Gram Panchayat Pursalgundi, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental

		Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It was necessary to hold this public hearing within the limits of Phulsargondi Gram Panchayat where this quarry is located. If not at Pulsargundi, public hearing could have been held at Etapalli or Heidri. Had the meeting been held there, many people would have attended and would have raise their suggestions and objections.	District Collector informed that Government of Maharashtra has notified the limits of "the affected area the periphery of 5.0 km from the project site" as per the Notification dated 29th September, 2019. It means that the public hearing is to be conducted in the periphery of 5.0 k.m. from the project site. But if there is any possibility of arising law and order issues in the periphery of 5 k.m. of the project, the public hearing can be arranged at other place. Etapalli was not even considered at that time. But after all the orders, and public notices were published in newspapers, some insisted for conducting the meeting at Etapalli.

28) Shri Sudhakar, Residence - Zarewada, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our Zarewada village is at a distance of three km. Those who are deprived, those who are educated and uneducated in the village, should get employment contracts. There should be a hospital in our village. As mentioned in the presentation, the skill development program should be well implemented.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	I have been working in 65 villages for the last 20 years with BAAF, an NGO in Pune, for tribal development. So, in this project, it is necessary to give good jobs to local people by giving training to them.	Suggestions are noted

29) Shri Ajay Kankadalwar, Former Zilla Parishad President, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental
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		Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	According to the rules, this public hearing should be held in Etapalli taluka or where the project is to be commissioned, because a common man cannot come here from the village and taluka. Public hearing means hearing and understanding the thoughts, suggestions or objections of the public by the Administration. Some people came, they were not allowed to enter by the police administration. Some people came by car. So, my demand is that this public hearing should be held at Etapalli or wherever the project is.	District Collector informed that Government of Maharashtra has notified the limits of "the affected area the periphery of 5.0 km from the project site" as per the Notification dated 29th September, 2019. It means that the public hearing is to be conducted in the periphery of 5.0 k.m. from the project site. But if there is any possibility of arising law and order issues in the periphery of 5 k.m. of the project, the public hearing can be arranged at other place. Etapalli was not even considered at that time. But after all the orders, and public notices were published in newspapers, some insisted for conducting the meeting at Etapalli.
1)	My demand is that this project in operation for the last 2-3 years. It does not provide job opportunities to the local unemployed. The company does not follow what is shown in the presentation. If the natives educated are not appointed in the company, then the natives have no use of the project. Security guards work for 10-12 thousand, what is their future? If the working project does not give jobs to the local people, then it seems doubtful that they will give it in the expansion project.	90% job opportunities are provided to the local people only.
2)	The dust that flies while extracting iron spreads on the road. Therefore, the health of the residing people and animals is in danger. There is no alternative system for this. Due to the dust, the water flowing nearby area becomes completely red. Even dumb animals do not drink the water.	Suggestion is noted.
3)	Local people need to be trusted. Natural resources should not be	Suggestion is noted.

	<p>destroyed while providing employment</p> <p>Tendu season is important here. If this is destroyed, the next generation will have nothing. We are not against providing job opportunities.</p>	
4)	<p>Training required in the project should be provided in advance to the local young boys and girls and then job opportunities should be given to them in the project.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
5)	<p>Similarly, the forest, dumb animals should not be destroyed due to the project. Money is not important here. Environment is important. The Administration should pay attention to the environment and quality of life of citizens here. Trucks are parked on the road, so there is no place even for an ambulance to go. The Administration needs to pay attention here. However, this public hearing is demanded to be taken back to Etapalli taluka or its Gram Panchayat limits.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

30) Shri Ankush Gavade, Residence Morli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The public hearing is for the affected people of the thirteen villages or outsiders. If it is for affected people then we will talk. 75 years have passed since independence, but our village has no hospital, no electricity. If development is going to happen now, it should not stop. Until today, we have been provoked by someone sitting on a chair or by someone with a gun. So please don't do that. The local people here want to develop them.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

31) Shri. Deepak Mallaji Aatram, Ex-MLA, Tal. Alapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>In 2007, Lloyds was given permission to mine and create employment on a captive basis. 30 days prior to the Environmental Public Hearing, a public notice was published by the MPCB Chandrapur Office in the local newspaper, according to which environmental suggestions, objections to the proposed expansion project were called for.</p> <p>Accordingly, through the Tribal Organization, I, as a former public representative, had raised an objection that as per the rules, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing on environmental issues at the project site, but if it is not held due to some administrative reasons, then it is necessary to conduct the public hearing at Etapalli Taluka place.</p>	<p>District Collector informed that Government of Maharashtra has notified the limits of "the affected area the periphery of 5.0 km from the project site" as per the Notification dated 29th September, 2019. It means that the public hearing is to be conducted in the periphery of 5.0 k.m. from the project site.</p> <p>But if there is any possibility of arising law and order issues in the periphery of 5 k.m. of the project, the public hearing can be arranged at other place.</p> <p>Etapalli was not even considered at that time. But after all the orders, and public notices were published in newspapers, some insisted for conducting the meeting at Etapalli</p>
2)	<p>The educated as well as the uneducated people there are afraid that their agriculture farms will be lost, villages will be displaced and if the Collector gives them a word that it will not happen, then those people will have courage.</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>
3)	<p>While the project is being set up, the government and administration say different things and after 3-4 years, different results are seen by the people of the area. He shared information about a project in Sironcha taluka.</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted</p>
4)	<p>How many people will get employment in the expansion project? How many people of Etapalli taluka will be included in the project? Will 50% of the number of</p>	<p>There will be 90% local people in the jobs in all cadres.</p>

	<p>employment in the project be from Etapalli taluka? It's been 3-4 years at Surjagarh, but neither sponge iron plant nor processing plant has been started there? How many people will be employed in the Sponge Iron project?</p> <p>Will 90% of people from the Project Affected Area will be given jobs in the company? If the processing plant is activated, will 90% of the employees in the affected area will be employed in the company? Due to the expansion of the project, the amount of dust will increase which may increase various diseases in the area.</p> <p>Hence, whether Multi-Speciality Hospital will be opened at Etapalli? Whether local people will be extended training in the Integrated Steel Plant before giving them job opportunities?</p> <p>In that area, there is religious place which is called as Thakur Dev. The people not only from 4-5 Talukas, but from Chhatisgad do visit the shrine. How they will be rehabilitated?</p> <p>Local people should be given job opportunities.</p>	
5)	<p>In this project, educated youths of 13 villages should be given training and employment, basic facilities (drinking water, modern medical services, and education facilities) should be provided. Similarly, all the villages of Etapalli taluka should be included in this development work.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

32) Dr. Devrao Holi, MLA, Gadchiroli Assembly Constituency, Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental
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		Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In the meeting, people of thirteen affected villages, local people registered their suggestions and objections. All of them raised a point that employment should be given. No one has opposed the project. So congratulations as Gadchiroli People's Representative. Excavation will take place in Surjagarh and steel project will take place in Konsari.	Suggestions are noted
2)	The people of Konsari village donated land for the project. More than three hundred acres of land will go. They are also affected by the project. So for all the affected people in Surjagarh, Konsari, Etapalli taluka, a "Co-ordination Committee" should be formed immediately under the chairmanship of the District Collector. If necessary, the approval of the District Guardian Minister and Deputy Chief Minister will be taken.	Suggestions are noted
3)	One educated person from the affected family of 13 villages should be given permanent job opportunity and one uneducated person from the same family should be given job on a daily wage basis in the project.	Suggestions are noted
4)	The Committee should work to solve the problems of the people residing in the periphery of 10 km from Konsari village. The Committee will work to ensure that red water comes from the project, dust from the project does not affect the health of the people in the area and other areas.	Suggestions are noted

**33) Shri. Raje Dharmrao Baba Aatram, MLA, Aheri Assembly
Constituency & Ex Minister:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental
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		Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	22 villages-three Gram Panchayats are affected here. No one opposed the project in the meeting. Employment generation was due to the project. But more and more people should get work. There is also a demand to provide employment to women. If 50% reservation is given to women, then the company should also give job opportunities to women.	Suggestions are noted
2)	In the meeting, all the people demanded to build a hospital in every village. For that it is necessary to establish a Center Super Specialty Hospital at the center of all the villages. People need to get good and prompt medical facilities.	As suggested, further action will be initiated
3)	Similarly, there was a demand that every village should have an English medium school. So the company must try for that.	The project promoter said that a center point will be decided between all the affected villages and a hospital will be built there. Similarly, an English medium school will be started. Similarly, a school will also be built.
4)	Everyone has demanded that the company should help for the roads in the village. Project expansion will increase traffic. For that, the roads must be in good condition. Almost two thousand more vehicles will increase. There is no room for an ambulance. For that, the company should keep proper Traffic Management.	Suggestions have been noted.
5)	It has been years, but the tribal who works, has not received the agriculture bet (patta), further action in this regard should be initiated.	Suggestions have been noted
6)	The mining fund is Rs.60 crores. It should be spent on rural development work. Farmers should be given solar pumps in the fields. The company should take the initiative for that.	Suggestions have been noted

7)	People are not against the project. But they should get educational, medical facilities, youth training, employment contract and other facilities.	Suggestions have been noted
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34) Shri Ramesh Gajabe, MLA, Armori Assembly Constituency:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Expansion of this project is necessary to get employment to the unemployed. But now modern technology has come in the project and if the project is expanded to a bigger scale, it will be good for the district, because the empty hands can be employed.	Suggestions have been noted
2)	In the meeting, the people's representatives raised the need for a Vigilance Committee to solve the problems of the local people and the project promoters. I support that. Because not every person can go to some company.	Suggestions have been noted
3)	Here is CER funding for planning. It is informed that the 2.48 Crores are kept. So, it has to be increased. So other environmental schemes can be taken up,	Suggestions have been noted
4)	Measures are required to control pollution of water, land, forest, air and sound. The locals here have told about the problem caused by the dust pollution here.	Suggestions have been noted
5)	Regarding the issue of thirteen villages, I request the Public Hearing Committee on environment, the company is doing a good project in the district. We will accept it. But first the people of thirteen villages should be considered for employment, then the district and my Armori assembly constituency should be considered. There will be many students who	Suggestions have been noted

	have done ITI in the district, giving them employment will bring stability to his family.	
6)	The project will require 5,000 Kilo Watts of electricity. However, if the power generation project is installed along with the expansion, electricity will be available for the agricultural pumps of our farmers and the whole area will be prosperous and prosperous. So farmers will get an additional business. However, I only wish that the company continues with this expansion and that the unemployed in the district get work	Suggestions have been noted

35) Shri Ashok Nete, Member of Parliament, Chimur-Gadchiroli Lok Sabha
Constituency:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In this public hearing, the village panchayat sarpanch of the thirteen villages affected and the citizens present have put their demand in the open public hearing on the environment. No one has opposed the project here. All public representatives have also supported the said project.	Suggestions have been noted
2)	Our district has iron ore, diamond, many minerals, and manganese, especially gold. After the expansion, it is the company's job to provide facilities to the people of thirteen villages. The expansion will definitely increase the employment generation in the company. The participants demanded that only local people should get employment. I also support this demand. Women also demanded that they should also be given employment opportunities. They also have the right.	Suggestions have been noted

3)	All the Public Representatives present here demanded that a "Co-ordination Committee" should be constituted under the Chairmanship of the District Collector to deal with the possible consequences due to the expansion of this project. I also support this.	Suggestions have been noted
4)	Similarly, the company should establish a "Skill Development Training Council" here. All courses should be made available in it. The hardworking young men and women here can earn a name not only in Surajgarh, our District, State, but also in the country and abroad.	Suggestions have been noted
5)	The company intends to establish an Integrated Processing Steel Plant here. They should do it. This will create a large amount of employment.	Suggestions have been noted
6)	However, I have two demands from the company - A) Skill Development Training Council should be established; B) Integrated Processing Steel Plant should be established.	Suggestions have been noted
7)	The traders have protested here due to the dust problem. Now the Deputy Chief Minister and Guardian Minister, Gadchiroli has announced the Mining Corridor. There will be no dust problem as all the trucks will pass through the corridor. The business people demanded a bypass, the Collector sent the proposal as well. But there will be no need for a bypass.	Suggestions have been noted
8)	The company should meet the demands of thirteen villages and the local people and should also fully implement the Environment Management Plan (EMP). Similarly, the government should pay attention to the social problems, because the collector is the representative of the	Suggestions have been noted

	<p>government. The mining fund accumulates in large quantities with the government. It should be spent for village development. The company has to spend 2% on CSR. Many people said that red water is coming in the fields. Planning should be done in this regard. It is necessary to plan whether to have a separate bank canal in this regard.</p>	
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36) Shri Sanjay Meena, IAS, District Collector, Gadchiroli District :-

Shri Sanjay Meena, IAS, Collector, Gadchiroli District said that he is answering some questions himself. He said that he is giving the said answers in Hindi, because the project promoters do not know Marathi, they are from outside and since the said report is going to be sent to New Delhi, there should be no issue of translation there.

• **Point No.1:-**

The first point was asked why the said public hearing was not held at Etapalli, but at the Collectorate?

- Government of Maharashtra limits the affected area to 5.0 km from the project site. As per Notification dated 29th September, 2019, it has been announced.

A public hearing should be held in the periphery i.e. 5.0 km of the project itself. But law and order issues may take second place if there is a possibility of problems arising. Etapalli was not even considered at that time. But after all the orders, environmental notices were published in newspapers, some insisted on Etapalli.

• **Point No.2:-**

Why organized in the Collector office itself?

- Here 30-35 people could fearlessly register their thoughts, suggestions or objections without any pressure.

- In the meeting, it was asked about the District Mining Fund (DMF) and it was suggested to spend it for development works in the village.

- Up to 29th September works up to Rs. 7,43,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Three Lakhs) have been sanctioned. Hedry solar lights, Asha workers, distribution of bicycles to affected areas etc. The work was approved. The District Mining Fund (DMF) has been mandated to spend 60% in affected areas and 40% in unaffected areas. Don't worry about DMF. The implementation committee of DMF has not yet been constituted. For this a request will be made to the Guardian Minister, Gadchiroli District.

- An Environmental Public Hearing is conducted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Limited's

Surajgarh Iron Ore Mining Project for capacity expansion from 3.0 million per year to 10.0 million per year. For this purpose, people of 13 villages were invited to attend. We wanted adults who are voters, needed here. Similarly, issues related to development have been raised in the meeting by MP, MLAs, former MLAs, and Zilla Parishad Presidents.

- Many points were common points e.g. Employment, Hospitals, Schools, Roads, Bridges in the project. So the work can be carried under D.M.F. as much as possible.
- I hereby request all the people's representatives - MP, MLAs to inform him of his developmental work requirements immediately, so that we can complete those works.
- A Tribal Residential School can only be started by a company. The Tribal Residential School is the Eklavya Model School. Four Tribal Residential Schools have been approved and one each at Bhamragarh and Etapalli. Tribal Residential School will be started there after the clearance of land issues. There is a Tribal Residential School which is pending due to forest department issues.
- The issue of National Highway was raised. A discussion was held regarding Ashti to Etapalli road. But Ashti to Lagam road cannot be widened, because it passes through the Wildlife sanctuary.
- 5 ½ meters BT road is approved from Wild Life Sanctuary. The road has been approved and its work has also started. Lagam to Etapalli to Sironcha road work has been tendered. The point is that the current climb (ascent) is five and a half meters and it is to be made more than 10 meters. For this, the permission of the forest department is required. Then further proceedings.
- We expect many things from the government. But since my appointment here, we try to do positive things.
- Many people know that we are working with Gram Sabha. People know that we are going to acquire land for the railway project. People know that we are also working for Gondwana University. If anyone still needs information about this, they should contact the Collector's office, which is next door. The only question we all have is that we don't know what the plans are today.
- People do not go to Collector office, Taluka office, Talathi office. For that, the Government at Door Step is called Citizen Benefit Distribution System. In the meeting, people's representatives raised the issue that forest rights should be obtained. Definitely should get it. Why only forest rights, there are two hundred services, they must be obtained. People need agricultural certificate, domicile certificate etc.

- So for this we are going to conduct a survey at Tehsildar level. Now there are about 12 to 15 lakh people here. They will be surveyed to see if they have any plans. After the survey it will be estimated which plan they can implement. It may take time.
- Some people demanded a mobile tower in the meeting. So it is answered that 100 by Jio, many mobile towers by BSNL, Airtel have been approved especially for East Gadchiroli. It takes space. Different towers have different needs. Jio is asking for 4,000 sq. ft., BSNL 2,500 sq. ft. and Airtel 400 sq. ft.
- So those persons who are willing to rent out their land to private land or Gram Panchayats should apply to the Tahsildar properly.
- Apart from this, any requirement or any decision taken regarding the environment should be brought to the attention of the Administration. We can convey it to the Gram Sabha. Mobile and internet are required for communication. Similarly, the administration is determined to provide whatever small things there are.
- Many facilities will be available in next 2-3 years i.e. Roads, Railways, Gondwana University. Mobile towers.
- So you are requested to cooperate with the administration.

While summarizing the meeting, the Project Officer said that Mr. Deepakbhau Atram raised good points. The issues raised by him have been positively taken up by the project promoters. Their point is employment for locals. We will provide employment to 90% locals in the Konsari project.

Another point asked is the processing project. The project officer replied that we are setting up an 8.0 million tonne Integrated Steel Plant at Konsari. Now if any project is to be started, it has a lot of legal process. So such a project will not be possible near Etapalli. It will definitely be considered in the future. Priority will be given to the people who are affected by the project.


At the concluding of the meeting, the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked District Collector Gadchiroli, all the people's representatives of the district, all the present brothers and sisters of thirteen villages, project officers, MPCB officials, journalists.

He said that the views, comments, suggestions or objections raised by the participants in the meeting regarding the proposed project were recorded and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and English and with final EIA report, along with the written suggestions received, with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly. The copy of the minutes and videography will be made available to local people if demanded.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all local people, PAPs, Government officials, Police Administration and Project officials and declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 37 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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