

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MODIFICATION IN EXISTING 2.0 MTPA DESHALED COAL CRUSHING UNIT TO 2.0 MTPA WET COAL WASHERY AT SURVEY NUMBER 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, VILL. MUTHARA, TAL. RAJURA, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S N. N. GLOBAL MERCANTILE PRIVATE LIMITED

Date : 16/11/2022
Time : 12.00 noon
Place : At Project Site, M/s N.N. Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., S. No. 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, Vill. Muthara, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s N.N. Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., S. No. 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, Village-Muthara, Taluka-Rajura, District-Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MoEF & CC) Govt. of India, (GoI), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for their proposed modification in existing 2.0 MTPA Deshaled Coal Crushing Unit to 2.0 MTPA Wet Coal Washery at Survey Number 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, Village-Muthara, Taluka-Rajura, District-Chandrapur, Maharashtra

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned on 13-11-2019. 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 Category A2 (a), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, GOI, New Delhi.

However, as per the latest notification dated 12th April, 2022, the projects whose capacity is less than 2.5 MTPA (coal washery) will be notified under category B and the application for Environmental Clearance (EC) of the said project will be submitted to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Project Proponent Project Proponent M/s N.N. Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., Survey Number 131/2, 131/3, 131/4, Village-Muthara, Taluka-Rajura,

District-Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 29/07/2022 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold physical public hearing and online public hearing on 16/11/2022. 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 14-10-2022. 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. Accordingly 28 written objections were received to Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur.

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) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022
- 3) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 4) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) District Collector, Chandrapur
- 6) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur
- 7) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- 8) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office- Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 9) Municipal Council, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- 10) Tahsil Office- Rajura, Tal- Rajura , Dist – Chandrapur
- 11) Panchayat Samiti Office, Rajura, Tal-Rajura, Dist – Chandrapur
- 12) Grampanchayat Office, Muthara, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 13) Grampanchayat Office, Hardona, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 14) Grampanchayat Office, Kalamna, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 15) Grampanchayat Office, Khamona, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 16) Grampanchayat Office, Arvi, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 17) Grampanchayat Office, Pandharpauni, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 18) Grampanchayat Office, Chincholi, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur

- 19) Grampanchayat Office, Mangi, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 20) Grampanchayat Office, Gotegaon, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 21) Grampanchayat Office, Chandawahi, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur
- 22) Grampanchayat Office, Panchgaon, Tal-Rajura, Dist-Chandrapur

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 05 to 22 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

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

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-82/2022 under letter no. BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-221019-FTS-0088, dated 19/10/2022 as under :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Chandrapur
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 28 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 Vishalkumar Meshram, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. 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) Shri Manoj Kularkar, Gram Panchayat Member, Pachagaon, Taluka - Rajura, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our only demand is that the local people should get job opportunities in the project. There are many educated unemployed people in Pachgaon. However, it is requested by me and other Gram Panchayat Members that 20-30 local boys and girls should be given job opportunities in the project.	Suggestions is noted. Project Proponent informed that letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide information to local people regarding proposed job opportunities to the local people in the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres for the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project.

		Apart from that, if a local people desire job opportunities in the above cadre, he will be an opportunity of interview if he/she brings a letter from the Sarpanch.
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2) Shri Nandkishor Subhash Wade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Kalamna, Taluka-Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur and General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Sarpanch Sangatna, Maharashtra State -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The existing dished coal crushing plant in the area is being converted into a wet coal washery. It is good for the area. However, while the project is undergoing transformation, the villages which will be affected by the project should be provided with civic amenities for the Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) and villages. The young boys and girls of the affected villages should be given job opportunities in the project.	Project Proponent said that the PAPs - Project Affected Persons and local persons will be given job opportunities in the project. The letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide information regarding local boys and girls who are in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres, whom can be given job opportunities in the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project. Apart from that, if a local persons desire in the above cadre, he/she will be given an opportunity of interview if he/she brings a letter from the Sarpanch. CSR fund will be made available for providing civic amenities to project affected villages.
2)	The presentation shows how much will be spent on various environmental management plans. Similarly, CSR fund should be made available to the affected villages. Village development should be done through CSR fund.	Project Proponent said that the CSR fund would be made available for providing civic amenities in the project-affected villages.
3)	This project is for coal washing. The coal is needed for power generation. If the solar grid project is taken in hand in	Project Proponent replied that solar power plant would be provided. At that time Shri Nandkishore Wade

	the affected villages, then the darkness in these affected villages will be removed and power availability will lessen the burden of the Maha Distribution Company.	said that electricity to the village is to be provided by installing solar energy panels. At that time, the Project Officer said that if the letter from the village is received, it will be considered.
4)	<p>As the first citizen of the village and the representative of the All India Sarpanch Association, it is submitted that the representative of the Collector is present in the meeting. It is requested to them that as this working project is being converted, the environmental plans as shown in the presentation, should not remain on paper, but should be put into action.</p> <p>Hence, the decisions should be taken at the Collector Office level. Experienced and senior citizens, Gram Panchayat representatives, Police Patil should be co-ordinated for their experience and under their guidance, the company should work properly on the environmental plans. Our village is two km from here. We have planted two hundred trees at a distance. Oxygen parks are also installed.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
5)	<p>If charitable youths, young women, people's representatives, locals are doing constructive work in the village, then the company should help them. While praying for the progress of the company, he expressed the hope that the village would develop through the efforts of the company.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

3) Shri Haridas Zade, Sarpanch, Khamona Gram Panchayat, Taluka-Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The said company has been working for the last 7-8 years. However, no	Project Proponent said that an Environmental Management Plan

	<p>environmental work has been done in the area since last 7-8 years. Similarly, it is not seen that the company has implemented the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in the project. Adjacent to the company is Adilabad High Way. Road users on this highway are suffering a lot from the pollution in this company. The company has no control over that pollution. Company Administration does not sprinkle water with tankers.</p>	<p>(EMP) is being implemented by the company. Similarly, water is pumped by tankers.</p> <p>Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the complaints about dust pollution are received by MPCB at railway sidings and asked why Mist Type Fogger is not installed for it?</p> <p>Convener said that Mist Type Fogger is available in movable, truck mounted and in tractor mounted form.</p> <p>Convener suggested to install Mist Type Fogger on road at the entrance gate & at Railway siding as there is transportation issue. Project Proponent said that further action will be taken immediately</p>
2)	<p>Farmers in this area live on their farms. The company uses huge amount of water for production, so the water table in the area is very deep and farmers are not getting water for farming. Due to shortage of electricity, farmers have to suffer a lot due to this company.</p>	<p>Company does not use the village water source. The water will be lifted from Sasti colliery through water tankers.</p>
3)	<p>Company does not even give compensation for the damage to the farmers' crops due to the pollution in the company. The company does not control pollution in any way.</p> <p>The experience is that this company does nothing as stated in the Presentation. If a native goes to ask for work, he is chased away. Job opportunities to local people is avoided.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that compensation is paid from time to time.</p>
4)	<p>People here welcome the company, but the local farmers should be compensated for the loss from time to time. Local people should be given job opportunities in the project. This company should be started by maintaining the balance of pollution.</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>

4) Shri Jitendra Baburao Jivane, Police Patil, Muthara, Tal - Rujara,
District - Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Environmental Consultant of the company has presented the proposed project. 5-6 years ago, this company had a presentation at this place and even then the company had promised about pollution control, waste water control, employment to the locals. It is experienced from last 7-8 years by the villages of the PAP that the company does not follow the promises.</p>	<p>Local people are working in the project and they will be given priority in job opportunities in future. Similarly, letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide job opportunities to the local people in the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres for the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project. Apart from that, if a local person desires job opportunities in the above cadre, he/she will be interviewed if he brings a letter from the Sarpanch.</p>
2)	<p>Company Administration should inform here how many medical camps were conducted in the affected villages, how much CSR fund is spent. This will happen here also. The complaint is sent by Muthara Gram Panchayat at local Chandrapur Office of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The sanction period of Environment Clearance was upto January, 2022, which is already completed, then why public hearing is taken so late?</p> <p>For the expansion of the project, the company has taken land in the village and carried illegal construction. Company has done nothing though Gram Panchayat asked the details.</p>	<p>Project Promoter said that a health camp was organized there last year as requested by Sarpanch, Khamona village. Project promoter replied that the aim is to organize a medical camp every three months.</p>
3)	<p>While transporting coal from the company, after crushing the coal and washing the coal in the company, it is dumped on the railway siding at the back side. From there, it is loaded in the</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is being implemented by the company. Similarly, water is pumped by tankers.</p>

	<p>train. A huge amount of dust is blown up wherever the company dumps coal. Therefore, the cotton in the neighboring fields becomes completely black.</p> <p>The laborers refuse to work there. However, you can still survey the coal dump site/railway siding and the surrounding fields, so that the present status of the location can be noted.</p>	<p>Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the complaints about dust pollution are received by MPCB at railway sidings and asked why Mist Type Fogger is not installed for it?</p> <p>Convener said that Mist Type Fogger is available in movable, truck mounted and in tractor mounted form.</p> <p>Convener suggested to install Mist Type Fogger on road at the entrance gate & at railway siding as there is transportation issue. Project Proponent said that further action will be taken immediately</p>
4)	<p>Similarly, while loading, the train is standing on the road leading to Muthara village. There is no alternative route to Muthara village. At this time there is no other alternative route for a sick person, a person who needs urgent medication, an elderly person.</p> <p>If you complain about this to the project management, they say that the train stops only for 10-15 minutes. The villagers here have seen that their loading continues even in the running train.</p>	<p>Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to solve the issue at the earliest. Here, Project Proponent informed that</p> <p>if the train remains standing for two hours, we are also at a loss. We also made correspondence with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway. Convener, on this occasion expressed the opinion that the train should not stand there during school and office hours. Project Proponent further said that South-Centra. Railway supply the racks from Secunderabad, once they become available. Time cannot be informed.</p> <p>Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed his opinion here that this issue of the villagers must be resolved. Visit alongwith villagers to Senior Railway officials should be carried along with their Say. At that time, he suggested that the as company promised to build a paved road next to the company, it should be completed.</p>

		Some local people were ready to provide No Objection Certificate for road under or above the railway line, but gram panchayat has not issued No Objection Certificate as some villagers demanded construction of both roads (above and below the railway line)
5)	We are not against industry. But the company does not co-operate to solve the problems of the local people. However, the Government is requested to take a written commitment from the said Project Proponent to implement various social activities and fulfill the needs of the locals. At the time of the previous public hearing, the surrounding trees were planted. So where did those trees go now?	Suggestions are noted.
6)	The agriculture of 75% of the farmers here is dependent on the water canal passing behind the project. But the said company also uses said water during monsoon. So what should farmers do? Likewise, what is the company's own water plan? For this, the Government should take a written statement from the Project Administration that there will be no trouble from the project.	Suggestions is noted. Project Proponent informed that water will be lifted from Sasti Colliery and it will be brought by tankers.

5) Shri Pandurang Raghunath Channe, Residence - Pandharpauni, Tal- Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My farm is adjacent to this project. Guava, other fruits are planted in it. Before the coal washery, the minimum income was 5-6 lakhs per annum. At the time of the four-lane road, the Administration paid 40.0 lakh as compensation.	Suggestion is noted.

	<p>Only one and a half lakh compensation is given by this company, now the son looks, so how much is received is not known. However, it should be informed in which area the crusher will start, because the road is right next to it.</p> <p>Therefore, accidents are more likely to happen at night. Water consumption is less in the company, road is not clean. However, the crusher should be on the railway yard side</p>	
2)	<p>Similarly, all information about the presentation and the project should be made available to the public in the form of a booklet.</p>	<p>Convener informed that Environment Impact Assessment report and Executive Summary Report were made available in English and Marathi were made available to all the Gram Panchayat Offices in advance and local MPCB office is having receipt of the same.</p>
3)	<p>My village is just one kilometre away from the project. But there was no medical camp or health check. There was no help to the village school.</p>	<p>Suggestions is noted.</p> <p>The Project Proponent said that a health camp was organized there last year as requested by Sarpanch, Khamona village. The Project Proponent replied that the aim is to organize a medical camp every three months.</p>
4)	<p>If 40 lakhs is paid for the land, how much can this company pay for orchard damage?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that compensation is paid from time to time.</p>
5)	<p>Crushers should be allowed to be installed on the other side of the railway. If given permission at road side, recently, there will be a lot of dust pollution on the road. The number of two-wheeler accidents will seriously increase. Even if speed breakers are installed on the road, there are no white stripes, so many two-wheelers slip and get into accidents. However, the crusher should be allowed from the other side of the railway.</p>	<p>Suggestions is noted.</p>

6) Shri Sudhir Anandrao Lande, Dy. Sarpanch, Pandharpauni, Tal - Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Just like the youth from the surrounding area were getting employment in the said company, the local youth should get employment in the project according to their educational qualification. The compensation given by the company to the surrounding farmers should be given in proportion to the loss.</p> <p>The project should be approved by instructing the company to participate in social development work in the surrounding villages of the project, like the company has planted trees.</p>	<p>Local people are working in the project and they will be given priority in job opportunities in future.</p> <p>Similarly, letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide job opportunities to the local people in the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres for the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project. Apart from that, if a local person desires job opportunities in the above cadre, he/she will be interviewed if he brings a letter from the Sarpanch.</p>

7) Shri Dhanaji Bapuji Bobade, Residence - Muthara, Tal - Rajura, District - Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>As my village Goinjpur is on the national highway, the dust particles from the highway spread to our surrounding villages. Due to which the people there suffer. Sometimes the water gets muddy, so there are accidents while riding a bike at night. As the railway yard is located near Pandharakawda village, Muthara village is the most affected. A similar public hearing was held 4-5 years ago, the company has not kept any of the promises made at that time. No assistance has been given for</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>

	<p>development works in the village. When contacted, the company officials give vague answers. After that, he does not even pick up the phone.</p>	
<p>2)</p>	<p>Trains stop here for 3-4 hours to get coal. Nobody can't even go to the hospital. So, if a patient dies who will take responsibility? The company has not spent anything for the village.</p>	<p>Member, Public Hearing Committee on Environment suggested to resolve this issue immediately. At that time, the promoter of the project said that if the train stops for two hours, then we are also at a loss. We also corresponded with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway.</p> <p>At this time, Convener remarked that the train should not stand at the time of school and office time.</p> <p>Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to solve the issue at the earliest. Here, Project Proponent informed that if the train remains standing for two hours, we are also at a loss. We also made correspondence with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway. Convener, on this occasion expressed the opinion that the train should not stand there during school and office hours. Project Proponent further said that South-Central Railway supply the racks from Secunderabad, once they become available. Time cannot be informed.</p> <p>Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed his opinion here that this issue of the villagers must be resolved. Visit alongwith villagers to Senior Railway officials should be carried along with their Say. At that time, he suggested that the as company promised to build a paved road next to the company, it should be completed.</p>

		Some local people were ready to provide No Objection Certificate for road under or above the railway line, but gram panchayat has not issued No Objection Certificate as some villagers demanded construction of both roads (above and below the railway line)
3)	I myself have corresponded with the Collector, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and other departments due to the pollution problem of the company. No further action has been taken on it. If there is a road from the side of the company by laying a pipe, then that road should be made for the farmers. But he doesn't. Farmers cannot even go to the Bull Festival. If you ask for an appointment with the collector, he says no time.	Suggestions are noted.
4)	However, the company should solve the problems of the local people. The nalla here is the nalla from Nandi to Sasti. Our Muthara and Pandharakawda villages are being damaged. There is no drain in the rest of the village. Similarly, there is an old Hanuman temple on our road. It is near Pimpalgaon. The company should co-operate with it.	Suggestions are noted.

Here, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that according to the suggestions and objections raised by the participants so far, it seems that the participants feel that the said Environment Public Hearing Committee or the Collector's Office will either approve the project or reject the project.

So, it is clarified here that the said Committee has only authority to conduct the public hearing. There is no right to approve the project or reject the approval of the project. The task of the Committee is to record the suggestions and objections raised by the local people in the meeting and submit the minutes to the Government. Similarly, the video recording of the meeting is also submitted to the Government. An expert committee of the Government takes the appropriate decision in this regard.

8) Shri Sudarshan, Environmentalist:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	He welcomed everyone to the environment public hearing. Unemployment is the biggest pollution. However, give employment to local people in the project. Spend CSR in villages for local education. Trees should be planted in large numbers.	Suggestions are noted

9) Shri Devidas Padole, Residence- Rajura, Taluka - Rajura, District - Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My farm is adjacent. For the last 5-6 years, the company had sought compensation for our farm losses. We are getting But the farmers in the surrounding areas who suffer losses due to the company should be compensated.	Suggestions are noted
2)	Similarly, the company should reduce dust pollution in the project. For that, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should also fulfill its responsibility properly. Project Proponent should improve the system as much as possible. People should co-operate.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the complaints about dust pollution are received by MPCB at railway sidings and asked why Mist Type Fogger is not installed for it? Convener said that Mist Type Fogger is available in movable, truck mounted and in tractor mounted form. Convener suggested to install Mist Type Fogger on road at the entrance gate & at railway siding as there is transportation issue. Project Proponent said that further action will be taken immediately

**10) Shri Murlidhar Ramaji Aagtram, Member, Gram Panchayat Muthara,
Tal - Rajura, District - Chandrapur :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Project information was given in the presentation. The said company is in our area and is adjacent to the village. The unemployed in the village should get work. There is a problem of rail sliding. School buses have to wait for a long time if the train is standing. However, the company should build a paved road for us.	Suggestions are noted
2)	Villagers have demanded to the company to build the shed at the crematorium ghat. Though it is agreed by the company officials, one year have passed. Nothing is done. It is requested to company to fulfil the promise. If the railway stands more time, the local people suffers.	Project Proponent answered that shed will be built at the crematorium ghat.
3)	My farm is adjacent to railway siding. I get a lot of damage, the field gets a lot of dust. I have given my complaints regarding that. But till now I have not received any compensation. Photos of the damage are also given along with the complaints. Report of Agriculture Officer is also attached. However, compensation has not yet been received. While loading the crushed coal in the railway, there is so much dust that even the laborers cannot come to work in the fields. So the crops do not leave on time. It causes a lot of damage. The cotton in the field is completely black.	Project Proponent said that an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is being implemented by the company. Similarly, water is pumped by tankers. Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the complaints about dust pollution are received by MPCB at railway sidings and asked why Mist Type Fogger is not installed for it? Convener said that Mist Type Fogger is available in movable, truck mounted and in tractor mounted form. Convener suggested to install Mist Type Fogger on road at the entrance gate & at railway siding as there is transportation issue. Project

		Proponent said that further action will be taken immediately.
4)	Member, Public Hearing Committee on Environment suggested Mr. Atram to submit written application. As the written application was not available, it was suggested to bring it to the office on the next day.	Suggestion is noted.

11) Mrs. Karishma Bobade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Muthara, Tal- Rajura, District -Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	As the train stops for a long time, we suffer a lot, Sick people, school children have to wait at least one-and-a-half hours. However, the company should develop the alternate route.	Member, Public Hearing Committee on Environment suggested to resolve this issue immediately. At that time, the promoter of the project said that if the train stops for two hours, then we are also at a loss. We also corresponded with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway. At this time, Convener remarked that the train should not stand at the time of school and office time. Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to solve the issue at the earliest. Here, Project Proponent informed that if the train remains standing for two hours, we are also at a loss. We also made correspondence with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway. Convener, on this occasion expressed the opinion that the train should not stand there during school and office hours. Project Proponent further said that South-Central Railway supply the racks from

		Secunderabad, once they become available. Time cannot be informed. Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed his opinion here that this issue of the villagers must be resolved. Visit alongwith villagers to Senior Railway officials should be carried along with their Say. At that time, he suggested that the as company promised to build a paved road next to the company, it should be completed. Some local people were ready to provide No Objection Certificate for road under or above the railway line, but gram panchayat has not issued No Objection Certificate as some villagers demanded construction of both roads (above and below the railway line)
2)	The unemployed in the village should be given first priority for employment in the project.	Project Proponent informed that answer is already given.
3)	Effluent from the project flows into drains. The solution should be taken immediately.	Suggestions are noted

12) Shri Maruti Narayan Aaglave, Residence - Muthara, Taluka - Rajura, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My farm is nearby. The dust from the project has caused a lot of damage to agriculture crops. Vegetables grown in the field turn black. No matter how much you wash vegetables, they do not turn green. Hence, immediate measures should be implemented to prevent dust and pollution.	Suggestion is noted. Project Proponent promised to install fogger.

13) Shri Shankar Aatram, Residence - Pandharpauni, Tal-Rajura, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I was the contractor here. Trees have been planted by the project promoters. Also, the project promoters have brought water from Ragit in Rajura, not from the back drain.	Suggestion is noted

14) Shri Ranjan Aanandrao Lande, Residence-Pandharpauni, Taluka-Rajra, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Here everyone is presenting their problems. However, unemployment is also an important issue. It is necessary to have a project for that. The company is giving compensation to the surrounding farmers. However, farmers should apply and demand compensation. But employment is also a subject. Only local people are given employment in the project.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	During two years of drought at Pandhar Pauni village, the company bought water tankers from Rajura and deposited water into the wells of the village pipe system and then supplied water to the villagers. Helped for the village at that time. Not only these ten villages, but the company should do social work in the area.	Suggestions have been noted. Company helped various social schemes.
3)	Sarpanch suggested that solar street lights should be planned in the village. I have the same demand. Planning should be done for it.	Gram Panchayat should submit a proposal in this regard and definite further action will be taken in this regard.

15) Shri Nagurao Shankarrao Kaudagave, Residence-Pandhar Pauni, Tal - Rajuna, Dist - Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The side farm is mine. I had two acres of sugarcane. Sugar cane juice shop ran for two years from that time, the company was closed. The annual income is around Rs 6-7 lakh. Last year sugarcane was taken. It comes completely black. Compensation means that the child should not cry. Now when the car goes off the road, the dust of the company flies and falls on the crops in the fields. On one side is the company, on the other side is the road and on the third side is my farm in the company's new project. It is said that the laborers and locals will get employment here, but the farmers will have to migrate. Here the issues regarding employment, labor work were raised, but there is nothing in the case of farmers.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted. Project Proponent promised to install Fogger.</p>
2)	<p>Cotton turned black 5-6 years ago. District Administration Officer visited. At this time sugarcane was not valued as it was black, it was broken and thrown away. But I should be properly compensated, otherwise I have no other option but to commit suicide. If the government officials come with me now, I can show the current situation. If tomatoes are planted in the field, it is black, if purple is planted, it is black, if sugarcane is planted, it is black. A vegetable is planted, it is black, it is thrown away, if it is given to a bull, the bull does not eat it.</p>	<p>Company Administration promised to install fogger. Company has given compensation from time to time.</p>
3)	<p>Today permission has been given to the company along this road. So the dust falls on the road. People fall off bikes. Nothing further is visible while driving.</p>	<p>Company Administration agreed to install foggers.</p>

	Therefore, two-wheelers and four-wheelers coming from the road come to the farm as they cannot visible.	
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16) Shri Sandeep Bhivsan Gaikwad, Residence -Pandhar Pauni, Tal - Rajura, Dist - Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In the public hearing, the benefits and loss of the project are discussed. But if the project requires officers and employees, they should be appointed locally. For this, we had a hartal a few days ago. Our village Muthara is educated and there are 4-5 class one officers, who have become from this small village, also MBBS from Pandharpauni village. We will not allow people from outside the State instead of appointing local people.	Local people are working in the project and they will be given priority in job opportunities in future. Similarly, letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide job opportunities to the local people in the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres for the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project. Apart from that, if a local person desires job opportunities in the above cadre, he/she will be interviewed if he brings a letter from the Sarpanch. CSR Fund will be made available for providing civic amenities in the affected villages
2)	The number of educated unemployed people in this village is huge. Here we requires projects. However, if the project builds a dam on the Amal Canal at the back, it will increase the water level here. Our agriculture is grown on it. If water is not released, it dries up. Deepening of drains should be allowed, similarly permission should be given for construction of village roads. Otherwise, the Government should do it immediately.	Suggestions are noted.
3)	Many children in the villages of the project area are preparing for UPSC,	Suggestions are noted.

	MPSC. If they are adopted and their fees are paid, the farmer's son will be helped. Educational materials should be provided to them. If the people living in the project area are suffering from the pollution of the project, they should be helped.	
4)	Muthra village has a lot of drivers and cars. However, they should be given opportunities, contract works in the project.	Suggestion is noted.

17) Sou. Parvatabai B. Aatram, Ex-Sarpanch, Pandharpauni, Tal-Rajura, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	My farm is in Muthara Shivara. All vegetables turn black. If you go to the field in the morning, it is completely black. Company officials do not completely sprinkle water the road. Compensation does not exceed ten thousand.	Suggestions are noted.

18) Shri Gautam Pasalkar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Due to the damage caused to the surrounding villages due to this project, all the fields are covered with black layers, if the train stops, the medical van, and school bus also has to wait for a long time. Last 4-5 years, we had opposed the said project. At that time, the remuneration was informed. It is not known whether the payment has been	Project Proponent has promised to install Fogger.

	made or not. These farmers are poor. They should be paid first.	
2)	Another point the project should not be allowed near water source/body. Because mixing the black powder of the company in the water will spoil all the water sources. Animals are also suffering from various diseases because black dust falls on their fodder. Environment Department, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should take note of this.	Suggestions are noted
3)	Similarly, black dust of this company has caused cough and various diseases among the local people. Hence, free medicines should be provided to them. Similarly, those who are suffering from major diseases due to this dust should be taken to Nagpur and all the cost should be bear by the Project Proponent. I again request that the project should not be approved near any water source. These issues were raised in the last public hearing	Suggestions are noted.
4)	Local people, Project Affected Persons (PAPs) must get employment in the project. Here, they agree, then they don't give anything. The promise of employment should be given in writing. Educational facilities and medical facilities should be provided free of cost to PAPs and local people.	Project Proponent informed that local people will be given priority in the jobs.

19) Shri Vijay Thakare, Residence - Gadchandur, Taluka - Gadchandur, Dist - Chandrapur & President, Sanmitra Gram Vikas Seva Sanstha-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Regarding this coal washery, we had submitted a complaint to District Collector on 04th August, 2022 regarding the vehicular movements of the company. Our access road is 100	Suggestions are noted. Company Administration will issue instructions that trucks should be parked at one side of the road only.

<p>meters away from the project. A 40-ton trailer stands here.</p> <p>Shri. Sandeep Gaikwad, who was present on the occasion, objected that the Environment Committee should hear the problems of the affected villages in the project area. Locals do not have time here to listen to the complaints of social workers in the district, the Collector should call a separate meeting for that.</p> <p>At that time, the Chairman requested him to state his complaint in one minute. Shri Vijay Thackeray said that trucks stand on both sides of the road, we have no other road. If you come from behind, you have to park the car by the drain. So, trucks should not stand on both sides, we should be given a way to go. We must have a way to go.</p>	<p>Member asked to give explanation regarding truck parking.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that this National Highway is going to be developed. The project is moving. For this, the boundary wall will be taken back and truck parking will be done on the land of the project.</p>
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20) Shri Kishor Nibrad, Residence Muthara, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Farmers give their land for coal washeries. Many companies were started, then closed. Those farmers lost their jobs. The land was given to the company as the project management promised to give employment to their son/daughter. The land is gone. Jobs are gone, companies are also closed. This is a very big social issue.	Suggestions are noted.

21) Shri Vitthalrao Karmankar, Ex-Sarpanch, Muthara, Tal - Rajura, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This company will come, it is a golden opportunity for our village. Job opportunities in the project should be given to local people, young women of my village. The company should respond to various social activities in our village.	Suggestion is welcomed.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that various suggestions, objections were raised during the meeting, The issues raised were crop damage especially in neighboring fields due to dust, rail sliding, train stopping for long time for loading, local people, school bus, ambulance taking unnecessary long time, construction of shed in crematorium, help for Hanuman temple in the village. He requested Project Proponent to give explanation regarding the same.

22) Shri Ramesh Pawar, Pandharpauni, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It is good to build a company. In our Pandhar Pauni village, there is a large number of unemployed people. There are educated unemployed here. They will all get work. There is no problem in giving permission to the company.	Suggestions are noted.
2)	The company should sprinkle water to avoid dust pollution. The company should employ local youth. I support the project.	Suggestions are noted.

Project Proponent gave his name as Kushal Gupta. He started answering each and every question. He said that the company is informing about the activities planned under CSR and CER funds.

- 1) Letters have been sent to the Sarpanchs of the surrounding villages to provide information to the local people of employment in the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres for the next one and a half to two years during the construction phase of the project and after the completion of the project. Apart from that, if a local person desires employment in the above cadre, he will have to bring a letter from the Sarpanch;
- 2) There is a railway siding at the back side of the company. It comes under Central Railway, Government of India. Various companies load their goods there. Now WCL has started loading their cargo. Company's loading is not even 5%-10% of WCL's loading. So WCL has 50 racks while our company has 5 racks. We have made correspondence several times with the Central Railway regarding the difficulty that the villagers are facing in reaching that side of the railway siding. But there is no response from them;
- 3) At this time Shri Jitendra Baburao Jiwane, Police Patil objected that WCL has nothing to do with this sliding. Because WCL has independent sliding. Project Proponent are giving wrong information;
- 4) At that time project promoter Mr. Kushal Gupta said that PRPL code is available, there are two platforms available. WCL from one platform and other companies from other platforms.

At this time, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested to explain about the gate being closed. Here Project Proponent said that if the train remains standing for two hours, then we are also at a loss. We also corresponded with South Central Railway to Secunderabad. There is no response from the railway.

On this occasion, Convener expressed the opinion that the train should not stand there during school and office hours. Project Proponent further said that South-Central Railway supply the racks from Secunderabad once they become available. Railway authorities does not tell the time.

Member, expressed his opinion here that this issue of the villagers must be resolved. Senior Railway officials should be met with local people along with their Say.

At that time, he suggested to some of the participants that the company promised to build a paved road next to the company, it should be completed. If No Objection Certificate is given, road under or above the railway line can be

built, but as some villagers demanded construction of both roads (above and below) Gram Panchayat has not given No Objection Certificate.

- 5) Project Proponent informed that the point on compensation for the damage of agriculture crop is raised here.

Member here referred the demand made by the farmer of Pandhar Kavani Shri Nagurao Shankarrao Koudgave.

Project Proponent informed that we pay compensation every year. He provided a copy of it.

Shri Nagurao Shankarrao Kaudgave said that every year Rupees 80,000/- compensation is given. But there is loss of 7-8 lakh every year.

Shri Kaudgave remarked that Rupees Twenty five lakhs was received as compensation for the road, here only 80,000/- despite loss of 7-8 lakhs per year.

At that time, Project Proponent remarked that compensation is given more as the land goes forever, how will it be given for crops? But a letter should be submitted to the company regarding that, surely a way will be worked out.

Here the Chairman opined that the compensation should be increased. It cannot be kept fixed. Member asked to call a meeting of the concerned PAPs immediately and find a solution;

- 6) The project promoter said that there was a demand to build a shed on the cremation ghat. It will definitely be provided.
- 7) Loaders are available in the company and it will be made available. The letters are available for it;
- 8) A green belt will be developed for disturbance caused by rack loading to railway sidings, so as not to damage the surrounding agriculture.
- 9) Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that if railway sidings are receiving complaints about dust pollution, why Mist Type Fogger is not installed for it. Convener said that Mist Type Fogger is available in movable, truck mounted, tractor mounted. Convener suggested to install Mist Type Fogger on railway siding as there is transportation issue. The project promoter said that further action will be taken immediately.

- 10) Project Proponent said that if the dry washing unit is changed to wet washing, the pollution will automatically reduce.
- 11) Solar power plants will definitely be provided. At that time Mr. Nandkishore Subhash Wade, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Kalamna, Taluka-Rajura, District-Chandrapur said that solar energy panels are to be installed to provide electricity to the village. At that time, the promoter of the project remarked that the need of the village should be informed letter, it will definitely be considered.
- 12) As informed in the Presentation, 50-60 skilled workers will be required, the local people will be appointed. Also, in the unskilled category, local people will be given opportunity.
- 13) Project promoter said concrete road will be constructed. The company doesn't just make promises, because we have all the evidence.
- 14) Member suggested clarification regarding truck parking. The project promoter said that this national highway is going to be developed. The project is moving. For this, the boundary wall will be taken back and truck parking will be done.
- 15) Project Proponent suggested to submit the list of skilled and unskilled local youth.

Chairman suggested that each village should submit its list to the company.

- 16) Project Proponent informed that the treated effluent will be recycled and reused in the process. Hence, the effluent will not enter into the nalla. Now also, it is not going into nalla.
- 17) Last year, Khamona village has demanded to conduct Medical Camp. He said that the aim is to organize a medical camp every three months.
- 18) The demands made by the Gram Panchayat will be definitely considered.

Shri Rajesh Bele demanded that if dust from the project is causing harm to children, it is your responsibility to organize children's health camps. However, how many child medical camps will be conducted every year?

At that time, the Project Proponent said that pediatricians will be called in the medical camp. Chairman suggested that as many project-affected villages as possible should be contacted and organized medical camps.

Chairman of the meeting while concluding the meeting said that today we have gathered here to conduct the Environment Public Hearing of M/s N.N. Global Mercantile Pvt. Ltd.,) Survey No.131/2, 131/3, 131/4, Village - Muthara, Taluka-Rajura, District-Chandrapur, Maharashtra for their modification in existing 2.0 MTPA Dashed Coal Crushing Unit to 2.0 MTPA Wet Coal Washery.

This Committee is constituted to note the suggestions, objections of the local people regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee does not have any power to sanction, recommend or reject the project.

Chairman further said that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting have been noted and minutes of the meeting will be prepared in Marathi and English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions, objections through MPCB Head Office at Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision regarding this project. The copy of the minutes and video will be made available after request only.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all the local people, project affected people, government officials and employees, Police Department, all the management of the project and announced that the public hearing has been concluded.

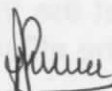
Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 28 suggestions/objections received by the office.



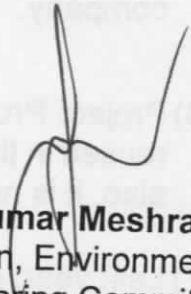
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