

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN LIME STONE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 1.5 MTPA TO 3.5 MTPA, TOP SOIL 0.13 MTPA WASTE/OB/IB- 2.26 MTPA, SUB GRADE 0.50 MTPA (TOTAL EXCAVATION 6.39 MTPA) AND PROPOSED CRUSHER OF 1600.0 TPH IN MARATHA LIMESTONE MINE, ML-I (ML AREA – 579.900 HECTOR) LOCATED AT VILLAGE-THUTRA & LAKMAPUR, TALUKA-KORPANA & VILLAGE-HIRAPUR, ISAPUR & SONAPUR, TALUKA -RAJURA, DISTRICT -CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S AMBUJA CEMENTS LTD., MARATHA LIMESTONE MINE, VILLAGE – THUTRA & LAKSHMAPUR (TALUKA-KORPARNA) & VILLAGE- HIRAPUR, ISAPUR & SONAPUR, TALUKA-RAJURA, DISTRICT – CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA

Date : 03-05-2023
Time : 12.00 A.M,
Place : At Project Site, M/s Ambuja Cements Limited, Maratha Lime Stone Mine, Village Thutra, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Ambuja Cements Ltd, Maratha Limestone Mine, village – Thutra & Lakshmapur (Tehsil-Korparna) & village Hirapur, Isapur & Sonapur Tal-Rajura, Dist- 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 the Proposed Expansion in Limestone Production Capacity from 1.5 MTPA to 3.5 MTPA, Top Soil 0.13 MTPA Waste/OB/IB- 2.26MTPA, Sub Grade 0.50 MTPA(total excavation 6.39 MTPA) and Proposed crusher of 1600.0 TPH in Maratha Limestone Mine, ML-I(ML area-579.900 Ha) located at Village – Thutra & Lakshmapur (Taluka-Korpana) & village Hirapur, Isapur & Sonapur Taluka-Rajura, District- Chandrapur, Maharashtra. was conducted on Thursday, the 03th May, 2023 at 12.00 noon at project site of M/s Ambuja Cement Limited (Unit-Maratha Cement Works), Village – Thutra & Lakshmapur (Taluka-Korpana) & village Hirapur, Isapur & Sonapur Taluka-Rajura, District- Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned on 12 May 2022. 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 A1(a), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Ambuja Cements Ltd, Maratha Limestone Mine, Village Thutra & Lakshmapur (Tehsil-Korpana) & village Hirapur, Isapur & Sonapur Tal-Rajura, Dist- Chandrapur, Maharashtra Maharashtra, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 25/01/2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 03-05-2023. 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, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India, Nagpur Edition for English on 01-04-2023. 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) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
- (2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- (3) Regional Office, and Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (4) Collector Office, Chandrapur.
- (5) Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur.
- (7) Sub-Divisional Office Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Tahsil Office Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Tahsil Office Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Municipal Council Office, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Korpana, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur.

- (13) Panchayat Samiti Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur
- (14) Copies of the draft EIA Report, Executive Summary in Marathi & English are kept at nearby Grampanchayat Offices such as Upparwahi, Lakhamapur, Gadchandur, Thutra & Pipalgaon, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur & Belampur, Isapur & Sonapur, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.04 to 14 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-27/2022 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-230426-FTS-0009, dated 26/04/2023 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,
Regional Officer – Chandrapur,
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Convener |

This office is in receipt 24 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 Umashankar Bhaudule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Vishalkumar Meshram, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

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

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

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

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

Detailed Information of the Project -

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

After 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 Vikram Yerne, Sabhapati, Nagar Parishad, Gadchandur, Tal - Korpana, District – Chandrapur:-

I am raising following points in the public hearing meeting:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Project Environmental Consultant of the project has given a presentation about the project. It is stated in the presentation that the expansion project is going to increase job opportunities. It will benefit the local people. But today the situation is	Project Proponent replied that the first question is about VRS. VRS is a continuous process. Many people take it voluntarily. Similarly, VRS is given only to some if they have health problems or any family issues.

	<p>different. Ambuja Cement Company has given VRS to 200 people during last one year. In the proposed project, 82 persons will be given job opportunities. As mentioned in the Presentation, 35 new and remaining posts will be given employment to previous (working) employees. If 200 people are being given VRS, the question arises whether the project will benefit the local people. It is necessary to benefit the people of the area through employment of this project.</p>	
2)	<p>At this time Shri Airne said that not only in this company, but in all the other companies in the area by forcing people to take VRS, they hire contract persons for that position only at Rs.15,000/-. The unemployed are willing to work for less money.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
3)	<p>The second issue is about Project Affected Persons (PAPs), it is very important. Although the Ambuja company is ahead of other companies in the area, many of the project victims who were given land in 2000 are still not given jobs. They should be given immediately. Those who have not been given jobs should be included in the expansion project.</p>	<p>We have been directed to give jobs to the PAPs. It is expressed here that it does not mean that no one got the job. However, PAPs are given priority for employment in the project. However, if there are any project victims, their list should be given to the company administration, we will certainly try to include them in the company if possible.</p>
4)	<p>Shri Airne objected here that now the project victims are protesting at the gate. The list of project victims must be available with the company administration. It is necessary to have information about how many people have been given employment and how many people are still awaiting the jobs.</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>
5)	<p>It is objected that the Online data is altered and reported that the air pollution level is within the prescribed limits. In fact, it is observed that there has been a huge</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>

	<p>increase in air pollution. Company has monitoring stations that show the level of air pollution. But at Gadchandur, there is a government data collection center on the Municipal Council Building. It has been inactive for several days. Repeatedly, we have complained. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should take note of the fact that it is a government data collection center and it is not operational and it should be made operational immediately.</p>	
6)	<p>In local language, Transport Town is called where the National High Way No.353 passes. Project Proponent has arranged the parking of trucks coming to the company. Many trucks belonging to the company are parked there. Due to this, the local people face difficulty in commuting and area has become accident prone area. The former MP's car has also met with an accident there. Hence, the company should make an alternative arrangement, so that vehicles will not be parked on the road. The present MP has also informed to Regional Transport Office about this.</p>	<p>We have given instructions regarding parking which are very important. The company administration has also realized that now due to the highway, vehicles will go there faster. A drawing has been prepared for that. It has been approved. Accordingly, concretization will be done. The work will be taken up immediately.</p>
7)	<p>At that time, Shri Airne opined that the parking lot of the company is big enough. But planning and control regarding parking is necessary. Similarly, if truck drivers violate the rules, their contracts should be cancelled and they should be punished.</p>	<p>Project Proponent also supported the suggestion.</p>
8)	<p>The next point is that there is a big pit 100-200 meters away from the proposed project. It is at least 4-5 hectares. There is water in it and ten persons have lost their lives by falling into the water. We have given a statement to the Tahsildar that the pit should be</p>	<p>A suggestion regarding the nearby pit is made. People have fallen in it and lost their lives. The local people have suggested company to put some material to fill the hole. If the material is removed for 15 years, then 15 years will be required to fill it back. However, according to the safety instructions of</p>

	<p>filled. But if the company has a large quantity of O.B. and if it used, it is not a big problem to fill the hole for the company. But the company is turning a blind eye here.</p>	<p>DGMS, the company has installed a fence of the specified height and another thing Ambuja company has done is that there is a notice and image written on the side of the road. But it is regretted to inform all participants that the fences that have been installed are broken, the wires are cut. Local people are requested to help that they should create awareness in the village and guide the local people that it is dangerous to sit inside the pit. Company Administration will monitor it.</p>
9)	<p>Shri Airne remarked that plenty O.B. is available with the company. Also the pit is not useful to the company, hence O.B. should be used to fill the pit. Even if the company appoints one guard, he will not be able to manage five-seven hectares of area. Also, the company should take care that there is no loss of life and in case of loss of life, a case will be filed against the company. There is only option is to fill the pit. Project Proponent should take positive decision for the welfare of the people.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
10)	<p>The next point is that the village Gadchandur is in the affected area of the project. Here the social work of Ambuja Foundation through CSR fund is very good. But we feel that Gadchandur village has been neglected. Hence, the company administration should carry social work for Gadchandur village through CSR funds.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that a demand is made for spending CSR funds for Gadchandur. However, after discussing it Shri Mr. Airne after 4-5 days, if there are any errors, deficiencies, they will be sorted out.</p>
11)	<p>Similarly, according to Table No. 3.21 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, the wild life found in this area. If we assess the records of the Forest Department, there are signs of leopard habitat at the back of the place where the public hearing is arranged. It is not</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>

	mentioned anywhere in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. This should be noted. The Table no. 3.2 is mentioned in the EIA report. There is mention of Chita. But the reports with the company, there is no mention of any wild animals, protected animals.	
12)	Shri Airne objected that as per the report of the Forest Department, there was evidence of leopard habitat in the village behind the company. Similar evidences have been found in Gadchandur too.	Project officer promised to study and check the evidence in this regard.
13)	The water required for this project will be lifted from Pagadiguddam dam. But the company can build a private dam in Isapur village near here. If a dam is constructed in Isapur village, it will benefit the company and the village as well. If a private dam is planned for the project, the farmers' water which the company is using will be available to the farmers and the anger towards the company will be reduced.	Project Proponent said that it is suggested here to construct a small dam at Isapur. In this regard, the company administration will visit Isapur and will study all the aspects. If it will benefit local people, it will definitely be considered positively.
14)	National Highway Govindpur to Rajura is in progress. But in the entire EIA report, it is not mentioned anywhere. And the same national highway has a railway crossing of Ambuja cement near Hardona village. While National Highways Authority made correspondence with Ambuja Cement for the over crossing, Ambuja avoided to construct the over crossing by informing that our trains run very less. However, we, local people demand that a railway overbridge should be made of pillars structure.	Project Proponent replied that it will be incorporated in final ETA report. Also we will discuss with the National Highway Authority and further action will be initiated.
15)	Shri Airne said that he had gone to the National Highway Authority office. At that time, the local administration said that wherever	Suggestion is noted.

	<p>there was a railway crossing, the National Highway Authority had said that Ambuja Cement should make ROB. It is alleged that as the company has to spend half of it, so the company says that their trains are less. The people who go to Chandrapur has to bear closing of gate for 2-3 times only. If Ambuja's project is of Rs 8,000 crore, then the company will not be burdened if it spends it for the benefit of the people.</p>	
16)	<p>This EIA report does not study temperature rise. In the EIA report page no.73 the highest temperature in the area is shown as 42.8°C. Everyone knows that temperature can get up to 48°C here in May. If false information is given in the EIA report, we question the validity of the EIA report itself.</p>	<p>Point noted, it will be incorporated in final EIA. You mentioned temperature rise. If the report says 42°, here it is 48°. Since the colony has a green belt, so the temperature there is low. So what is observed during the survey, it is presented.</p>
17)	<p>Shri Yerne said that senior citizens of the area say that when there was no project, there was no such temperature here. It is not mentioned in your executive summary report. Whereas in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report page no. 73, there is only one line for temperature. There the temperature is misinterpreted. If you mention about temperature rise, Indian Government will give you some measures about it. He suggested that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should make some suggestions regarding the temperature.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted</p>
18)	<p>The agriculture fields of some people in the area is locked in mine area. There are mines all around and agriculture fields is in between. I have proof of Shri Prashant Vitthalrao Zade and Pravin Vitthalrao Zade. Their survey no. 225/1 and</p>	<p>Project officials said that in many places, spaces are left around or on both sides of the farm. Due to the project area, they are not able to go to the farm. You have given the survey numbers. Then the decision will be taken about it. Company</p>

	<p>225/2, Tuthra. Their agriculture is locked in the mining area. They don't even have a road to go to the farm. Company should make arrangement for such affected farmers to go to the farm.</p>	<p>representatives will discuss this with them. If the problems are solved by purchasing the respective plot/land, then efforts will be made to solve the problem co-operatively.</p>
19)	<p>Can common people in the village stay in touch with the Online Continuous Monitoring System (OCMS)? The station must be accessible to the public. Only then will public trust on company's Online Continuous Monitoring System (OCMS) system.</p>	<p>Project proponent said that this suggestion is definitely good. If such a rule comes into existence in future, we will definitely implement it.</p>
20)	<p>When this company came into existence in 2001, Gadchandur was a small village. Later 2-3 companies came in this area. Ambuja Company acquired the entire land near the road in the name of mines. For that, the company paid to some, not to some.</p> <p>Gadchandur is the main place of all these 12 villages and 50 small villages. Now, the Government does not have any space to build a bus stand there. Between 2011-12, Ambuja Cement agreed before the Collector, People's Representative that two acres of land would be made available for a bus stand. The company acquired the space/land under the name of Mines. Company cannot carry mining activities 200 meters next to the road. Till two acre plot has not been transferred to MSRDC. That's why there is such a taluka in entire Maharashtra that there is no bus stand here. The reason for this is that Ambuja kept the entire space next to the road. However, the company management is requested to resolve the plot transfer proposal in the next 1-2 months. The company should accept it.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>

Here, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants that since the said public hearing is about the environment of the proposed project, only environmental issues should be raised.

2) Shri Chandrakant Suresh Zade, Project Affected Person :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Just as environmental impact of the project is studied, in the same way, the social impact of the project should also be considered. A separate public hearing should be held for that too.	Project Proponent said that the first question asked was that along with the Environmental Report, there is a need to study the social impact of the proposed project. We will discuss this with District Administration alongwith Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and follow the directives of the Government.
2)	Our village is Ardakhurd. Our village suffer the shocks of blasting. When anybody wakes up in the morning and watches, dust is accumulated in the house.	Project Officer replied that the issue of blasting is raised. Project Officer replied to Shri Zade that we are doing Control Blasting. We study it from time to time. We had studied in 2019. Now we are going to study it this year. As the vibrations go to distant villages, we take readings of each blasting with a seismograph. The prescribed limit to us is followed. The level of blasting will be 2.5 – 3.0. Project proponent said that once again the level of blasting by machine will be measured. But if you are suffering, then it can be studied.
3)	He further said that I have a list of 105 Project Affected Persons (PAPs). I fasted for 45 days. Once the mines were taken over. Later, the Government set up a One-Member Inquiry Committee. The inquiry committee has recommended the Government to cancel the contract of the company. As per Clause 8 of the agreement, the	Suggestions have been noted.

	<p>company did not disclose the number of jobs given to the project victims from time to time. The process of canceling the contract of the company is going on at the government level. So, the company should explain this to me. Company has not given the data about how many project victims have been given jobs till now, in which cadre they have been given to the Collector office, nor has it been given to the Ministry, Government.</p> <p>This is a violation of the Constitution. If law enforcement is the same for everyone, then why not to this company? So why action is not initiated against the industry?</p>	
4)	<p>However, just as an environmental report is made, a social impact report should be made. There should be a public hearing on that too</p> <p>The company's waste/garbage trucks pass through the village. We have to bear its smell. Company parking lot on Gadchandur, Rajura highway road. So there are accidents. The company's carbon emissions are high.</p>	<p>Project Officer said that they have raised the issue of parking. It bothers us too. In that regard, the proposal to levy penalty for wrong parking is certainly good and will be discussed with the concerned department.</p>
5)	<p>Shri Chandrakant Zade objected that the data sent by the company was incorrect. Shri Zade said that we protested as one, so the Government constituted an inquiry committee. The inquiry committee reported that the concerned company had violated the norms. However, the contract of that company should be cancelled.</p>	<p>Project Officer said that we have given all the data requested by the District Administration twice</p>
6)	<p>In the list, survey number of project affected, village name, tehsil name, district name is not given.</p>	<p>Project Officer said that the information requested by the Collector Office has been submitted to the Collector Office from time to time and will be submitted in the future as well.</p>
7)	<p>As gas emissions occur, their data should be visible online to local people. Local people should know how much carbon is emitted by the company.</p>	<p>Project Officer said that the online display is being done as per the rules and it is posted at the gate. We have</p>

		to follow the rules of the Government of India.
8)	<p>The notice of public hearing was published in the local newspaper-Lokmat on 1st April, 2023. It is written that the environmental suggestions, objections, about the above project should be submitted to the local MPCB office within 30 days.</p> <p>However, we have submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Executive Summary Report of the proposed project to the local Gram Panchayat. It was given in the paper on 1st April, but given to Gram Panchayat on 13th April, so we got the report almost 15 days late.</p>	Suggestions is noted.
9)	<p>He further said that the company has done well that the company is coming up with a Waste Recovery Plant. It is 45 MW. Very nice work. So how much manpower is required in this 45 MW project?</p> <p>It is objected that how is the project going on today when the No Objection Certificate/ Consent to Operate has expired on 30-10-2022?</p> <p>According to the information provided by you, the manpower requirement is 1400 persons. Among them regular – 50, contract – 150 – total 200.0</p> <p>The further process of canceling the contract of the company is going on at the government level as the company has violated the contract. However, this should be disclosed.</p> <p>He added that just as environmental liability is considered, social liability should also be considered.</p>	Project Officer said that since the matter is for tomorrow's meeting. The query is not related to mine.
10)	<p>The benefit of your company must be shared by all sections of the society. But even Ambuja's medical service is not suitable. The van that provided, the medical facilities that are provided, are not suitable. It must also be available to other villages of the twelve villages.</p>	<p>Suggestions is noted.</p> <p>Project Officer said that ultimately the company has a social responsibility. However, the company and its social responsibility should not be separated</p>

<p>Even your employees are not taking treatment in your hospital. So all facilities should be provided there. I did not get a job in Ambuja. This is expected to be answered. My nine acres of land was on the side of the highway. It was total black, fertile field. Ambuja took it. My land was taken, but I didn't even get employment.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to give employment contract to the one whose land is acquired. So when will I get a job? It is necessary for the company to work according to the rules of the constitution. However, the public need should be considered. Your project runs because of them. Your project stands because the farmer gives the land. You get money. However, the rights of the victims should not be neglected. Similarly, this is a public hearing. Not everyone in the village reads the paper. Lately you have sent the environmental report to our village gram panchayat. He asked for an explanation regarding the approval MPCB. How the project is in operation if the validity has expired? The company made the tribals landless. According to law, tribals cannot be deprived of land. If his land is taken, he must be given employment. All the project victims must be rehabilitated.</p> <p>Shri Zade said he is requesting Environmental Public Hearing Committee to instruct the company to grant their justice demands.</p>	
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Shri Zade asked Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee that online display at Gadchandur has been set up. If it is not operational, it should be implemented immediately.

3) Shri Pravin Matale, Residence – Rajura, Taluka – Rajura, District – Chandrapur:-

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)	<p>What the company management says, it does nothing. Similarly, the rules that the government asks to be followed, the company does not implement. We are project victims. We protested for 47 days with Shri Pradeep Deshmukh. Later, the Government constituted an inquiry committee. He said that there is an agreement between the company and the government that whatever information the District Administration asks for, it must be given to the company. But the then management of the company violated all the rules. Similarly, it was told in the meeting that all the project victims have been given jobs. However, the company submitted wrong information to the government from time to time. My question is that the company replied that no project victim is deprived of contract of employment. So, the company is giving completely wrong information here. There is mainly a tribal community in the area. They live in a small hut. Their children are roaming without work. Ambuja Company is doing more injustice to the tribal community than the British did. Thousands of outsiders got jobs on tribal community land. But the tribal society is fragmented. I have been fighting against injustice with the company management for the past ten years. Those whose land was not lost got jobs. We allege that the management of the company has taken money and given jobs to some people. But the project victims, whose lands were lost, have not got jobs. However, the company should follow all the rules passed by the government and give justice to the project victims in the spirit of humanity.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that the company does not intentionally do injustice to anyone. As per the list of project victims with the company administration, we have given employment contract. Similarly, if there is any error in the information with the company, it will be corrected immediately and justice will be given to the project victims. Company management has no idea about the fact that some people have paid for getting jobs though they were not PAPs. Such things will be monitored by the company.</p>

2)	We have a Representative Committee. Company should arrange a meeting of Representative Committee and Collector immediately.	Company Management promised to do it.
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4) Shri Rajesh Bele, Founder Chairman, Sanjivani Samajik Prayavaran Sanstha, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This public hearing is about Environment. Forest is also related to the environment. However, Forest Department officials must be present in this meeting.	Suggestion is noted.
2)	87,685 trees were cut down during the establishment of the Ambuja Cement Project in 2001. However, trees have not been planted in violation of the rules. As per the rules, the company was obliged to plant 8,76,850 trees. If the company management would have followed the rules, the environment would have changed, the pollution would have been reduced. However, the company has not planted any kind of trees. There was a dense forest here, the tribals, farmers were living in the forest, their livelihood was destroyed. Their livelihood was taken away, their agricultural lands were taken, but they were not given employment. This is a tragedy. According to a March, 2023 report by Zilla Parishad, Health Department, Chandrapur, this Ambuja project has created the biggest health hazard due to pollution in Gadchandur, and surrounding villages. . It has been mentioned that 360 citizens are affected by pollution and four citizens have died due to pollution in two years. A photocopy of that report is being submitted.	Project Proponent replied that he has raised the issue of plantation. At the time, Shri Bele objected that the company had cut down 87,685 trees prior to 2001. So an answer should be given regarding that. The project promoters replied that we are required to develop 33% green belt of the project and we are developing green belt in the project area. Every year its accounts are checked (Audit). The number of trees is counted every year. Accordingly we have 35% green belt developed.

3)	<p>In the EIA report submitted by the project Environmental Consultant, the level of air pollution (air index) shown by them is completely false. Environmental Consultant has checked the level of air pollution through their plant. However, I request that the level of air pollution here should be checked by the modern equipment of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. After obtaining information under Right To Information (RTI) Act, it is often found that company's air pollution levels are at higher side. Gadchandur residents have also protested due to air pollution of this factory. Hence, only after removing all the errors in the working project, the public hearing of the project should be conducted again.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
4)	<p>Dust particles which mix into the air due to transport in the project. At the time of setting up the project, the company management had promised that the company would keep all pollution under control. They have not followed it. Now the company management is making false promises to get permission for the new expansion project.</p> <p>There is a threat to the lives of the local citizens here. According to the Mining Act, 1983, the land from which the minerals are mined, be it limestone, iron ore, coal ore, as the mining subsides, the land filling operation has to be started in another area. It was amended in the Mining Act, 1983. Even so, the company is not extinguishing the mine.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
5)	<p>Hence, it is requested to Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee that once the mining is over, the extinguishing work should also be done as per the rules.</p> <p>Why didn't they keep their promise not to pollute? When it is mandatory to slag the mine after the mining is stopped, the companies do not do it, be it WCL or</p>	Suggestion is noted.

	<p>limestone. However, the Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee is requested that as many mines as there are in this area, work should also be done to extinguish them as per the rules. There is also a law to return the land to the farmers after mining. But mines are not extinguished. Because farmers are obliged to grow crops on the farm land and huge costs are incurred to extinguish the mine and it is the benefit of the farmers. Farmers' land is given to the company only for mining</p> <p>There are rules for returning the land to the farmers once the project is completed. It is written in the Act of 1858 and the Act of 1968. But those rules are not followed.</p>	
6)	<p>Why company did not set up a multi-specialist hospital for the local people? Promises are made at public hearing meetings, then nothing is done. Small health camps are organized. Why does the company that earns money by taking the land of the local people here not take care of the health of the locals? This is tragic.</p> <p>However, a new project should be approved only if a multi-specialty hospital is established in the affected village before the project starts. Otherwise we are against this project.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
7)	Shri Rajesh Bele suggested to give the figure of how many trees were planted?	Project Proponent that eight lakh trees have been planted in the project
8)	At that time, Shri Bele asked the participants whether there were eight lakh trees in the project. Shri Bele said that as per the rules, the company is required to plant 8,76,850 trees. Government letter/report stating that there are eight lakh trees in the project should be shown.	Project Proponent that if 10-15 minutes time is given, the detailed information about it will be made available.
9)	Shri Bele asked the Project Proponent to inform about the measures taken to	Project Proponent that the prescribed standards are being

	control the pollution, because according to the report of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board, Ambuja Company is the most polluting company. NEERI report also supports it. So, why has the company still not reduced the pollution?	followed as per the directives of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Air pollution measuring devices are located around the project.
10)	Shri Bele then read out that April 17, 2023 – SO ₂ – 813.0; 13 March 2023 - – SO ₂ – 412.0; PM ₁₀ – 212.0; The day before yesterday - SO ₂ – 1516.0 ,	<p>Project officials said the project has been following the prescribed standards. As the dates are mentioned, Company Administration will check it completely. But our readings are below the prescribed standards. He asked the company what kind of measures they were going to take. Project Officer informed that –</p> <p>A) The pollution control plant is interlocked in the project; B) All the pollution control devices are regularly inspected as per the directions of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board; C) As per the directives of Central Pollution Control Board & Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Online Continuous Monitoring System is in operation and display is kept at main gate of the company; D) Water is sprinkled on the road from time to time; E) Tree plantation programme is carried out from time to time during rainy season;</p>
11)	Shri Bele said that under the Environment Act, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board enforces various environmental laws, while it is the responsibility of the company to bring the pollution under control and within the prescribed standards. It is your duty to reduce pollution for public interest. A clean environment is the right of all mankind. Nobody cannot	Project Officer said that “Clean Environment” is everyone’s right. It is the responsibility of the company, according to which we are strictly following the prescribed standards and implementing various environmental protection schemes. We Continuously Monitoring day to day situation. We are committed for

	remove it. 85% of the people in the meeting are victims of pollution.	the protection of environment and accordingly we take care.
12)	It is objected that the companies here shut down the pollution control plant at night, as it saves the maintenance cost of the pollution control plant.	Project officials said that dust from the project enter the colony. We have implemented most advanced pollution control system in the project.
13)	Transport trucks come here, they stop on the road. Due to this, traffic is obstructed for the local people and it causes pollution. However, arrangements should be made for trucks and tankers to stand within the company's premises and local people should be allowed to remove the punctures and set up shop for tea, so that the local people will get employment and the problem of coming trucks will be removed.	Project Officer promised to consider the suggestions.
14)	Shri Bole objected that information about the number of trees planted was not made available. Although the said hearing is an open public hearing on environmental issues, it is seen that the Project Proponent do not have environmental information. People are being misinformed that they have not planted eight lakh trees. Similarly, local people are demanding that ITI fee should be discounted. But I am demanding that full fee be waived for locals. It is necessary to make ITI education free for all village children through CSR funds.	Suggestions have been noted

5) Shri Shankar Todase, Sarpanch, Mangi BK, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am giving information about the good things the village got due to Ambuja company and information on social issues:-	Suggestions have been noted.

	<p>Ambuja Cement Foundation is definitely doing better social work than other companies. Many roads in the village have been constructed by this company. Gymnasium, talking walls (class room walls painted with flowers and images in every school), library, e-learning system, Ambuja Cement Foundation has implemented. Also many efforts were made to improve the quality of schools. Also, many small businesses like poultry farming, goat rearing have been set up through self-help groups under Women's Empowerment Programme. There is a large tribal community here and earlier women were afraid to come and share their problems. Now here they are coming forward and started to tell with mental confidence. This is achievement.</p>	
2)	<p>Also, Company has provided small Reverse Osmosis Plants (RO Plant) for clean water planning for Zilla Parishad schools and villages. Also, in order to bring agriculture under irrigation, construction work of many bhandara/dams is done in Mangi. Work has been done from the perspective of deepening and straightening. In order to improve agriculture cultivation with minimum water, many social works like drip, sprinkler scheme, preparation of biological medicines, farms, small bhandara/dams, removal of silt from drains and dumping it in the fields have been done. An Oxygen Park has been set up at Mangi.</p> <p>6,000 trees have been planted there by Ambuja. We have planted 4,000 together 10,000 trees by Gram Panchayat. The trees that survived are being nurtured by the local people. So all the Mangi village is looking green. With the co-operation of Ambuja, Mangi village has become a "Smart Village" in</p>	<p>Project Proponent that Mangi village has come forward as a "Model village". Congratulations to all the villagers for that. CSR funds are being spent properly in Mangi village, it is good for project and society.</p>

	the district. All this is due to Ambuja Cement Foundation only.	
3)	Now, in this project expansion, Ambuja Cement should give employment contracts to the young boys and girls of the adopted villages in the project. Also, the Marathi locals who are senior have not been retained in the project. If person from other State get permanent, local people have been working for Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/- for many years. However, they should be inducted into permanent service.	Project Officer said that here the issue of employment for the youth of the core village is raised. As informed in this meeting, we will make the list of the people and if there are any errors in it, they will be corrected. Those who are local and are with us, will definitely be given preference in terms of employment. The suggestion that some locals should be inducted into the project on a permanent basis. It is not possible to give immediate information about this here. However, some consideration can be given to provide more facilities to the concerned employees by calling a meeting in this regard.
4)	Education in ITIs in core villages should be made free to local people.	It is suggested that fees should be waived for poor children in ITI. This is very good suggestion and positive decision will be taken after considering future aspects.
5)	As big dams are built, small dams and drains should be deepened. Water will be available everywhere and agriculture will get plenty of water. It is necessary to complete those schemes by giving cost concessions in drip irrigation to the poor villages. Compound fencing facilities should be made available to small farmers	Responding to the suggestion to give discount on money deposit to local farmers regarding drip irrigation, the company official said that this is a very good suggestion and while deciding the policy, all aspects will be considered and a study will be done to see how it will benefit to the maximum farmers.
6)	Although ours is a smart village. There are piles of dung scattered about though, it doesn't look good. Even if dung is left to rot, it should be cleaned with a contribution of Rs 500-1,000. Ambuja should think about how the savings groups will be empowered by giving loans of 10 to 20 lakh rupees to the savings groups.	Also, a decision will be taken after discussing with the local farmers about how the dung heaps can be removed in a better manner with contributions from the farmers.
7)	Only one village of Mangi Budruk has been adopted by the company and	Project Officer said that it is not possible to take a decision here, but

	other villages have been left out ie Mangi Khurd, Ranjiguda and Khaireguda. It will be right to include these villages and give them concessions.	some work can be undertaken in this regard. For that, the company administration will give a definite consideration in the meeting. You need to plan if you need to make any changes or improvements to the group you have created. It has to be decided after discussing with local people.
8)	If there is space on the side of the road, if we get soil from mines, we can plant trees there.	Project Officer answered that after discussions with Mines Administration, further decision will be taken.

6) Smt. Tai Kelvatkar, Residence – Thutra, Tal – Korpana, District – Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I am an ordinary woman. We had started a savings group in Ambuja Cement. I didn't know anything, how do we develop ourselves? We got information about how to save and develop in the various meeting. The meeting was able to contribute to the development of the village.</p> <p>Now I work for how women can be developed through Saving group. An attempt is being made to make women stand on their own feet by giving training to women.</p> <p>Previously, work meetings had to be held at someone's home. Now Ambuja Cement is providing their hall where all women can be talked to, all topics can be discussed. We should do our own development, we got guidance for that. At the same time, they could participate in the development of the village due to the savings group. All this is due to Ambuja's social contribution.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

7) Shri Devidas Mukurmare, Residence-Taligoda

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Company has taken over the farms of 35 people of Sonapur. But not a single person has been employed in the project. 22-23 children are deprived of contract of employment. Company has been taking the land for 20-22 years. They go to work for others, one day they get a job, the next day they don't. If only one son from each family was employed, our problems would be solved. Agriculture field is gone, there is no job, so children do not get married. When I came to the meeting today, everyone's children were sitting hoping to get a job. 2-3 years ago we took out a march</p> <p>We left in the morning and reached the collectorate office on foot the next day in the evening. The then Collector assured that after 45 days one of the family would be given a job in 46 days. Nothing has happened yet. What will we tell the children when we go home? But give us a date when we get the job.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
2)	<p>He further said that there is no road in Saligoda and Uparwahi in Sonapur. Company had promised to build the road. Still not done, that road should be constructed.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
3)	<p>The third point is that in 2006-2007, Ambuja Foundation built a dam on the Saliguda canal. So the water stopped till May-June. Boring was also getting water. Animals were getting water. 40-45 acres of agriculture came under irrigation. Farmers were growing various crops. That means the company has done a lot of good work.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

	Good water facility was provided in my village.	
4)	Ambuja Cement has appointed two Asha Tais in our village. They go door to door and provide help and medicine to the elderly. Similarly, a community clinic has been set up. We have free checkups and tablets at half price. Reverse Osmosis plant is provided for pure water. The machine is installed. However, Ambuja management is hereby requested that our boys and girls be given employment contracts.	Suggestions have been noted.

8) Sou Neha Jagtap, Residence – Lakhamapur, Taluka – Korpana, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Married in 1994, there was no road in Lakhamapur village at that time. Health problems were there. Young men and women had no work. In the year 2000, Ambuja Cement constructed pits in villages with the help of local people to solve the water problem, thereby increasing the water level. So our village is getting normal water. RO plant is installed for pure water. Due to lack of sanitation in the village, diseases like malaria and diarrhea used to occur. Women go to work in the fields, children have to be kept at home and go to work, small babies are malnourished. For this, the Anganwadi provides food to the child.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	Ambuja Cement is paying Rs.500 for patients who are seriously ill but cannot go to private hospitals and are providing medical treatment to those patients. There is a sub-centre in our village. Sub-centre, Anganwadi has been painted.	Suggestions have been noted.

3)	Company contributes a lot to women empowerment. 20% of the society are women who do not go out of the house. It is trying to raise the economic status of women by training them. Ambuja Cement has started ITI in our village. Girls students go for nursing, they are given an allowance of Rs.600. They are sent for employment in other places after doing N.M. course. Company spends ten to twelve thousand for them.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	During the Covid period, Ambuja Cement held online meetings and created public awareness and guidance among the people. Ambuja Cement provided food packets to women who were housewives who could not go out during the Covid period. Masks, bottles of sanitizers were provided from house to house. Many patients of Lakhmapur died during covid. Their families were given mental strength. I needed work at that time. When I went to the company, they gave me a job as an "Arogya Sakhi". Ambuja Foundation is my guide and many others like me. But Ambuja Foundation is a guide working on health, working in education, creating public awareness. Working in all social sectors. Respect to them.	Suggestions have been noted.

9) Shri Bhimrao Gosavi Chandorkar, One Deprived Unemployed Youth:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	20 years ago, the lands where the Ambuja project is standing belong to our ancestors. There is a company on that land and due to the hard work of the workers, the company has grown and employment is going on. So what Ambuja gave us in return for the land is a big question.	Suggestions have been noted.

	<p>Ambuja Foundation signed an agreement with the project victims. Clause (2) of No. 10 thereof reads -</p> <p>The preference shall be given to affected land losers for providing employment opportunities in Grade – III and IV, clerical and sub staff category, relaxation in eligibility criteria will be considered on the merits of the individual case.</p> <p>This means that if employment opportunities are created in the project in the future, who will get the priority, the land losers will get. In the last 15-20 years, have not the job opportunities been formed in the project? People present here said that they have a list of project victims.</p> <p>So why the project victims were not given priority? What is the role of Ambuja Cement in this regard should be clarified here. For the last 20-25 years we have been hearing only promises. How many days PAPs should sit idle? Company should make profit, but justice should be given to the project victims who have been unemployed for the last 25 years.</p>	
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10) Indira Bandawal, Residence – Thutara, Taluka – Korpana, District – Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I have my own poultry farm. I got help from Ambuja Foundation. Later I took a little loan and now I am doing poultry farming myself. I am supplying eggs to Ambuja, Manik villages and benefiting sick people and others. All I can say is that the R.O. plant is not in working condition. After installation of R.O. system, the diseases have decreased.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

Hence, it is requested that the RO plant should be started immediately.

11) Professor Sudhir Nivrutti, Mahatma Gandhi Jr. College

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I live in Lakhmapur. Many people from 12 adopted villages have come to this place. People should know the purpose of this meeting Here there is an important issue of environment, health and road, water. Today there is Mine at Lakhmapur. Limestone, large stones are sent to the company.</p> <p>There is excavation going on. Water level is decreasing. But these issues seem to be forgotten by the local people. Thanks to Ambuja Foundation for helping empower many women. But in today's meeting, environmental, health and water related questions should be asked.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

12) Shri Gajanan Uddhav Buran, Residence – Uparwahi, Taluka – Korpana, District – 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 a coin has two sides, a company will have advantages and disadvantages. We believe that there has been a lot of development since Ambuja arrived. It is because of Ambuja that we made the school ISO. Ambuja has installed lot of R.O. plants, helped a lot. But in ITI, Ambuja takes donations. We suffer from the company's dust and pollution. Whereas</p>	<p>Project Officer replied that the boys of the 12 villages are given priority and the company assures that the people of the 12 villages will be given priority. Project Officer said that the locals will be given concessions in subsidy as answered earlier. Few applications have been received for apprenticeship in the company. They have been approved</p>

	<p>in ITI, children from 12 villages should be given priority in jobs. A boy stays on the recommendation of a union leader. This causes injustice to the poor child affected by the project. Locals are excluded from apprenticeships.</p>	<p>and forwarded. At that time, Project Officer said that this year maximum 20 children have been selected for apprenticeship from Ambuja itself. Moreover, there are 20-25 children attending the Apprenticeship who have started their careers. Similarly, there are many young boys who have done apprenticeship in Ambuja and also got jobs in Ambuja. Project Executive Director said that priority will be given in terms of employment contracts, similarly concessions in apprenticeship fees will also be given. Internship will be given.</p>
2)	<p>Similarly, if a company is to be run, manpower is required. Company brings manpower from outside, so our people will not work? Those who perform well, should be encouraged by the company. The people of the village should be given employment instead of bringing them from outside. Ambuja started ISO school, mobile hospital. Also, an insurance policy should be prepared for a local who cannot pay for the hospital and help him financially. This is the age of competition. However, Ambuja should guide for MPSC, UPSC exams. company wants to run a company, while people want to live here. However, it is necessary for both of them to think about how to develop the locality, the state and the country.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that according to the company's policy, priority is given to the PAPs and locals in the job opportunities. It is given now and will be given in the future also.</p>
3)	<p>Can you build a hospital to save a poor man's life?</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that there is a hospital in the colony. Local people come, medical facilities are provided to them and will continue to be provided in the future.</p>
4)	<p>The AFR used in the project should not be used. Because it stinks a lot</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that we have stopped the purchase from the supplier who provided the EFR. No smell nuisance. Because liquid</p>

	is applied to it, we also work with it. Executive Director promised to plant trees for control of dust pollution.
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13) Shri Anil Kourase, Dy.Sarpanch, Uparwahi, Taluka -Koparna, District - Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Today we are having public hearing on environment. My village Uparwai is adjacent to the company. The dust of the company falls on the surrounding farms and then their applications come to the Gram Panchayat. We are discussing this with the company.	Project Proponent said that he has noted an objection regarding the smell nuisance. We took time to take further action regarding smell nuisance. There will be no problem of bad smell in future.
2)	Another issue is the company, which means that the temperature will remain. So, some provision must be made for that too. Also, the unemployed youth of these 12 villages should be given priority for employment in the project. They should be given the work of the cadre in which they were selected.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	He further said that a wild animal-tiger had come here. We requested the forest department, accordingly the cages were installed. The company must take note of this.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	Also, the people of the village have with a complaint about blasting company co-operates. But if the Gram Panchayat are not followed, then the project will be rejected. Gram Panchayat has that much power. All gram panchayats of twelve villages should be approached by the company regarding the employment contract in the company. All Gram Panchayats should be provided with detailed	Suggestions have been noted.

	information about the number of posts in each cadre.	
5)	<p>Company has taken drinking pipeline. Roads have been built, schools have been improved. The company should do the same.</p> <p>He further said that there are only one or two cashless clinics in Chandrapur which is mediclaim. There is no treatment. However, the company should appoint that multi-specialty hospital. It means individuals will also go to that hospital.</p>	Project Proponent said thanks to Mr. Anilji for taking note of the good work done by the company. Also, further action will be made by discussing with them for the various tasks expected by them.
6)	He objected that the dust pollution that is happening is dangerous for the village. An answer should be given in this regard	Project Proponent said that several dust control measure are being/will be taken by the company.
7)	Those who have farms at the rear of the coal yards are suffering a lot of losses e.g. Mr. Matale, Mr. Musale. In their fields, cement dust, coal dust falls on their crops, causing a lot of damage to them.	Project Proponent said that Sub Divisional Officer, Chandrapur, Agriculture Department, Environment Department has visited and submitted the inspection report. Their report is awaited. After receiving the report, the instructions will be strictly followed.

**14) Shri Laxman Eknath Makhale, Residence – Mangi BK, Taluka ----,
District – Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurance Project Promoter / Environment Consultant / Environmental Publi Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	ITI has been started in this area on behalf of Ambuja Cement. Therefore, the youth of this area are getting skill training. Employment contract is also available. I am also a Welder Traded in Ambuja ITI and have done Apprenticeship from Ambuja. I have got employment here.	Suggestions have been noted.

15) Seema Durtakar, Residence – Upparwahi, Taluka – Korpana, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I am telling the good works done under Women Empowerment – Many good works have been done by Ambuja Cement in last ten years. Due to the funds of Ambuja, 586 toilets have been constructed in the area. Therefore, many villages have become free from open defecation. Due to this, some diseases in the village have come under control. The pollution that was happening in the village was stopped. The village looks clean. Also, through village-to-village women's self-help groups, the industry is helping to improve the economic conditions of women. Due to women empowerment funds, they started papad industry, grocery shop etc. to empower women economically. Therefore, the women here have also become self-reliant and financially strong. As a result of this, women have gained confidence. Ambuja Cement has done the work of awakening women's power. However, along with the pollution of the company, the people of the company should also remember these good things.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

16) Sou. Rashmi Fadande, Upparwahi, Taluka-Korpana, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public
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		Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The problems of overflowing have been mentioned in the agriculture, water meeting. There is a road going up from our village, that road was going to be built. When it rains, the water does not flow. We have no way to go. It hurts a lot. We have been demanding for a long time, but the road has not been completed. However, the only demand is that it should be a road. Pimple goes away once it is put. We need a paved road.	The suggestions have been noted. Project Proponent said that our aim is to have the road ready before monsoon. You will get good road in monsoon

17) Shri Wamanrao Bhivapure, Ex-Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Thutara, Tal -Korpana, Dist – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Thanks to Ambuja Foundation in twelve village for the arrangement. In my village since 2002, many roads, school buildings, school computers, 17 poles street lights were installed in 2007. Here women are coming and speaking fearlessly, this is a victory for women empowerment. This is greatness of Ambuja Foundation. Therefore, they are standing on their own feet, have become self-reliant and are confidently going to another village to work	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	He said that even though only environmental suggestions and objections were called for in the meeting still the questions and problems of the locals have to be told to the people representatives and the locals. So the company and the government should take further action on the questions raised here. Similarly, the minutes of this meeting should be	Suggestions have been noted.

	made available in all gram panchayat offices.	
3)	<p>Now I am presenting the problems of the village.</p> <p>Most of the land belonging to the farmers of Gram Panchayat Truthara was acquired from Ambuja Cement. At that time the construction of the company was not done. Therefore, the Gram Panchayat has not received any tax. I request the government to exclude 10% of the funds collected from the Mineral Development Fund and allocate it to Gram Panchayats. During my tenure, verbal notice and Gram Panchayat resolution have also been sent to the District Collector.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that we have been informed to give 10% of the amount from the District Mining Fund to the gram panchayats. This matter does not come under our jurisdiction. This is entirely a matter of Government.</p>
4)	<p>Similarly, there are some project workers who are working as contract workers in the company. However, they should be included in the permanent service of the company. Similarly, those who have been unemployed for the last 20-22 years despite being affected by the project, have now seen the outcry. However, they should be given justice by giving employment contract in the project.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
5)	<p>During the acquisition of land in 2000, there is some government waste land along with private land. The waste land near Gairan, has 36 Guntas of Thutara Gram Panchayat. It is the crematorium site of Gram Panchayat. It is now in the middle of the mines. It is no longer of use to the Gram Panchayat. These Gairan lands, Gavthan survey numbers are available, it should be inspected, tested and in return land near any village should be given for geographic development for government work.</p> <p>S.No.242/1, 98R, S.No.115/1, 21.5 R, S.No.135, 2.84 R and 238/2 D-8R these are the plots. However, this should be</p>	<p>We have said that government land is in mines. Then the company administration will conduct a complete inspection and take a decision in public interest.</p>

	recorded and reported to the Gram Panchayat. Also many local lands are in between the mines. So the company should keep an eye on it.	
6)	He further said that the educated unemployed here, who have studied in Ambuja ITI, should be given priority in the company according to their educational qualification. Locals should be preferred over outsiders.	Suggestions have been noted.
7)	Many have made suggestions about health. Ambuja's clinic is running in 10-12 villages. Happily, medicines are available for half the money. Every week the doctor comes and checks. These things are commendable. But if a poor family suffers from life-threatening diseases, it is not possible to invest money beyond the means, such families are requested to get financial help through the company.	Suggestions have been noted.
8)	The meeting discussed about the location of Gadchandur bus stop. So solutions should be taken as soon as possible.	Suggestions have been noted..

18) Smt. Jijabai Balki, Ex Sarpanch, Upparwahi

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The facilities which twelve villages have received so far have been claimed by the people here. Don't have one request that the cases which have been filed in the court after taking the lands of twelve villages by giving no objection certificate, till now 23 years have not been resolved. However, I request to the district collector that if 23 years have passed today, half of the people have died, and if the people who are left, will you give this result?	Suggestions have been noted.

	<p>The Ambuja Company was expected to give this verdict and the Collector had to take notice, because the Collector himself has taken our lands. So why is the court hearing dragging on? We have filed cases in court for the compensation we want, it should be given to us. I request Ambuja and Collector to decide this in May. Otherwise, all the women of twelve villages will be gathered and the gate will be closed. Giving one month term. I will bring those women in the month of June. My request to the Collector is to find a solution in this regard as soon as possible.</p>	
2)	<p>Another thing to ask Ambuja company is that in the years 2020-21, 2021-22 it rained, they took the drain. The furrow was 1-1 1/2 man deep. The water of that drain completely permeated the field. Therefore, the crops of the farmers there are not ripe. He remained deprived. We repeatedly conveyed to him. They came and saw the farm. We asked them for two years' compensation, otherwise plug the drain. They blocked the drain without asking us and without paying us. So why didn't they pay. This should be answered in the meeting. Along with my farm, there are 6-7 farmers, we have paid the compensation despite giving a statement 2-3 times. So now the salary checks should be given</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that he said here that the drain water came to the farm. So we have also said that we have filled the drain. A committee (team) of the company will be sent to inspect the damage done to you. Efforts will be made to compensate you for your losses. At this time, Mrs. Thanks for the good job you did. You have done good work in twelve villages.</p> <p>The Project Proponent said that good work will be done here as well. Company team will inspect your farm and you will get compensation.</p>
3)	<p>However, the work pending for the last 20-22 years should be done this month. Otherwise all the women will come together to block the gate. Sarpanchs of all twelve villages are requested to support women and not let them step in the gate. No problem, do not want to give a certificate. Because the lease of the company was only for 20-22 years. They don't want to extend the lease. I request the people of 12 Village with</p>	<p>He said that we cannot give any assurance regarding matters pending in court.</p>

	folded hands to give no objection certificate to this project. Collector should take note of this.	
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19) Shri Vaibhav Badkhal, Residence – Upparwahi, Taluka Korpana, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It is a matter of happiness that there is industry here. Similarly, the company should also look into giving employment contracts to locals. Complaints were made in the meeting that job contracts are given to people from other States, leaving out locals. Whether local not able to work in a local company? There are many local kids who succeed in ITIs here. If they are capable, natives should be given preference in employment	Suggestion is noted.
2)	He said that our farm is adjacent to the project. The company collects water from mining pits that are blasted and pumped into other pits. We use bore wells to water the farm. Borewell water is very low. It is not known whether the water level has decreased due to blasting. We should take further action in this regard	Project Proponent informed that you are reporting that the water level of the bore has decreased. The water level does not decrease due to blasting. In fact we say that the water table rises as the water accumulates in the mines. However, our Mines Department will be sent immediately to inspect your farm and measures will be taken.
3)	He further suggested that on top of the soil that is dumped, sedge grass is growing. So wildlife and other animals come there and destroy our crops. However, my demand is that chain linked compound should be added to our farm.	Fencing will be provided to you.
4)	He questioned the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board that there is dust pollution in our fields. All the dust falling on our farm crops is ruining the crops. We have complained to the	Convenor, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed Mr. Vaibhav Matkal to meet him at the local Chandrapur office. He assured that all proceedings will be informed.

	company and our office from time to time. So what further action has been taken in this regard has not been reported. However, the information about the action taken in this regard should be given in the meeting.	
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Vaibhav demanded that skill-based employment contracts be given to locals.

Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, appealed to the participants to ask only environmental suggestions and questions

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	S.No.7/2 and S.No. 1 In two such places there were Gairan lands. Gayran Land Company took over. There is no place for a house in the village. One family has become four families. S. No. 1 place is allotted to tribal hostel. So S.No.7/2 seat is left. According to the decision of the High Court, Bombay whether the farmer stays for 20 years or 30 years, if you are evicting them from the plot then the Tehsildar should give the land to the farmer. So I am requesting that the company should give the government land No. 7/2 for the township.	Suggestion is noted.

20) Shri Anil Dange, Grampanchayat Member, Thutara, District – Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	In 1999, the people of these twelve villages gave a no objection certificate to Ambuja Cement. It has been 23-24 years today. The road to Tuthra village has not been repaired. Now that the	The suggestion was noted. The project officer replied that it was not known how the word adoption came about. So the company adopted means the social

	<p>lease is over, it needs to be extended and the meeting is called because there is a need for a place for dipping. Because the locals have called this meeting to eat the dust of the company. How many years should we be deprived, starve? Adoption means bringing up a child from childhood till his marriage is called adoption. You must have discussed with the Collector many times in the last 25 years. But none of our questions have been taken to the Collector. Nearby villages are Dungela, Gopalpur. If the person there dies, there is no place in the surrounding village for his cremation. While Ambuja has so much space, no place is provided for the cremation of a person in the village. The project management is not aware that a person from the adopted village cannot go to the hospital due to poverty. It is a shame that those who gave the land have to work as contractors for the last 20 years. If you take the land of twelve adopted villages, then it is your duty to give employment to the youth there. But the company administration did not think this. Programs are done and go. In the meeting I have written down, there are 39 problems of the people here. The company administration only writes what facilities will be provided on paper and sends it to the collector. But no actual facilities are provided.</p>	<p>responsibility that they want to do to that particular village through their CSR funds. We suggest that the term social responsibility should be used instead of adoption. The project officer said that the demands of Thutra Gram Panchayat have been met as far as possible at that time. The project officer said that the resolution of Thutara village has been received recently. Sarpanches of two villages there - Gopalpur and Dhumane layout have been assured to complete the works approved in the resolution.</p>
2)	<p>If the company comes to public for no objection certificate, we will also provide NOC now thoughtfully. Because you eat the sweets of the company, we eat the dust.</p>	<p>suggestion is noted</p>

21) Shri Sanjay Musale, Ex Sabhapati, Taluka-Koparna, District – Chandrapur:-

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)	<p>Many have raised the issue of local unemployment. Only now the project officer asked not to use the word adoption. But because the company itself said adopted villages, everyone used that wording. Here the locals raised their questions. Lands were given to the company twenty years ago, but for the last 20-21 years, some have to work on contract basis, while others are still waiting for jobs. He secondly demanded that the youth of the adopted village should be given priority in the current and future employment contracts. That is the order of Maharashtra Government. It is a pity that there are many ITI, graduate, highly educated, MBA youths in this area, they are not given employment contracts, but outsiders are given employment. Hon. Collector is requested to take note of this and give instructions to provide employment to the locals.</p>	Suggestions are noted.
2)	<p>Another thing is that I was an employee of this company. There are cement companies in this area. The authorized department of the government should inquire about the number of trees planted by the company and the species of trees planted. That means you will realize what the truth is. My request to the collector is that the land of the person here is acquired, if he is given a job, he retires at the age of 58. It means his job goes and the land also goes. However, I request that the heir of the project affected employee should also be given a job according to his merit.</p>	Suggestions are noted.

22) Shri Gautam Bhusarkar, Chairman, Panchayat Samiti, Hardona:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>From the questions and suggestions raised in the meeting, we want to give a suggestion to the government and request the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board that the land of the farmers here has been acquired. Several crores of rupees have been earned by the company. But those who lost their land became beggars. Their children have nothing to eat. Because when they get money, these people drink alcohol and spend all the money, now they are beggars. But I want to tell the government that the government should make laws. Three-four generations of project victims need job reservation. Because their means of living has been destroyed.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
2)	<p>Another point is that the project victims should be given 80% employment contract in the project. Treaties are given to outsiders and foreigners leaving out the locals. This cannot be called development. He said that a committee should be appointed to provide employment contracts to the project victims, including the Sarpanch of those villages.</p>	Suggestions is noted
3)	<p>The next point is that Ambuja is a better company than other companies here. Those who are highly educated among the locals, and who have skills, should be given employment contracts. This does not happen in our company. So a committee should be appointed. The committee will then see which person has not been awarded the treaty. The next issue is that the lands of the people of our village have gone to Ambuja Cement but not a single</p>	Suggestions have been noted

	person has a permanent job. Some are on contract	
4)	<p>He further said that the road condition in Hardona village is very critical. However, roads and bridges should be built. Mines are adjacent to Gadchandur. There is no bus stand here. However, Abunja Cement should give one acre of land for the bus stand. Manikgad fort is located here. He should not be harmed by the pollution of this company. Adjacent to Gadchandur is a Buddha land. Pay attention to that.</p> <p>These are all reasonable and legitimate issues. However, it is a request to consider all these and give justice to the people.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

23) Shri Sachin Pimpalshende, Residence – Lakhamapur, Dist - Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>While the project victims have the right to employment, they have been deprived. We have protested from time to time. Several meetings were held in the Hon'ble Collector's office. Later Hon.Collector appointed an inquiry committee. The committee concluded that no jobs were provided to the project victims, misleading and wrong information was provided to the Collector's office from time to time. Thus the company has breached the contract. This is the report of the collector office. It is clearly stated in the report that in the agreement dated 13-08-1999 point no. Case no. A report is being submitted for appropriate action as per 10A.</p>	Suggestions are noted

2)	Now we request that the process of canceling the land acquisition agreement of the company is also going on at the final level. So, please note on what basis no objection certificate should be given to the company which is working in violation of the rules.	Suggestions have been noted.
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24) Shri Abaji Bobade, Dy.Sarpanch, Pimpalgaon, Dist – Chandrapur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Thanks to Ambuja Cement. Be it infrastructure related to education, health, my village, Ambuja Foundation helped us a lot. I have a different question. I am a resident of Pimpalgaon. My question is to the Environmental Public Hearing Committee. There is ultra tech cement company near my village.</p> <p>The company's new mines are located in the northern and eastern corners of our Shiwar, just 1 1/2 km from the village. is at a distance. In this area, farmers and laborers have made borewells, wells, facilities for their agriculture.</p> <p>But since the mining, the depth of the mines in this area has also increased more than the depth of the bores and wells. The water flow of bores and wells which are useful for agriculture in that area has reduced.</p>	Suggestions are noted.
2)	However, I request that on behalf of my villagers, even though I could not give my statement in writing, they should inform the seniors, take note of this, and inform the concerned management. I request you to note that I will do my next correspondence after this.	Suggestions have been noted

25) Shri Pravin Matale,

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	As my friend Mr. Sachin Pimpalshete raised the question that the company misled the government from time to time, gave wrong information, so the point no. Legal action is ongoing at the Ministry level for violation of 8A and 8B. Today's meeting is to approve development works under social responsibility. So I have a question, is it not a violation of the law if the company is given a no objection certificate while the process of taking action at the government level is going on?	Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that you have been misinformed. No objection certificate will be issued here. The purpose of this public hearing is to record the environmental concerns, suggestions or objections of the local attendees regarding the proposed project, prepare minutes of the meeting and submit them to the government.
2)	When the project promoters are mandated to spend 2% of the CSR funds, the works seem very paltry in terms of the expenditure they incur. The works do not seem to have been done accordingly. He suggested that the company management should reply.	Project Proponent said that since everyone is busy in the meeting, if they meet tomorrow, they can definitely be shown. While replying about CSR, the Executive Director of the project said that the information which is requested every year from the Collectorate, Government, Central Pollution Control Board, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, is made available from time to time.

26) Shri Tushar, Pimpalgaon, District - Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The work of the company started in 2002, in 2006 we had a meeting of the people of 12 villages in the Collectorate. At that time the Collector said that if not adopted, good work should be done in	Suggestions have been noted.

<p>Bara village as well. Otherwise, no one is ready to report as good work is going on in Bara village as well. The company is still not working in the Collectorate, so the report has not gone through. There were some small children at that time. There were two small children in our village at that time. Now she has grown up and she is included in the company. There are other companies in the area. Ambuja company is doing a good job in that. The company is therefore Ambuja Foundation. So we are.</p> <p>We can make our village ideal. Our school is the first in Chandrapur district. All this is due to Ambuja. However, Ambuja Cement has little to thank for.</p>	
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27) Shri Shankar Baburao Atram, Sarpanch

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Just like a company has social responsibility, so does a Gram Panchayat. Every year trees come from Ambuja. We also have a responsibility to grow trees. There are trees in our village. Trees are planted in our cemetery. Go to Mangi, there is Oxygen Park. As a social responsibility, our village collected Rs.20 lakhs. Ambuja Foundation contributed Rs.30 lakh as participation amount. Now it is our responsibility to do it.</p> <p>If we are falling short here, we need to be able to.</p> <p>Shri Atram further said that we gave ten thousand to the disabled in our village. Ambuja was told that he should be given the dues. Ambuja gave 30,000 as part of our 10,000 rupees. Now the disabled got financial income. Thus social responsibility is being fulfilled.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted</p>

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle. There was no response.

While concluding the meeting, 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.

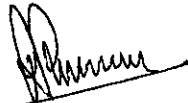
Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all the local people, project affected people, government officials and employees, Police Department, all the management of the project and announced that the public hearing has been concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 24 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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