

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED KORADI 2 X 660 MW COAL BASED SUPERCRITICAL THERMAL POWER PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN THE PREMISES OF EXISTING THERMAL POWER STATION, VILLAGE-KORADI, TALUKA-KAMPTEE, DISTRICT-NAGPUR PROPOSED BY MAHARASHTRA STATE POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (MAHAGENCO), VILLAGE-KORADI, TALUKA-KAMPTEE, DISTRICT-NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date : 29-05-2023
Time : 12.30 P.M, (afternoon)
Place : At Project Site –
M/s MAHAGENCO,
Conference Hall,
Generation Construction Office,
Koradi Project, Koradi, Taluka-Kamptee,
District – Nagpur, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s MAHARASHTRA STATE POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (MAHAGENCO), Village-Koradi, Taluka – Kamptee, District – Nagpur, 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 Koradi 2 X 660 MW Coal Based Supercritical Thermal Power Plant to be located in the premises of existing Thermal Power Station, Village-Koradi, Taluka – Kamptee, District – Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned vide dtd. 26/06/2020. 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 A 1 (d) Thermal Power Plants, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s MAHARASHTRA STATE POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (MAHAGENCO), Village-Koradi, Taluka – Kamptee, District – Nagpur, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 13/04/2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. The Head office, MPCB vide office order no. E-34/2023 date 04/05/2023 approved and directed to conduct Environmental public consultation on 29/05/2023 under the chairmanship of District Collector, Nagpur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Nagpur Office, at project site. It was also directed to conduct the Online public hearing.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Nagpur -I 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 27-04-2023 respectively. 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

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about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Nagpur office till the date of public hearing.

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summary in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under :-

- 1) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur -440 001
- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032
- 3) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 400 022;
- 4) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5th Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440 001;
- 5) Sub Regional Office, Nagpur-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 5th Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440 001;
- 6) District Collector, Collector Office, Civil Lines, Nagpur;
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Civil Lines, Nagpur;
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Udyog Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur;
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office-Kamptee, District - Nagpur
- 10) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Kamptee Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 11) Chief Officer, Municipal Council, Kamptee, District-Nagpur;
- 12) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Koradi, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 13) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Lonkairy, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 14) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Mahadula, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 15) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Suradevi, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 16) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Mhasala, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 17) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Khairy, Tal- Kamptee,
- 18) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Kawatha, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 19) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Babulkheda, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 20) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Khasala, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 21) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Waregaon, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;
- 22) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Bina, Tal- Kamptee, District - Nagpur;



It is also informed to all the above mentioned departments (Sr.no. 01 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-34 of 2023 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-230504-FTS-0024, dated 04/05/2023 as under :-

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

This office is in receipt of 217 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project. The persons / concerned institutions, all were informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any.

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, Nagpur-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Vipin Itankar, IAS District Magistrate, Nagpur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, VIP's, 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 for all the 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

along with 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 videography of the meeting is being done. 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 presentation:-

Detailed Information of the Project -

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

After the presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise their suggestions or objections regarding proposed project in environmental angle only.

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

1) Shri Vishal Muttemwar, Additional Secretary,, Maharashtra Congress Party :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	You say that Mahagenco is taking up this project because of the demand in the power requirement of the State of Maharashtra. I	Suggestion has been noted, recorded.

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	<p>accept this. Because the need for energy is increasing day by day. But the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and now the presentation says that the expansion proposal is only in Koradi after closing the other five 1250 MW projects. It means other projects in Maharashtra will be closed, only 1320 MW project is proposed at Koradi. What kind of justice is this?</p> <p>Mahageno will close the projects at Bhusawal, Parli, Nashik. But if you want to expand, do it at Bhusawal, Nashik, Parli, why only Koradi and Nagpur.</p>	
2)	<p>Fly ash is generated in large quantities from this project. In the fly ash, a large amount of Sulphur-Di-oxide, (SO₂) Carbon-Mono-Oxide, (CO) Carbon-di-oxide (CO₂) are mixed in the air. To reduce it, you are setting up mitigation measures and flue gas project.</p> <p>Knowing that the lives of the people of Nagpur and surrounding areas will be in danger due to these poisonous gases, why are they putting up this project? Nagpur is generating 2,000 MW which is definitely enough. Today the population of Nagpur is more than thirty lakhs. That means toxic gas is released into the air, what is the need to add to it?</p>	<p>In Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, objections were raised that ash disposal is not done according to the scientific method. Out of seven plants of Mahagenco, four have 100% ash disposal, but in Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, it is not. As per the new Notification dated 31-12-2021, bifurcation of dry ash and pond ash has been made. Here dry ash is less, lifting of ash from the pond is about 70-80%. Brick kiln owners and small industries here who need it are lifting it.</p> <p>According to the new Notification, five-year phase has been specified for Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur power plants. A target of 80% removal of ash scientifically for the first two years followed by 100% ash disposal scientifically is specified.</p>
3)	<p>I am reading the directives as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi -</p> <p>“Cumulative impact of all sources of emissions including handling and transportation of existing and proposed project on the environment of the area shall be assessed in detail”.</p> <p>These are the directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. It means that it is necessary to conduct a complete study - Risk Analysis of the project which is in operations and which transports coal, the existing project and the effect of the project in the future. If it is done, you will need at least one year to do it.</p> <p>It will take at least a year to study the impact on the environment, the impact on people's health, whether it has increased cancer</p>	<p>An NGO had complained that Mahagenco's ash had contaminated drinking water sources, river channels in the area, and contained radioactive and heavy metals. The health of the residents is being affected. After that a joint inspection was conducted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. At that time, the complainant was also asked to join. Complainant also joined.</p> <p>Samples of water sources mentioned by the complainant, various drinking water sources in the area, wells etc. were collected after inspection. It was tested in a laboratory approved by NABL. Heavy metals and radio actives were not found anywhere in it. Similarly, all the standards were within the prescribed limits.</p> <p>Similarly, Mahagenco had received a report from BARC regarding the fly ash. It is also reported that all standards are followed. The</p>

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	<p>rates, whether it has increased respiratory diseases, whether it has caused layers of ash to build up on people's homes. If Risk Assessment is not done. So this project will not be approved.</p>	<p>new project is most advanced and includes pollution control system, ESP, along with the project. There will be FGD. A similar state-of-the-art project has been implemented in Bhusawal. However, we can assure you that there will be no problem of pollution due to the new project</p>
4)	<p>In the presentation, it is mentioned that the Water requirement of the project will be met by treating the waste water. So, it should be clarified that whether this Koradi project will be operated only on waste water. As per our information, water is being pumped from Pench for this Koradi project. Also, 15% of the total water withdrawn will be kept as backup source. That means 15% of the drinking water coming to Nagpur city will be reserved. This is not mentioned in the presentation.</p>	<p>Mahagenco is only first Organization in India, who use waste water after treatment, in Koradi and Khaparkheda power plants. Therefore, the fresh water intake of Pench will be reduced by 70%. The 30% water will be used for drinking purposes in the project 2 x 660 which we have proposed.</p>
5)	<p>The population of Nagpur is going to increase in future. Water has to be supplied by tankers. 24 x 7 water supply scheme was announced, but water is not available. How appropriate is it that we are sharing back the less water that Nagpur gets. That means if this project is started, Nagpur people will not get drinking water in future.</p>	<p>We have reduced the requirement of fresh water. Tap water will be taken for drinking and domestic use only.</p>
6)	<p>You have written first word in the EIA report -</p> <p>To meet the increasing power demand and to generate power at cost lower than the average cost of power generation.</p> <p>So the coal required for 1320.0 MW, you are going to bring from Gare Palma – II Coal Mine, Chhattisgarh, the mine allotted to you, from there by rail rack. Coal will be brought from Chhattisgarh, it will be sent to the coal washery of a particular person for washing, after washing it will be given to this project.</p> <p>Will it lower the power cost? Cost of bringing from Chhattisgarh, cost of washing in coal washery, 25% of the total stock will be taken by the washery person. So, for 75% of the total stock won't the cost of power generation will increase? So how will we generate electricity at low cost? So why don't you start the project where the mine of Chhattisgarh has been allocated? We should generate electricity from there</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that an objection is raised that coal from Gare Palma belongs to a private company will be brought from 600 k.m. away instead of purchasing from WCL, a Government Organization from Chandrapur. He said that Gare Palma has been allotted to us and it is a big mine in India. The coal will be available at pick years. It is not a private mine, it is owned by Mahagenco.</p> <p>According to the rules, the third party is given the task of mining the coal. Proprietary rights belong to Mahagenco. The coal needed to run the project at full capacity is still not available at full capacity. If there is a crisis/non-availability of coal in future, we can solve it with this mine.</p>

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	and distribute it from there, so the cost of transportation will be saved.	
7)	Considering all these, Mahagenco should not come under pressure from anyone, without coming under pressure from any big industrialist, considering the water scarcity, health, pollution, future generations of Nagpur city and District and should not allow this project. Otherwise, the next generation will not forgive you.	Suggestions have been noted.

2) Shri Vikas Thakare, Hon'ble MLA Nagpur Constituency:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Here is Mahagenco's public hearing on environment for new project. But there are definitely some questions about pollution in the operational project, as many MLAs have registered complaints about this operational project in the last session. It was alleged that the fly ash generated in the project is not disposed off scientifically. The ash flows through the Kolar river into drinking water in Kanan river, falling into farmers' fields, which has been discussed due to complaints from environmentalists in the area. There are many complaints about the project which is in operation, due to this it is proved that the project is a threat to the environment. The new project poses a threat to the environment. But this burden is on us and our own district. Why should Nagpur and Vidarbha bear the burden of this pollution? Load shedding is for Nagpur, Vidarbha only, not for Mumbai.	Project Proponent said that in the meeting, one of the participants had objected that if the ash from here is to be taken to Mumbai by rail, there will be pollution as well. The cost of this will have to be borne by the local people. Mahagenco advertised in the paper in this regard. Although the response was not satisfactory at the first time, after the new Notification, where ash is used, its availability has decreased. Many ash buying organizations are in touch with Mahagenco. There is a demand for ash from Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, as requests for ash have started from concerned individuals/organizations. He said that ash transporters from Pune, Mumbai, Nashik are ready to transport ash by rail at their own expense. But with some help from Mahagenco, we can definitely start it. Mahagenco has decided that the dry ash that is available should be made available to the concerned person/agency and the cost which is borne by the Mahagenco while transporting the ash to the ash bund should be paid to concerned person/agency who collects the ash from the site. So many individuals/organizations are in touch with Mahagenco. Mahagenco asserts that the consumption of dry ash will definitely increase in the next one-two years. We can certainly fulfill the directives (targets) given by the Ministry of

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		Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
2)	If we have to suffer from pollution, then project officials should submit a report on whether the farmers are affected by the project? Whether there is any impact on the health of the people? what is the level of pollution? Then only, afterwards the project should be started.	Suggestions have been noted.

3) Shri Santesh Singalkar, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee Secretary :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Some directives have been issued for conducting public hearings. It have been completely violated here. Therefore, I demand that this public hearing be cancelled. The important question is that Shri A.K. Agrawal has issued a letter on 9 th June, 2021 in which there are clear guidelines on how to conduct public hearings during the Covid period. No directives have been passed since then. Next point as per Appendix 5, we see the procedure for conducting public hearing, nothing has been followed here as per those directives.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that public hearing is conducted as per the directives as issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. According to the guidelines of the Covid period, an Online Public Hearing has been organized along with the physical public hearing here.
2)	Public hearings are rarely conducted in working projects. The project is in operation. So how is the public hearing organized here? Public hearings have been held so far at Udyog Bhavan. So, what happened that this public hearing has to be held in the project at Koradi at around 12.30 pm in this extreme heat.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the directives of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, it is mandatory to arrange the public hearing on project site or in close vicinity.
3)	The next point was that the Panchayats should be informed in advance of this public hearing. Those rules have been violated. Next point- You have not provided copy of EIA report to Nagpur Municipal Corporation; NMRDA, NIT as stated in your own letter. We have made the report available for only three institutes.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the directives of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2006, all the notified government offices and all Gram Panchayat Offices in the radius of 10 k.m. of the projet, the EIA report of the proposed project was made available.
4)	Next point – on radio and TV Advertisement has to be given above. It has not been given. As per the issue of Appendix 5-iii that towards untoward emergency situation, Vidarbha comes this part. At such a time, at 12.30 in the afternoon, how this public hearing is being held at Koradi is an important question.	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee answered that all the directives as prescribed in 2006 Notification have been followed. And those who are unable to attend the meeting physically on project site can also attend this meeting Online. Meeting link, meeting number and password is already made available.

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	<p>It means that holding public hearings is completely violated. However, this public hearing should be stopped.</p>	
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4) Shri Sachin Manvatkar, son of Koradi Project Affected Farmer, Dy. Chairman, Maharashtra State Electricity Officers' & Employees' Forum, Chairman, Koradi Power Branch, Congress Party Worker :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>There is one demand from me. The Fly ash generated from the stack do spread everyday on our house. My uncle was MSEB employee. He died due to stomach cancer. Doctor diagnosed ash caused for stomach cancer.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>

5) Shri Moreshwar alias Bandu Kapse, Residnece – Khairi gaon, Koradi Circle, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The land of Khairi village, Waregaon, Suradevi, thousands of hectares of land has been acquired to this project for 30-40 years. Besides, many acres of land have been acquired here. When it comes to pollution, the Pollution Control Board has gone to villages and checked whether the water is good or not. Forty years ago our local farmer's lands were , yet both acquired, the defunct sets should be installed here. Do not take it elsewhere. Because on the other hand, farmers should not be harmed by acquiring their land. There are 14-15 villages in this circle. There are many unemployed people here. They need employment. Similarly, the latest available pollution control system should be implemented in the project for pollution control.</p>	<p>Project proponent said that best quality pollution control equipment will be used.</p>

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6) **Shri Rajesh Rangari, Nagaradyaksha,
Nagar Parishad, Mahadula, District – Nagpur :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>On behalf of the Mahadula Nagar Panchayat, I declare my open support for this project. We have land, coal, railway tracks. Infrastructure is available here. The people present here have complained about the accumulation of ash on their houses. Some have raised health complaints.</p> <p>But this is a state-of-the-art supercritical thermal power plant. This power project has taken care of all the environment. Due to this project, the locals will get employment. The standard of living of the locals here will improve. Market is available here in Nagpur district. The unemployed here will get a job. However, all our thirteen Gram Panchayats are declaring their support for this project, that both these sets should be approved in the project. Submitting written statement. However, I request approval of this project.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

7) **Shri Ahmed Kadar, Central Joint Secretary, Nag Vidharbha Andolan Samati :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Whether this project should come or not is not the topic here. So, I am presenting a different topic here. Projects were planned at Butibori, Mihan. Those who are parents in Vidarbha, forget their personal desires and educate their children and hope that their children will get jobs here. But the children of Vidarbha do not get jobs. Check here in Police Department - kids from Mumbai-Pune, Western Maharashtra get jobs in Vidarbha. However, I ask the Government if we have to tolerate the pollution here, then what is the guarantee that our children from Koradi, Khaparkheda will get jobs after the project starts? However, a written commitment should be given that local children will be given jobs here. At least 20% seats should be reserved for children from Khaparkheda, Koradi, Mahadula. Government</p>	<p>Said that priority will be given to local people in jobs.</p>

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8) Shri Mallikarjun Reddy, Former MLA, BJP, Ramtek Constituency:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>If the above project 2 X 660 MW power plant does not meet the environmental criteria here, then 10 km from here, the said project should be commissioned partially, as Nagpur is a smart city in Central India. We are lagging behind in the "Smart City" criteria. If Nagpur is to be a smart city, then new projects should fit within the environmental criteria. If the said project does not work out, then Mahagenco has acquired 700 acres of land at Bakaria Nandgaon for disposal of ash. Acquiring that land has created environmental problems there. Farmers have complained many times. Mahajenco has set up private coal washeries at Khatun and Bakhari. Due to the coal washery, the farmers in the area are losing their crops due to the contaminated water and the compensation has not been paid till date by Mahagenco and the private coal washery company. Therefore, we demand that compensation should be given to the farmers there. My demand is that Mahagenco itself should start a coal washery unit at its premises. Mahagenco itself should start its unit, you generate power here, but the pollution happens there. Farmers and we locals have to face environmental issues. Hence, the coal washery project should be shifted from there to Koradi.</p>	<p>Project proponent said that the scientific disposal of waste water and ash will be checked other suggestions were noted.</p>
2)	<p>You have said that project will not take water for production. But Chaurai Dam has been constructed at Pench in Madhya Pradesh. Due to this, water has been reduced. Now the water from the Pench is being used for Koradi. Nagpur's waste water will be used in the project. If there is less waste water, you are going to treat it and will use fresh water. So, we should not use the water from the share of Pench farmers for this Koradi project. A separate provision should be made for that. I</p>	<p>Project Proponent replied that Mahagenco in India is the only Organization that uses the waste water in Koradi and Khaparkheda. Therefore, the fresh water intake of Pench has reduced by 70%. Remaining 30% are going to use for drinking purposes. We have proposed for 2 x 660. We have made less requirement of fresh water from Pench. Pench water will be used for drinking and domestic purposes only.</p>

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	demand that a separate project should be set up for water	
3)	<p>We have tried to fit the project in all Rules. I don't have any objection for it. But you are transporting coal by loading big trucks, many villages fall before the coal comes from the mine. These trucks travel through many villages. There is noise pollution and air pollution. My demand is that the coal that we are going to use, Chhattisgarh has also been provided, should be brought from the railways, now they are providing the railways. A project of two conveyors has been installed here, but it has not been started so far. Even now it is transported by trucks. We had traffic from Gondgaon, Koradi, Kamptee. Many trucks pass by every day. Due to this, coal ash flies in the villages. To prevent this pollution, the coal conveyor system which you have should be started and you should transport it through railways. Transportation through trucks should be stopped immediately. If the project does not fall under environmental norms, Mahagenco has 700 acres of land at Nandgaon. Project Proponent does not require to purchase additional land. The cost of Rupees 2,500/- crores which you have shown for land acquisition will be saved.</p> <p>Hence, if this project does not comply the Environmental norms, then it should be commissioned at Nandgon partially.</p>	Project proponent said that to reduce noise pollution dust pollution necessary measures will be taken. Suggestions have been noted.

9) Shri Vishal Barbate, Representative, -UBATHA SHIVSENA (UDDHAV BALASAHEB THAKARE SHIVSENA):-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Many officials and workers of our party are present in this meeting. Our party is not against development at all. Power generation is the need of the hour. Nothing will work without power generation. However, during the presentation, it has not been explained how much job opportunities will be available in the proposed project, how many skilled, semi-</p>	Project proponent said that eligible person will be given job. Priority will be given to local people. Suggestions have been noted

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	<p>skilled and non-skilled positions will be available? Just to show that 500 persons will be given job and afterwards Only 100 persons will be given job and the health of the people here should not be affected. However, Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Non-Skilled posts should be classified here. This is the first demand of our party.</p>	
2)	<p>We further stated that disposal of ash generated from the project will be done as per the existing system. So I would like to point out that since last year this facility - ash disposal facility from the project is closed. Koradi residents need to understand that additional 1320 MW project is imposed on it and fly ash management is not functioning properly. The rural people here are naive, they think they will get good employment here. It has been experienced that once the project comes up, only a handful of jobs are provided, but the locals do not even have access to drinking water and suffer respiratory diseases, terrible diseases like cancer.</p>	A detailed answer has been given regarding the ash generated in the project.
3)	<p>Today, the condition of Kanan River is very pathetic. I reiterate that we are not opposed to the project. But many points were not disclosed in the presentation. There is one thing in it that they bring coal from such a long distance, spend so much on transportation, the local entrepreneurs here grade it, send the rotten coal here, and sell the quality coal outside for crores of rupees. So it is necessary to check the quality of coal here by the "Notified Government Department".</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	<p>The next important point is that if the local people are of the opinion to start the project immediately, we will be with local people. But if you try to develop the project by damaging the environment, we will strongly oppose this project</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

10) Shri Devendra Panjabrao Godbole, District Pramukh – Rural – UBTHA Shivsens (Uddhav Balasaheb Thakare Shivsena)

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I am a project sufferer. I have also lost my land in NTPC. Public hearing was held while developing NTPC project. Even at that time, it was said in the presentation that this area will</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

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	be transformed. But many things in the presentation are not implemented after the completion of the project. It is the policy of the Government of Maharashtra that while transporting fly ash, it should be carried in a closed vehicle. But that is not the case in NTPC. NTPC's effluent is discharged from Mohada into Sannd river. Thousands of aquatic animals, fishes die, but we see those dead fishes with our eyes. We have complained about this to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board many times. But they are not taking any action against NTPC.	
2)	Koradi water flows into the Kolar river. The color of Kolar river water has changed, it has become whitish. That water goes into the Kanan River, the drinking water in rural areas is still water from the river that we tap. We need to think whether the future generation will be healthy due to this pollution	Suggestions have been noted. Convener said that action has been taken against Koradi and Khaparkheda power plant.
3)	The report states that electricity will be produced at low cost. But due to coal washery, the additional cost for each unit increased by one to two units. The coal washery project which is going on at Gondegaon has increased by Rs.2 per unit. What was promised in the presentation should be implemented	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	Land has been acquired here for this project. How many project victims have been given jobs and how many people are yet to be given jobs. If 1,500 people will be given jobs, whether they will be given permanent jobs or contractual jobs?	Employment – At the time of commencement of the 3 X 66 project, out of 2,051 project victims, 1,952 project victims have been given permanent employment. In mid-1999, stipend were started for the rest and they will be inducted into the service as and when the vacancies become available. 3-4 thousand workers are working on contractual basis. They are paid according to the rules of the government.

11) Shri Dyaneshwar Khambale, Zilla Parishad Member – Koradi Taluka Congress Committee, Chairman, Kamathi, Residence – Panjara Village -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I oppose this project, because there is a large population in this area. The city is 100 meters away from here. My village is Panjara, which is 100 feet, adjacent to the project wall. At morning in our house, fly ash spreads on utensils, dishes, it gets mixed with water, food	Suggestion was noted. An answer has been given regarding how the ash generated in the project will be disposed of scientifically. Convener said that because of the ash problem MPCB has taken action against

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	and goes in our stomach. Many people's health is at risk. So this project should be commissioned where there is no population in the periphery of 10 kilometer, it would be suitable if it is taken to a place near the mine where there are coal deposits and water supply. We are making Nagpur as a smart city. Nagpur has also been declared a Metro Region. Then why do we need a project that pollutes the air so close to Nagpur city? So, keep the current project operational and take the new project in another field.	Koradi TPS i.e. directions issued, bank guarantee forfeited.
2)	Similar public hearing was held earlier for this project. The promises made by the company and the Environment Department in that meeting have not been fulfilled. At that time, FGD was promised. Even after seven years, FGDs have not yet been installed. In these seven years many people's health has been damaged due to polluted air and ash. This project has been operational since 50 years and still the project victims are wandering for jobs. If the victims of the project do not get justice in fifty years, why do we need this power generation project?	Project Proponent said that the new project is state-of-the-art and includes the pollution control system, ESP, along with the project. There will be FGD. A similar state-of-the-art project has been implemented in Bhusawal. However, we can assure you that there will be no problem of pollution due to the new project.
3)	Earlier, it was assured that 80% people of Koradi, Mahadula village will be given job opportunities. So far that promise has not been fulfilled. Then why do we need this project, because the people here should bear the consequences of this project, but it is unfair to us that the local people do not get jobs. So take this project elsewhere, we will strongly oppose this project.	In the proposed project, job opportunities will be given to local people and project victims.

12)Shri Shubham Pandurang Awarkar, Residence-Koradi, District – Nagpur -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Living here from ancestors. Our agriculture fields were acquired for the project of 210 MW, which was built 50-55 years ago. Our ancestors were given jobs. Those farms are now with the government. But now we are unemployed. If this project goes elsewhere, where will we unemployed youths go? I am thirty years old. Many young men and women have come here along with me. We have not suffered pollution from this project for the past thirty years. We	Project proponent said that health care check up will be conducted regularly. Priority will be given to local residence in job. Suggestions have been noted.

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	do not have any disabilities as per the points raised by some people. Here only 20% people are against the project. 80% people are supporting the project.	
2)	We should get priority before the completion of the project, the people of the villages of the thirteen gram panchayats affected by the project, who are unemployed, should be given jobs first. Please mention this in your report. Young men and women residing 70 km away of the project are getting job in the project, but the local people here are unemployed and they are living on hope. Hence, priority should be given to locals in the project.	Project Proponent promised that local people and PAPs will be given job opportunities.

**13) Shri Balasaheb Garde, Republican Party Worker,
Resident – North Nagpur, District – Nagpur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The functioning of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board of Nagpur Office should be made more efficient. It is not known why the pollution control board is depressed about the pollution in the city. In this meeting, some of the health related opinions are expressed by the participants regarding the project are correct. If the pollution control and health guidelines are strictly followed, then there will be no opposition to this project. We want the rules to be strictly enforced. A lot of illegal layout work is going on in the area and they get approval, No Objection Certificate (NOC) afterwards. However, such people should be ordered to follow the terms and conditions. We demand that there should be no harm to humans, animals and plants due to this project.	Convener said that MPCB has initiated strict action against the existing Koradi Thermal Power Station because of non compliances of consent conditions.
2)	On behalf of Republican Party, it is demanded that local young boys and girls should be given job opportunities. Republican Party Athawale Group give full support to the project.	Answer has been already given.

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14) Shri Ashish Roy, Journalist –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I have sent questionnaire to Mahagenco. It is informed to me that the answers will be given in the Environment Public Hearing session. Supercritical technology will be used in the project. 360 has 3 units, they are also critical. But it also causes pollution.</p> <p>That means the project promoter cannot control the pollution so people are being misled that the new 2 X 660 is super critical and will not cause pollution. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has seized the bank guarantees of Koradi and Khaparkheda projects. Then how is it asserted that it is super critical and there will be no pollution.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted,</p>
2)	<p>3300 project was proposed to Dondai. People protested there. So we built a 250 MW solar park. Why did the project not start even after saying that people will get employment and other benefits there? This project here will benefit the contractors.</p> <p>Many private power plants are lying vacant in Maharashtra. Sinnar has a power plant of 1,350.0 MW. Reliance has a 600.0 MW power plant at Butibori. A 250.0 MW power plant is lying idle in Mihan. These plants should be taken over by Mahagenco. At least the locals will get employment there.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
3)	<p>Similarly, fly ash utilization/ management of the project promoters is Zero at Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur. So that fly ash goes to farmers' fields due to wind, goes into the Kanan River. If there is no fly ash management in the working project itself, there is no guarantee that it will be done in the proposed project.</p>	<p>Answer is already given on this point</p>
4)	<p>Project Proponent said that FGDs are planned to be carried out. While there was a condition</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that many people have complained about the non-</p>

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	<p>of the Government of India on 303 units, it has been thirteen years, it is still not installed. So what is the guarantee that will be put in this new project? Also Mahagenco should explain how this supercritical unit will reduce pollution</p>	<p>implementation of FGD. The tendering process was started three years ago. Due to some technical issues, the tender was stalled for a year. It was then kept pending for one-and-a-half years due to Covid. Now the tendering of 2 x 660 is in the final stage and we are passing orders to install FGD in June.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have passed the FGD orders at Koradi No.6 and Khaparreda. Works are in progress 2) Orders are in progress at Paras and Parali 6,7 and 8. <p>Pollution Control System and FGD will get along with new project.</p>
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15) Shri Pratap Goswami, Representative, Aam Aadmi Party:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Before this new project came up, for Unit no. 8.9 and 10 in the working project, then in the meeting it should be informed how many times the bank guarantee of the said project has been forfeited due to violation of pollution norms. How many crores of rupees have been seized? So what is the guarantee of Project Proponent that they will control pollution in future. Just promises, nothing else. The FGD project which was mandated to be implemented in 2010, has now started in 2023. Similarly, this land has been acquired. So why the project victims were not rehabilitated, why all the project victims were not given jobs.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that many people have complained about the non-implementation of FGD. The tendering process was started three years ago. Due to some technical issues, the tender was stalled for a year. It was then kept pending for one-and-a-half years due to Covid. Now the tendering of 2 x 660 is in the final stage and we are passing orders to install FGD in June.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) FGD Orders of Koradi No.6 & Khaparkheda have been issued, work is in progress; 2) Orders at Paras and Parali 6,7 and 8 are in progress; 3) Hence, it is not true that Mahagenco is doing nothing about FGD. Orders of FGD for Koradi will be issued. <p>In the proposed new project, FGD and pollution control devices will come with new project only.</p>
2)	<p>Hon. Collector, with so many names of project victims in the register, project victims have been cheated for the last thirty years. Now they say 534 persons will be given job opportunities. What is the population of this area, lakhs of people are unemployed</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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3)	<p>He objected that these are all false promises and the project will not benefit the locals, the electricity here is for Mumbai and western Maharashtra. Locals will only get pollution, health complaints. Locals will only get polluted water.</p> <p>We oppose this project. Mahagenco should increase its efficiency. Other power plants are closed. There is no need for this power plant here. This is injustice to Vidarbha and we oppose it.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
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Here the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee told the participants that public hearing is mandatory by Law. But this is not a political platform. Suggestions, objections regarding the environmental issues of the proposed project should be raised here.

16) **Shri Sachin Patil, Local Resident :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I am local. Local means when the first project started, our lands were acquired. The facilities that outsiders get, should be given to the local people. Koradi village should be provided water with free of cost. People of Mahadula village have to pay the monthly bill. The time has come that they will become crazy/psychological disturb for bringing the water. Hence, a water supply plan should be planned for them. Local people are not getting job. A hospital is needed for local people.</p> <p>Project ash falls on our food. It gets into food and water. But local people need employment. Our children need to have schools for education. All public schools are here. There annual fee is Rs 25,000 - 30,000. Here labourer works hard, his salary is 15,000-20,000 per month. Only local people should be given job contract in the project. Project must provide the basic needs of the local people. We will not tolerate the bullying of people coming from other States who come here and will not even allow them to become locals.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

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17) Shri Prakash Jadhav,
Former Member of Parliament,
Ramtek Lok Sabha Constituency :-

We are constantly opposing the pollution caused by these industries. This is a public hearing on environment, but it is necessary to raise questions about the environment itself. It is the work of the environment to monitor how polluted the air and water are. Employment is not a question here. Today Chandrapur district is crying. The district is surrounded by mines and a power plant. Nagpur district is following the same path. No one spoke at the meeting about Kanan River.

Among the twenty rivers of drinking water in Maharashtra, the major river is Kanan River. The entire Nagpur district drinks the water of that river. The water of that river seeps underground. As per the RRZ policy, the distance from the river to which industries should be set up is regulated.

He added that the environmental consultant of the company made a Presentation here. But nothing has been said about how much the air will be polluted due to the project, how many particles will be there and what measures will be taken to deal with it.

The same happened with water. The same person did not say anything about water pollution. How is public hearing on environment? That is, the environmental consultant was expected to tell the participants about the level of pollution and the measures to be taken against the pollution. The person did not say anything about the matter.

Shri Jadhav said that through the conveyor belt that will be installed, coal will be supplied to Koradi and Khaparkheda. Environmental Clearance (EC) has been granted by the Government of India and the conveyor belt has been allowed only 20 concrete pillars in the river bed.

512 crore project, 490 crore was spent and 95-96 concrete pillars have been constructed while 20 concrete pillars were sanctioned. Why won't anyone talk about this? Why won't anyone speak for the protection and conservation of the Kanan River? We have launched "Save Kanan River" movement from pollution through Gramanti Pratishthan. 6-6 bridges have been built in one place in the Kanan river bed. So does Nagpur want to get flood like Uttarakhand, which put 96 concrete pillars in water bed.

He objected that while 20 concrete pillars were allowed to be built, 95-96 pillars were erected in the riverbed, who paid the additional expenses for that, and who approved the additional expenses, the District Collector, Nagpur should immediately initiate an enquiry and register a case against the concerned person/s.

Hon. District Collector is also a Member of the Environment Task Force. The Judge of Nagpur District is also a Member of the Task Force, as are the Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur. So, when you were allowed to build 20 concrete pillars, you erected 95-96 pillars in the river bed, on which whether Hon. Collector will take action or not?

The coal that comes here, all the water from the mine is discharged into the Kanan River without treatment, which quenches the thirst of Nagpur district, , Hon. District Collector, what action are you going to take?

How much water from the mine is released into the Kanan River each day? Also, the coal from the mine goes to the coal washery, all the agriculture fields in Varada, Nandgaon are filled with coal dust by those coal washeries. All crops have coal dust.

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The then Environment Minister came, the farmers staged huge protests. Agricultural compensation was announced, the amount was also announced, yet the farmers have not received a single penny. There was only one cancer hospital in Nagpur, now there are six cancer hospitals in Nagpur.

Ash from this project is mixed in our water, food, air, soil, crops. Water is polluted. Clean air if we don't get due this project, with what face we welcome this project?

Local people will get jobs if the project comes. This is not part of the fight. This is the policy of the Government. So, what happened to the captive power project, bringing in the machinery that kills so many people? Many captive power projects had come up in Vidarbha. I am making statement with responsibility that no captive power project is in operation. Why should it not be discussed here now? If holding an environmental public hearing, talk about the environment.

Those whose land is acquired in this project will get jobs. But those whose agriculture is destroyed due to the coal required for the project should also get job. Water will be pumped for this project, it will take the water of another's right, he should also get a job.

If Environmental Public Hearing is held before coming up of the factory, is the Environmental Public Hearing Report made available in Marathi? It is the policy of the Government that all correspondence should be done in the official language of State i. e. in Marathi. The brief information in Marathi is made available. Then whether Marathi is not major or English is major should be disclosed.

You have carried the Environmental Survey of 10 k.m. of the periphery of the project to prepare EIA report.

A chimney of 275 meters will be installed in the project, it means chimney will be built above 850 feet. When the coal burns, its smoke will fly up. It is coal dusted smoke. Coal dusted smoke has weight. It will go in the air, then whether it will go only 10 km?

Are there no agriculture fields longer than 10 km and no sources of drinking water. Ash will fall on them also.

Why Public Proclamation – Announcing with Drums in villages – Davandi regarding public hearing, its place and date is made? If the patient of cancer is outside the periphery of 10 k.m., whether Mahagenco will bear the cost?

You said that we will plant trees, build a hospital. While granting the Environment Clearance (EC), there are directives from the Government of India, where coal handling, coal crushing, coal loading and unloading takes place, it is mandatory to develop a 45 meter wide buffer zone - green belt.

But to make people look green, bamboo trees have been planted in Koradi, Khaparkheda. If you want to bring the project, we will eventually go to the Court.

If pollution control system is going to implement state of the art Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) for air pollution control in the new plant, why not install it in the existing plant? This means making promises to fool people in public hearings and then forgetting all the promises after getting Environmental Clearance (EC). An Affidavit should be given to the Gram Panchayat who first gave the No Objection Certificate in this regard.

Presentation did not provide detailed information about the project. So my first objection is that this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report should have been presented here by the responsible officials of Mahagenco who prepared the air study, who did the water study, who did the soil study.

The responsible officials of Mahagenco need to tell here how many jobs will be provided, in which cadre the jobs will be available, when the project will start, here one person just read it. So, I protest, protest in full force. I oppose this project.

He further said that this is an Open Environment Public Hearing. So, we should talk about the same topic. Here earlier people talked for an hour or so and talked about other topics.

Shri Jadhav further objected that the closed units have been submitted by you to MERC. So this wrong information is misleading the public. Now what happened to the workers in these closed units?

They objected that the coal linkage is with a mine in Chhattisgarh. The mine with which the coal is linked, Gore Palma - II, is a Mahagenco mine which has been given to the Adani Group to operate. So, the power plant should be put here, we don't want to take coal. The units which were closed, their linkage was not to be used, but coal was to be brought from Chhattisgarh.

So if you are going to bring power plant here, coal should be taken from here only. You should adopt all measures to protect the environment. So the environment is not being protected, and my first objection is to the way the man read the Presentation, because that man gave wrong information. If he did not study air, how did he inform about air? However, those who have studied while doing the EIA report should be invited here.

However, I will strongly oppose this subject/issue.

18) Shri Bhaivyalal Suryabhan Makade,
Mhaslala, Taluka – Kamathi, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Our (Mahsala village) and Khasala village land has been acquired for disposal of ash generated in the project. A similar presentation was made when the land was acquired. Even then we did not believe that Mahagenco could do so well. Ash dam in Khasala village burst during monsoon last year. So, our objection is that how did it suddenly burst, it must have had some crack before bursting. It was good that it burst in the afternoon, if it had burst at night the entire village of Mhasala would have been submerged. Projects are being set up by misguiding the people. However, while implementing the project, modern pollution control system should be implemented in the same way and if local farmers and project	Suggestion was noted. An answer has already been given regarding the scientific disposal of ash Project proponent said that all the dam structure is repaired now. When the incidence to place KTPS did the rescue work immediatly.

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	victims are going to be given jobs, the promise should be given on stamp paper. Without doing so, if farmers are forced to go to the quest for such projects, then such projects are not our business. Due to the bursting of Ash Dam, Mhasala, Khardi, Khasala land has been eroded. The land will remain uncultivated for ten years. So how can farmer support his family? This is Yaksha question/big question in Mhsala, Khasala, Khardi, Suradevi and other villages. Many such problems have arisen due to this pollution. Thirteen villages have been affected.	
2)	I had demanded Mahagenco to build a hospital in our Mhsala, Khasala, Khairi, the demand was made a year ago. Still nothing is done. So how do we trust the Presentation? However, the problems of employment and pollution should be solved first, and only then the project should be set up.	Suggestion has been noted.

19) Shri Madan Rajurkar,
On Behalf of Khapa Patan Grampanchayat :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am a farmer. Our villages Khapa, Lonkari, Nanda and other villages are suffering from the old project which was here 7-8 years ago. The standing crop was spoiled. Vegetables used to spoil. But after commencement of this new project, our farm income doubled. We are sure that there will be no hindrance to the farmers from this project and there will not be any from the upcoming project. I support the upcoming project on behalf of Gram Panchayat.	Suggestions have been noted.

20) Shri Ravindra Baburao Paradhi,
Former Sarpanch-Gram Panchayat, Khasala
and Member:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am openly supporting this project on behalf of project affected villages. The only demand of the unemployed in the project-affected villages	Project proponent said that. Project affected people & local people will be given job opportunities in the new project.

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	<p>is that a large number of unemployed are present in the public hearing. Only locals are interested in this project. We were born and raised in the shadow of Koradi project. Physical handicap person was never born in our family. Here some people who are not associated with the project make false allegations.</p> <p>We grew up in the shade of a Koradi project, never had asthma, never had ash problem. Our only demand is that local unemployed people of this area should get first priority in the project. The affected farmers should get a subsidy from the CSR fund of this project. Mahagenco is taking care of the environment, Mahagenco should pay attention to how to protect the environment twice as much. This is a ten thousand crore rupees power plant of Maharashtra government. Space, coal is available here. Water is available. The project runs on the treated sewage of Nagpur Municipal Corporation. Due to the water from the project, the water level in the wells of the farmers in the area has increased. Because of treated sewage water, farmers are doing farming. The treated sewage is benefiting the agriculture of the farmers. We, local people know all these things. However, the local people should be given the opportunity to speak first and to understand them.</p> <p>We have the full support of the local people for this project.</p>	
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21) Shri Dhananjay Engole, Sarpanch,
Khasala Gram Panchavat, District - Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Thousands of acres of Khasala land went into the project. No illness for 50 years. Those whose land were acquired, got jobs. They retired also. If this project is to be taken elsewhere, then return the land to us and then take the project elsewhere. Now the one whose land is taken, if he has five children, one is given a job and the land is taken completely. No one is harmed by this project. Many of the villages are affected by the project, they are employed for Rs 10,000-15,000. So, take them on government salary. We have a dam. Many</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>

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	<p>tourists come there. However, it should be developed as a tourist destination. The roads there are of cement concrete. There is MSEB space, a hospital should be built there for local people. There are 150 unemployed people in our village, its population is One thousand souls. We support this project</p>	
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22) Shri Tarachand Bhaskar Pakinde,
Residence – Mahadula, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The need for power is increasing day by day. Accordingly, the Government has planned to build a new project at Koradi, it is justifiable. I congratulate Convener of the meeting for holding this public hearing. Residents who are staying 7-8 km from Koradi have suffered environmental hardships for the past 45 years and have contributed to the project by donating their land. Government has already expanded the project in the past. Considering the present situation, the population of Koradi is growing and the nearby city Nagpur has also reached upto Koradi. Considering the environment, as demanded in the media, the new project can be developed at "Pat Gowari" instead of "Koradi." All the infra-structure is available there and Pench River is nearby. The area is covered by forest. It can protect the environment.</p> <p>Due to the acquisition of the land for the project, the villagers of Pat Govari will get job opportunities. There will be a change in their life. Road connecting Pardhuni and Ramtek is available. Hence, it is requested that the new project should be established at "Pat Gowari" instead of at "Koradi".</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted. That instead of Koradi village, the project can be developed at Pat Govari village.</p>

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23) Ms. DISHA CHANDRAFULE, SABHAPATI, PANCHAYAT SAMATI, KAMTHI, DISTRICT -NAGPUR:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The speakers who have spoken till now have spoken only for public interest. I am a girl from the project affected Waregaon village. The land acquired by MSEB 35-40 years ago, paid very negligible compensation and employed only one person in the household.</p> <p>Other people i.e. landless farmers were toiling on agriculture fields of a farmer for their livelihood. Land acquisition made them unemployed. Only one member/person of the family whose land was acquired got a job, others are wandering in the village. Due to this, social problems have arisen in the village.</p> <p>In the new power plants also, there is bias attitude too. In our area, only selected people got job opportunities. Majority of people are unemployed. As we are office bearers, people do come every day. We got tired of making promises. Only those who are favorable to the management get the job.</p>	<p>The answer is already given for giving priority for jobs to local people. Project proponent said that compensation will be verified.</p>
2)	<p>This new project will be commissioned soon. So, water, air, environment should be considered for public interest. You are aware of the trouble that Koradi suffers due to this working project. It is the story of 1994. My brother fell into Ash Bund lake and died.</p> <p>It is the irresponsible and negligent attitude of the Mahagenco (then MSEB) that led to the death of my brother. You just build the project, but do not think about the safety of the employees there. You do not control the pollution.</p> <p>Today projects are everywhere. Even if the local people protest and oppose, you will build the project. Local people are not employed in the project. A survey here will show that people came from other States are more in the project than local people.</p>	<p>Project proponent said that safety measures will be strengthen Suggestion is noted.</p>
3)	<p>Many people here spoke against the project. Some spoke in favor. There will be advantages and disadvantages of the project. We have objection to this project. But we have submitted demands on behalf of our Waregaon Gram Panchayat. If these demands are considered, support will be given in true sense. Otherwise I promise to take a stand to protest.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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24) Shri Kamalakar Bangare, Sarpanch, Waregaon Gram Panchayat, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>You are building the project by setting up the latest technology. That means you are going to take responsibility for pollution protection. At the start of the project, a promise is made to provide employment to the locals, but after the completion of the project, the promise is not kept. However, we demand that only local people should get job opportunities here.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
2)	<p>I further demand that free electricity should be provided to the project affected villages. Hospital should be built for the project affected people and healthcare services should be provided to them.</p> <p>While developing the green belt in the project, green belts and tree plantation should be done in the surrounding villages.</p> <p>Villages have savings groups. They should be given employment.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

25) Mrs. Yogita Kishor Dande, Sarpanch, Khaire Gram Panchayat, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I agree to this project subject to certain terms and conditions –</p> <p>Job opportunities should be provided to local people in Koradi Khaparkheda Power Generation Company. Trees of tall species should be planted near the Ash bund/ lake in the project affected village. The project victims should be accommodated in the expanded new project in all areas.</p> <p>Fifty crores should be spent for development works per year to the project affected villages. Ten crore rupees should be kept in reserve for environmental schemes in the village.</p> <p>One crore rupees per year should be given to Gram Panchayats for various social works under CSR fund in affected villages like roads, water supply, public health services.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted</p>

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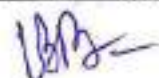
2)	Contracts should be made available to project affected local contractors and unemployed according to their capacity. Due to the contaminated water and ash of the company, the power generation company should build a hospital and provide free medical treatment to the people affected by the project.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	Supply of clean water and also drinking water to the project affected villages. To ensure that there is no pollution in nearby village. Trees of tall species should be planted at 50-60 feet in the village. Farmers should be compensated if crops are damaged due to company ash in the project-affected villages.	Suggestion is noted.
4)	Tourism places should be developed in the project-affected villages. If all these conditions are acceptable, I have no objection to this project. These should be completed. The promises made should not be on paper only.	Suggestion is noted.

26) Ms. Lina Bhude, NGO :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	For the last two years, we have studied how the local people are facing environmental problems in the villages located in the area of Koradi and Khaparkheda. This study was done with the participation of people of the village. Water samples were collected and studied. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the said project, which was made available to the project affected villagers, has been made available to only ten villages, but in the EIA report itself it is written that there are total 46 project affected villages.	Suggestions should be noted.
2)	So the first objection is why the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the project has not been made available in all 46 villages? Similarly, why the said EIA report was not made available to all Gram Panchayats in official language of the State i.e. in Marathi?	Suggestion is noted. The provisions under EIA notification 2006 are followed.

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3)	The next objection is that the EIA - Environmental Impact Assessment report is completely wrong. Therefore, legal action should be initiated immediately against the private environmental consultant who prepared the Environmental Impact Assessment report of this company, and the environmental consultant should be blacklisted. Complete information is incorrect in this report.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	Environmental Consultant wrote about the health of the project-affected people that the people living here live in poor condition, their hygiene is very poor. That makes them sick. This is completely wrongly mentioned in the EIA.	Suggestions have been noted.
5)	My objection is that ash from the Mahagenco project is blown all over the village. It mixes with water, food, it is causing problems to people. Skin infection is found in the area. Because the ash from the project mixes with water and local people have to use that water for bathing.	Answer regarding scientific disposal of ash is already given.
6)	A lot of heavy metals are found in this ash when it is scientifically analyzed. Locals have to drink that heavy metal water, the same water has to be fed to the crops in the fields. The heavy metal gets to the crops from the water and finally it goes to our stomachs in the form of food. Mahagenco has failed to dispose off 100% fly ash scientifically.	Project Proponent said that an NGO had complained that Mahagenco's ash had contaminated drinking water sources, river channels in the area and contained high levels of radioactive and heavy metals. The health of the residents is being affected. After that, a joint inspection was conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, at that time the complainant was also informed to accompany. He accompanied. Samples of water source mentioned by the complainant, various drinking water sources in the area, wells etc. were collected after detailed inspection. It was analysed in a laboratory approved by NABL. Heavy metals and radio actives were not found anywhere in it. Similarly, it is observed that all the parameters are in the prescribed limits. Similarly, Mahagenco had received a report from Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, (BARC) Mumbai It is also reported that all standards are followed. The new project is state-of-the-art and includes pollution control system, ESP along with the project. There will be FGD. A similar state-of-the-art project has been



		implemented in Bhusawal. However, we can assure you that there will be no problem of pollution due to the new project.
7)	Now the Kolar River here has become completely ash river and the Kolar River joins the Kanan River. All Nagpur district gets its water from Kanan river. During the rainy season, the water reaches Nagpur and the water system in the south and east of Nagpur is completely blocked. Although the report said that the water is clean. There is no disclosure about how the fly ash will be disposed off in the new expansion project.	Answer is already given regarding scientific disposal of fly ash.
8)	The report said that there is an old Ash Bund at Koradi, they are going to use it. She requested Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to take further action by inspecting the ash bund of Koradi. As of today, it is in abandoned state. At present, Ash Bund planted with bamboo. The place looks completely like a forest. But the ash there have not been removed. The capacity of the Koradi ash band is completely exhausted. Hence, Project Proponent has stopped the ash band started another one.	Suggestions have been noted.
9)	The next objection raised that there was no lining to the ash band in Koradi and Khaparkheda. As a rule, the lining should be applied first, then the ash. Today, the legacy fly ash is 2.4 crore tonnes. It flies and goes to the fields in the area. It enters people's bodies through breathing. I had made a video. Local people who are now supporting the project here, said at the time that they were eating ash every day. Their health is depleted. Hence, Health Impact Assessment should be done. It is also necessary to check the current state of health as there are increased patients of thyroid and kidney stone.	Scientific disposal of ash and respiratory complaints have already been answered.
10)	The report states that malaria occurs due to lack of sanitation in the village. Project Consultant has given this wrong information. Similarly there are FGDs, its Waste Management Plan is not given in the report. Its Gypsum Waste is going to generated, but nothing is written about Gypsum Waste Management.	Suggestions have been noted.

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11)	It is objected that Mahagenco is not trying to reduce pollution in the present operational projects. If the local people desires, then only project should be commissioned, but the local people should also consider the pollution caused by the project. Unless Mahagenco removes the fly ash that has gone into the well, the drain, the project should not be allowed.	Suggestions have been made.
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27) Ms. Anusuya Kale Chabravani, Swaycha Association NGO:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The word "local" has been discussed in the meeting. It was demanded that the locals want the project and jobs should be given to the locals in the project. Whether the project comes or not is another matter, but air and water are never "local."</p> <p>Air can go anywhere, so water can go anywhere. So far, there have been many reports of pollution in Khasara village, where fly ash band broken in 2022. But I wonder about Khasara villagers, they are supporting the project. Now we will go to Koradi Lake. As many people were clapping in support of the project, whether they have seen the Koradi lake? A community survives on that Koradi lake. Their livelihood depends on fishing. We have been coming here with them every three months for the last three years. There is no employment for them now. Because the Koradi lake is drying up. Due to the ash from the project that has gone into the Koradi lake, they cannot fish. Nobody talked about it. If we talk about who is local, Koradi lake is local.</p>	Suggestions have been noted. The answer is already given regarding scientific disposal of ash from the project.
2)	You will give 534 jobs in 46 villages. But the details of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled posts are not given.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	Also Mahagenco is not following the standards as per the guidelines passed by National Green Tribunal and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Ash is still thrown. The legacy ash which is said to be worth Rs 2.5 crore, nothing is done by Mahagenco and no further action has been taken by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The benefits of the project were stated, but the disadvantages were not stated.	Suggestions have been noted.

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4)	Here, there is vast air pollution. But the levels of PM - 2.5 , PM 10 levels are shown below the limits. How it will be true? The present status of Khasara bund is already discussed.	Suggestions have been noted
5)	It has been forty years today, the Koradi project is being implemented. Where is the green boundary visible here? We do not talk about these topics. Have the project proponents read the EIA report? Employment will be created, the project is good, but if the proponents of the project have not read the EIA, it is for their benefit.	Suggestion has been noted.

28) **Shri Viveksingh Sisodiya, Chakki Khapa Gaon, District – Nagpur :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am a farmer. I have left the city to live in agriculture fields. I suffer from fly ash a lot. My kids got a nebulizer. I myself see that 80% of children in rural areas need nebulizers due to fly ash. It is caused by air pollution. Senior citizens of the area are suffering from a disease called myesthesia. The tracheal veins do not work during breathing. Also my orange tree is completely damaged, because it gets fly ash. I am a farmer and my income is zero. He objected that Mahagenco gives fly ash to NHAI. NHAI transports it by truck. NHAI is ruining village roads. The ash is trapped in the embankments at Pani Adwa, Pani Jirwa. (Arrest water and Conserve Water). Fly ash affects everyone.	The answer regarding disposal of fly ash is already given previously.
2)	I stand up to protest. I am not against this project. However, new projects should not be started without reducing pollution first. Another thing is that the job got here in the project is not as per rules. They are contractual in nature.	Suggestions have been noted.

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29) Mrs. Seema Avinash More, Sarpanch, Guntiya village, District – Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I support this project. Similarly, everyone in my village supports this project. Because there is a lot of unemployment problem in my village. I hope that the youth should get employment in this project.	PAPs and local people will be given job opportunities in the project.
2)	Another thing is that Mahajenko should plant trees in my village as much as possible. Also funds are required for various social activities in the village. Cannot depend only on public taxation. So my village must get financial help. I request Hon. Collector to take this project in Koradi keeping in mind the community and not go elsewhere.	The suggestions were noted. Project Promoter said that Mahanirmati periodically undertakes tree plantation programs in villages in the area.

30) Shri Ashok Barge, Residence – Koradi, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This project has a lot to do with pollution. I strongly believe that this project should be done in Koradi. Because it will save a lot of money of Mahajenko/Maha Nirmithi. This money is public money. I do not belong to any political party. The Environmental Management Plan as stated in the presentation should be strictly followed. I fully support this project.	Suggestions have been noted.

31) Shri Nitin Diliprao Ronghe, Maha Vidharba Jan Jagran Sanstha –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Although this project seems to be for the progress of Vidarbha, I have some doubts. Because 70% of Maharashtra's electricity comes from Vidarbha. But only 11% electricity is consumed in Vidarbha. In fact, we do not consume more than 2,000.0 MW of electricity. So who is this project for? Because 7,200 MW power is being generated here. Show any city in the world where 7,200.0 MW + 1320.0 MW of this project will be generated within 15 km	Suggestion is noted.

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	radius. So Nagpurkar is not a gas chamber, but we are sitting on the mouth of a volcano.	
2)	<p>Following questions are asking:- Mercury means mercury and radio activity means radiation from this project, those things have not been studied yet.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that an NGO had complained that Mahagenco's ash had contaminated drinking water sources, river channels in the area and contained high levels of radioactive and heavy metals. The health of the residents is being affected. After that, a joint inspection was conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, at that time the complainant was also informed to accompany. He accompanied. Samples of water source mentioned by the complainant, various drinking water sources in the area, wells etc. were collected after detailed inspection. It was analysed in a laboratory approved by NABL. Heavy metals and radio actives were not found anywhere in it. Similarly, it is observed that all the parameters are in the prescribed limits. Similarly, Mahagenco had received a report from Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, (BARC) Mumbai It is also reported that all standards are followed. The new project is state-of-the-art and includes pollution control system, ESP along with the project. There will be FGD. A similar state-of-the-art project has been implemented in Bhusawal. However, we can assure you that there will be no problem of pollution due to the new project.</p>
3)	Koradi river water is not drinkable. .What is the purpose of water ATM in your village?	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	<p>Maharashtra may need electricity, but Vidarbha does not need electricity at all. Everyone says that Nagpur has plenty of coal, but the project is brining now 600 km away from Chhattisgarh. They are going to bring coal from Chhattisgarh. For that, we are going to close the projects of Bhusawal, Parli, Nashik.</p> <p>If coal is to be burnt from Chhattisgarh, what if it is burnt at Nashik, Parli, Bhusawal? Even at Pune also, coal can be taken and burnt. Now such a loophole is drawn that there is no place available on the other side. So ask Mahagenco officials – Dhopave in Konkan, Dondaicha in Jalgaon has acquired land for 3,200 MW. As the people there are concerned about the next</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

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	generation, they did not allow the project to take place there.	
5)	One very highfi word is used – Merit Order Dispatch. That means the electricity in Koradi will remain the cheapest. If electricity will be generated in the dry season, will it be used? He said that there is a law of power, there is a law of energy, where energy is created, there is no development. Where it is used, money comes. He further objected that here it is said that Nagpur Municipal Corporation is going to treat 140 MLD sewage and give it to Koradi. Pune currently has 600 MLD of sewage from Mula and Mutha rivers. 857 MLD water will be available by 2025. Then why no power plant is needed there.	Suggestions have been noted.
6)	According to newspaper reports, air pollution will cause about 60 lakh premature births. (Pre mature baby), sadly to say. This risk increases by 16% with heat. People who used to commission sugar factories, colleges, are now opening cancer hospitals.	Suggestions have been noted.
7)	EIA states that the project will create 543 jobs. When Vidarbha joined Maharashtra, as per the population ratio, 23% of the total jobs would have to be given to Vidharbha. As per the information obtained under Right To Information, 2005, only 7-8% have been allotted to Vidharba Region. Hence, I oppose this project.	Suggestions have been noted.

32) Shri Sanjay Satvakar, Maha Vidharbha Shetkari Sanghatana, Kanan -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Thanks to the locals who raised the issue that the project should be implemented here in this meeting. He has persistently proposed that the project should be done in his area. Some questions arise from the points raised during the presentation. The presentation said that around 70,000.0 tonnes of coal will be brought from Chhattisgarh. So, it should be annual. Similarly, no information has been given about how long the said project will run. Suppose the project runs for ten years, 7 crore tonnes of coal will be brought here. Its ash will be 40%, i.e. 2.5 million tons per year. So how to dispose of	Suggestions have been noted. Project Promoter said that objections were raised that ash disposal was not done in a scientific manner in Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur. Of the seven plants Mahagenco has, four have 100% ash disposal. But not so much in Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur. As per the new notification dated 31-12-2021 dry ash and pond ash has been bifurcated. While the dry ash is less, lifting of ash from the pond is about 70-80%. Brick kiln owners and small industries here who need energy are led by the people.

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	<p>that ash, does our Nagpur district have that much capacity for that? I agree 100% with the supporters of the project here</p>	<p>According to the new Notification, a five-year term has been given in Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur. 80% for first two years followed by 100% target. In the meeting, one of the participants had objected that if the ash from here is to be taken to Mumbai by rail, there will be pollution there as well. The cost of this will be borne by the local people. Mahagenco advertised in the paper in this regard, although the response was not satisfactory at the first time, after the new Notification, where ash is used, its availability has reduced.</p> <p>Many ash buying organizations are in touch with Mahagenco as ash is decreasing. There is a demand for ash from Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, as requests for ash have started from concerned individuals/organizations. He said that ash transports to Pune, Mumbai, Nashik in demand areas by rail at own expense. But with some help from Mahagenco, we can definitely start it.</p> <p>Mahagenco decided that the cost which Mahagenco bears for sending dry ash to bund should be paid to those who collect the ash. So many individuals/organizations are in touch with Mahagenco. Mahagenco asserts that the consumption of dry ash will definitely increase in the next one-two years. We can certainly fulfill the directives (targets) given by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.</p>
2)	<p>Two days ago, news was appearing in the paper that the problem of employment is more serious than pollution.</p> <p>I live in Kanan area. There we are the coal losers. Because 300-400 feet deep wells were drilled in our area, but the water there went away. Now that piles of soil is 10-12 km. Seen everywhere. How many days we have to suffer this. We are not against the project. But due to this, we lost our jobs. Kanan in Nagpur district was second in terms of income in Maharashtra after Pimpri Chinchwad. Due to the coal mining, all our industries have gone. However, we request that the people of all areas of our Kanan should be considered when we are building the project.</p>	Noted.



3)	Almost all our farms, agriculture fields have been completely destroyed by ash from the project. MSEB has retained 750 acres of land. Ten thousand rupees taken per acre. At that time, it was promised to give the job. Nothing got. There is no job, the land is gone. Here one has to pay 3-4 lakh rupees to a contractor/agent to get the job.	Answer is already given regarding the disposal of ash.
4)	Similarly, whether the coal will be used of washery or without washery, it should also be said. If seventy lakhs of coal is being washed from the washery, then it should be washed at Chhattisgarh itself and then coal should be brought here. MSEB has purchased the land of 750 acre and from there at a distance of 2-3 k.m., there are coal mines. The machines of 10 thousand HP have been installed to lift the coal from the mines. Water is pumped and discharged into Kanan river. It means that Kanan river is entirely on mines water. In the 750 acres of plot, there is a pond of 150 acres. If the power plant is established where the quarry is located, the cost of transportation will be saved and electricity will be available cheaply. And it will save pollution.	Suggestion has been noted.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any new suggestions, objections if any.

33) Shri Ramesh Ganorkar, Maharashtra Rajya Electricity Officers Employees Sena Contract Union President -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	So far many people have expressed their opinion. Some said no to this project, some supported it and some suggested another place. Some said there is pollution here, take the project elsewhere. So won't there be pollution there too? Won't the land there be damaged? Then the project should be done here. The project must be done here, otherwise I will take out a grand march in Maharashtra. This project was started 50 years ago, why was there no opposition then? Also, I demand that the first contract people should be inducted into the permanent service, then the others should	Suggestions have been noted.

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	be taken. Strong agitation will be done for that. However, this project should stay here.	
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34) Shri Dilip Laxmanji Narvadiya, At Post – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Why Vidarbha has the highest temperature in India, because of the power plants operating here, the temperature has increased tremendously. Saatheeo, any family member died of cancer, any family member dies due to pollution and respiratory problem, needless to say, what will be the condition of the people in their house.</p> <p>Today I want to draw attention of all to the fact that Vidarbha produces 7,200 MW of electricity. Nagpur district has an electricity supply of 2,800 MW. The remaining 4,400.0 MW of coal and water are used to light the roads of Pune and Mumbai. Software companies in Pune have electricity passing through Vidarbha. For this, water is used from Vidarbha, coal from Vidarbha.</p> <p>If they want electricity, they should set up their power plant in their locality. We don't need extra electricity anymore. However, we are against this project.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

35) Shri Liladhar Bhojar, Gat Gram Panchayat, Lonkari, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I am supporting this project on behalf of my Gram Panchayat. Here everyone knows that there is land, water is available. Some people suggested moving elsewhere due to pollution. So pollution was happening earlier. Some people are going from village to village saying that the project is causing cancer and other diseases. But if the disease is going to happen, how will it happen to the ten villages here? Everyone should suffer of it. Expecting that our children should get jobs in the project here.</p>	It was promised again that the local people and PAPs will be given job opportunities in the project.

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36) Shri Ifaj Ahmad, Former Dy. President, Kamthi Nagar Parishad -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Kamptee is a city of weavers, Kamptee is city of Bidi workers. Indian Army is located at the three side of Kamptee. 1,80,000 liters of water is provided to our army every day. However, there has never been a complaint from the Indian Army about ash entering the water. There is also a project in Khaparkheda. Indian Army has never complained. If the project comes here, the local people will get job opportunities. However, I request that the said project be started as soon as possible.	Suggestions have been noted

37) Shri Bhiva Tandekar, Bina Sangam Social Worker:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	For those who are environmentalists, five km from here located my village and I am a project sufferer. Environmentalists here want to question whether they are suffering from pollution or because of the project coming up in Koradi. On the other hand, if this project is to be shifted at any other site, then what should the workers here do? Due to unemployment in my village many cases of theft have been committed. Maharashtra Government is solely responsible for it. I am unemployed. My friends purchased interest free trucks. 80% of the people in the village live in ash, sand. Don't they suffer from pollution? However, the project should be commissioned here only.	Suggestions have been noted.

38) Shri Rahul Sonare, Ghogli Sarpanch, District -Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am standing in this public hearing to represent Ghogli village. My village is of thousand	Suggestions have been noted.

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	<p>people. The land of the village is 300 hectares, out of which 150 hectares have been acquired for canals and Koradi lake No.3. Lay-outs are lying in the remaining 50-60 acres of land. 100% unemployment in my village. Even after acquiring the land, the youth of my village have not got employment in this power station. A lake is formed, but the gates are closed there during monsoon. As the gate is closed, the drain water enters the surrounding agriculture fields. Therefore, crops in the fields are trampled. Those farmers do not get any kind of compensation. We are told that this is a natural calamity and we should demand compensation from the Tehsildar. No compensation is received from Mahagenco.</p>	
2)	<p>Another thing is that bamboo has been planted near the village. The bamboo was on fire last year. The village was on fire. There was full smoke and bunt wood. However, the Mahagenco is requested that the bamboo trees adjacent to the village should be removed and the government space should be cleared. A 660 MW project is coming up here. So start with a bigger capacity, but the problems caused by this project should be considered</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

39) Mrs. Savita Ramchandra Jitkar, Panchavat Samiti, Member, Koradi Circle -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>We have many unemployed here. If this 1,320 MW project starts, the number of unemployed in our area will decrease. Those who are unemployed in all the thirteen gram panchayats in this Koradi circle are farmers. If there is a flood or a storm, they have no food to eat. They do not have grains to prepare meals for twice a day. If this project is installed, our people here will have food. I would like to say to the environmentalists in some other areas that if this project provides two meals a day, rather than causing family quarrels over unemployment and eventually suicide due to the frustration by the young man, we are okay with taking environmental risks. However, this project should be approved. However, it is requested that the unemployed of thirteen villages should be made employable.</p>	<p>An assurance was given back that local people and PAPs will be given priority in employment in the project.</p>

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40) Shri Prakash Bhalerao, Maharashtra Rajya Electricity Retired Worker Sangh -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>All I want to say is that there is so much fire going on in the name of environment. We agree that the government has strict guidelines regarding the environment. Environment Department also aims to maintain a good environment here. I am of the opinion that Thermal Power Station should be commissioned. Because I have retired from this thermal power after serving for 38 years and I am strong and prominent. Retired workers have been living in this area for the past ten years. Still 5 km daily at 5 - 5.30 am. going for a walk Here we are all retired healthy people, we don't have respiratory problems, cancer or any other serious diseases like the doubts raised in the meeting. Here, a book read by some of the environmentalists. One might have suffered as a human being, no objection to that. But it is the demand of me and my retired team that here Power Station should be commissioned.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

41) Rashtradhan Bhimrao Chandrasekhar Scheduled Castes Welfare Secretary :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Project started here in 1974 before I was born. If you check the records from 1974 to date, no one had any trouble. In 2011, 660 MW was inaugurated by the then Power Minister. As a student at that time, I saw that not a single person opposed the project. Today I saw the pollution of Nag river. . I used to pass that road when I was in Polytechnic. Do not want to bear the smell while walking. Environmentalists are came to existence in recent years. Where were these environmentalists earlier? Today such a big plant has come up, people have got employment, there are as many environmentalists here, I live in Sambhajanagar. The distance between the project and Sambhajanagar is almost Zero. We</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

	people have been living here for 45 years. People are still living there. My father is 75 years old. They have not suffered from the project. He has age old diseases.	
2)	I am a worker as per Right To Information Act, 2005. I grew up here since childhood. I have not got sick due to this plant. Due to the project, various housing societies with modern facilities are coming up in the periphery of 10 k.m. of the project. Many people of Nagpur on holidays come here for tourism. A lot of people including various environmentalists, have invested crores of rupees here. The project comes for social development. A training center of NDRF is being developed at Waregaon near here. However, this project should be started as soon as possible.	Suggestions have been noted.

42) Shri Akash Sukhe, Congress Party Worker Sena – Nagpur District Rural :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I have been seeing labour issues while living here. But I am the first person from Nagpur that I was given training for workers by Indian government. This project must start here, but I would like to tell Mahagenco that the work is being done through tender. There is corruption in it. I am an RTI worker and have been attacked 3-4 times. I work for the welfare of workers. Here Ash Bund broken. Then why was no action taken against that contractor?	Here Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to raised suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.
2)	Shri Akash Sukhe said that Babasaheb has given everyone the right to speak. There was a corruption of twenty two crores of Garden. This project is coming from public money. Let the project come. People must get employment. 54 people from Mahadula died in Corona. But not a single MLA came. This project should be done. If the project is not done, I will protest. I fasted Mahadula. We have to get water from CSR fund of MSEB. The 16 points I presented should be worked on. A doctor should be available 24 hours a day in the hospital here. Tablets should be available.	Suggestion has been noted.

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43) Sou. Nalini Mahesh Dhudup, Corporator,
Nagar Panchayat, Mahadula :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Many people have gathered here to offer suggestions, ideas. So everyone should be given a chance to speak. You should limit the time. The project that is going to come here, many people are saying only pollution, pollution here. The project has been operational for the last 50 years and workers are working. No one talks about them. This project is supported by our Mahadula Panchayat Samiti. The project should be done here.	Suggestions have been noted.

44) Shri Vikram Raut, Ex Gram Panchayat Member, Koradi, Rashtravadi Congress
Party Co-Ordinator Secretary:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Welcoming new project in this Koradi village. My statement is that ash fall in my fields, I am afflicted with ash. I am submitting my statement. Please consider it.	Suggestions have been noted.

45) Shri Bhimrao Bajangate, Electricity Employees Officers Engineer Sena Joint
Chief Secretary:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I, on behalf of my organization request Hon. Collector, Nagpur and Environment Officer that the proposed project should be installed in Koradi only. It is sanctioned at Koradi only, hence according to the rules, project should be at Koradi only. Those who are protesting in the name of environment have nothing to do with this project. They are opposing it in the name just to oppose it. When there is project, there will be pollution. Since it is a modern project, there is very little pollution here. Pollution will be NIL if care is taken properly as shown in the presentation. If a power plant is	Suggestions have been noted.

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	<p>to be opposed, shut down all power plants, then watch. The reason for protesting in the name of environment is different.</p> <p>Those who are opposing the project, first give jobs to the unemployed young boys and girls and then close the project. If anybody cannot give job to others, he cannot stop the bread and butter opportunity of others.</p>	
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46) Shri Mohit Sharma, Chairman, Maharashtra State Electricity Federation :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>The environmental public hearing for the proposed 2X660 MW supercritical thermal power plant at Koradi is underway here. We are clear about the project that the electricity demand of Maharashtra, the largest demand is 28,000.0 MW, while we are buying it from an outside private company and supplying it to the people of Maharashtra. Here are some questions, which should be considered. There may be some environmental issues. But now new technology is available, hence further solution can be find out. Problems arise, they should be solved by sitting together with Mahagenco management, government and people. Do not oppose the project for that. Maharashtra needs this project, the infrastructure required for it is available in Koradi. 12 thousand crores are available here.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
2)	<p>If the project is shifted at other place, the expenditure more than twelve thousand will increase and on the Government's coffers will be overloaded.</p> <p>But this is an environmental issue. Don't forget. But that's all. Questions raised before the Three-Member Committee should be resolved.</p> <p>Pollution should be controlled.</p> <p>But there should be co-ordination. Project should be started. There are health issues, tree plantation issues, jobs to local people issues. These problems should be solved.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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47) Ms. Sangita Bhujalvarti, Mahadula NagarParishad Corporator :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I support the project. But I wish that local people should be given jobs. Many young boys and girls are unemployed here. Also, there is a project in Koradi village, but the children have to go out and work, which is a big regret. However, the local unemployed should be given employment contracts.	Project Proponent informed that answer on this issue is already given

48) Shri Dinesh Naidu, Secretary, Vidharbha Connect Institute :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I am a Project Supervisor, since early I am observing the project. I have informed Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in 2019 about the negative impact of the project. It is noted in the EIA report on our letterhead. But I have not received his reply today. He thanked the Administration for organizing the public hearing very well. The next question is whether the project will be commissioned or not. Majority of people in the meeting are of the opinion that this project should come. There is little opposition to the project. I live in Sadar area. I have been fighting for you since 2010. It has been 13 years. FGD is still not operational in the project, causing huge amount of pollution. I am not asking for contracts here. This project is built on a lie. Understand it. Here everyone is thinking about job.	Project Promoter said that a detailed reply has been given regarding FGD. Point is noted.
2)	As per the EIA report of the project, 534 posts to be filled in the project, out of it 145 people will be in plant. There will be 300 personnel will be appointed in Maintenance Department on contractual basis. 90 people will be in Supply Department. Remaining posts will be on contractual basis. And as there is progress, the modern projects will be fully computerised. The working project is also super critical. As FGD is not installed, the ash is generated outside. I am sad that here young boys and girls are not thinking about technical aspect.	Suggestions have been noted.



3)	Our land and water will be used for new project. Why should Vidarbha tolerate pollution? Government of Maharashtra has announced that it will make 7,000 MW of solar power by 2025. So, there is no need for this 12,000 crore project This will benefit the contractors and the officers and employees of Mahagenco. The owner of the coal washery will benefit from this. They are going to earn crores in a month. This will benefit private contractors.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	Vidarbha Connect is opposing the project. Directives as issued by the Govt. of India for conducting public hearings have been violated. There is a discrepancy between the information in the presentation and the annexures shown in the meeting. If the Government of India does not listen to us, we will appeal in the court. We are in favor of providing employment and healthcare to the local people.	Suggestions have been noted.

49) Shri Sandip Kodape, Gram Panchayat Suradevi, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This project is supported by my Gram Panchayat. There are 2-3 conditions of Gram Panchayat – drinking and consumption water is not good in our area. However, the project promoters should immediately construct a filter plant in our village. Project should give maximum attention to the farmers. Because in small amounts, ash causes crop damage. So the farmers of our village are upset. It is requested to keep vigil on generation of ash.	Suggestions have been noted.

50) Shri Vijay Patil, Secretary, Rashtriva Majdur Sena, Nagpur District :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Those who are opposing they may have other ways to feed their. Those who are half full come here. When the project came, it will be opposed. Any project would be closed as it	Suggestions have been noted.

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	<p>would cause pollution. If the project comes, there will be a little pollution. Hence, the sanctioned project here should be installed here only. On the other hand, if this project want to shift other place, then a new project should be approved there. If the project is not commissioned here, there will be a mass movement.</p>	
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51) **Shri Arvind Khobe, Residence - Koradi,**
District - Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Living in Koradi villlage for the past 40 years, poverty is well known to me. I will only say to those who oppose, should the farmer's son commit suicide? Those who live in crore flats oppose the project to publish their name in the press. If the Mahagenco officials had provided the facilities in time, this objection would not have raised. Because even then, it was a super critical project. If we invented medicine for Corona virus, then these problems can also be solved. Hence, this project has to be installed in Koradi only. Let the farmers around here learn how to earn.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

52) **Shri Akashchandraji Moze -**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Now I am going to tell an important topic, it has been pending for last ten years. Agitation was done for this subject, letters were sent. I am a project sufferer. Skilled Apprentices. Working in Safety Department at 200 MW. While taking our land, there was a promise that job will be given. But Aurangabad High Court has decided that our exam should be conducted for technology. Now we have 8th, 10th and 12th passed. They don't know computer. Those who are our trade, they do not ask. Also, one who starts at the age of 30, retires at the age of 45. No insurance cover while working. No medical</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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facilities. Not even provident fund. However, it needs special attention.	
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53) Shri Devraoji Gangaram Pande, Ex. Sarpanch, Waregaon, District – Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Mahagenco acquired 1,000 acres of land in Waregaon. Those whose land was acquired, got employment, but there is agriculture, houses in or around it, they are affected by the pollution. Adjacent to my farm is an ash dam of Mahagenco. There is a drain on the side of the embankment. It produces ash in my fields and in the fields of 17-18 people nearby. The complaint has been lodged at Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in Nagpur and Khaparkheda. Due to this project there is no road to go to the farm.</p> <p>Due to this, the surrounding agriculture fields have been suffering for the last seven years. A statement has also been given to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Nothing is happening about it, the project should be done, I support the project. However, our problems should be solved immediately</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

54) Shri Narendra Bhangre, Dy. Chairman, Project Affected Person Kruti Samiti :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Here some people spoke in favor of the project, while others spoke against the project. The project has been working here for so many years, so why are the people here unemployed? My own land is acquired, in 1972. After three years of hard efforts in the rehabilitation office, I was certified as a Project Affected Person (PAP). However, I have not been given a permanent job by Mahagenco. I have been working as a trainee for the last eight years. I am feeding my family with just Rs 15,000. But a technician in MSEB gets a salary of Rs.35,000/-.</p> <p>We were owners of land, now we are not servants of land also. The project affected</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

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	<p>children have come here because they have a hope that they will get employment in the new project. They will get employment only if the company provides employment as per the rules. There should be a project, but there should be transparency in the appointment. However, it is the responsibility of the Government to see whether the transparency is followed while implementing the project.</p>	
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55) **Shri Pankaj Sor, Mahadula Sangharsha Samiti :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>By Mahadula Sangharsh Samiti Hon. Collector has been requested to consider our representation that water should be provided free of charge under CSR by Mahagenco. But we don't get free water. So we took fast. We are not noticed at all. So how can this project come?</p> <p>Project should be installed at Koradi village only. The project should be completed within a short period of time. The project will come. For this it is necessary to fulfill previous promises. Locals and PAPs have to pay a bribe of two lakhs for employment. Then get a contract or get a job. So, what is the need for such a project? A project is needed only if the job will be provided according to the merit. Similarly, the locals must get all the facilities that were demanded. Nagpur gets drinking water at a minimum of Rs.110/-. We have to buy it for Rs.180. Here also they take Rupees 560 per month. Then the unemployed locals say why do they need plants?</p> <p>The plant is required, but only after providing all the facilities to the locals. 80% local means local people should be employed 80%. All assembly constituencies except Kamathi have MIDCs.</p> <p>However, I submit that the project should come to Koradi village, but with all the comforts promised before and all the comforts now made.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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56) Shri Nafij Shaikh, Prayavaran No.1 News Portal Magazine & One Weekly is publishing –

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Staying in Nagpur district especially Kamathi from the year 2022-23. Being a student of the environment, studies the environment. During the lockdown, the NGT has held only one meeting regarding the pollution of our Kolar and Kanan rivers, which was directed towards polluted rivers. It has held only one meeting since 2019.</p> <p>A Committee was constituted consisting of Chief Officer of Mahadula Nagar Parishad, Tahsildar, District Superintendent of Police - Rural etc.</p> <p>Another Notification came in 2021 in which it is directed that there will be no auction of sand of polluted river. Now what is present situation? There is opposition to this project – Yes or No also. Environmentalists are not your enemy. One in a hundred works, he works for your future.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	<p>Two Commands of Indian Army are located just four kilometers away from the project site. One Cantonment Board is situated. It is objected that the bio-diversity of the Kanan river is totally destroyed. There is no water in Kanan River. There is only ash and ash. If anybody puts the finger of hand, the ash will be stick. Company has still not kept FGD in operation. Whether we can protect bio-diversity? Mahagenco do take in hand green belt development programme. But why geo tagging is not done?</p>	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	<p>Four petitions are pending against the Project. Hence Opposing the Project.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

57) Shri Rajesh Madhavrao Gorale, Maharashtra State Electricity Technical Association Central Member -

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion

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1)	A 1320 MW project is being set up here. I express the support of all the members of my association to this project. I have also submitted the same proposal to Collector-Nagpur, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Six points are raised in support of the proposal.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	This is an environmental public hearing. Here some protested in the meeting. Their opposition may be correct. But I am the son of an ex-employee born in the vicinity of this thermal power station. Due to the pollution, mothers here will give birth to pre-mature babies. This is extremely ridiculous. Because other powerhouses have more pollution than this project.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	Here in the discussions, Environmentalists blamed that Ash bund bursts. At that time, there was 120 MW unit for which large quantity coal was required. Hence, there was large quantity of ash also. Now there is Super Critical 660 MW unit. I have worked in Coal Handling Section. I am standing before you health and hearty. So the pollution from the project should have affected my body. Our company conducts health check-up of employees every year. If something is found in the lungs, it is treated in time.	Suggestions have been noted.
4)	Here in this project, separate Environment Cell is made. Environment Cell do arrange health camps every year in the surrounding villages. I have worked many years in the medical camps. Health check ups and provisions of medical tablets are provided. All the directives are followed by our company. Environment Cell do keep vigil on it. Our Project has been awarded Star Grade.	Views expressed are noted.
5)	I appeal all Environmentalists not to try to shift the project elsewhere. You stand by us. You fight to prescribe standards which are at global level in this project. We will support you. Hence, the standards which have prescribed should be strictly followed.	Suggestions have been noted.
6)	Due to this project, many local people, farmers have become PAPs – Project Affected Persons. Our Union is always with them. There used to be Special Recruitment Drive for PAPs upto 1994. Now our Association is pressing hard for the same. Hence, you are requested to support the drive.	Suggestions have been noted.

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58) Shri Sudhir Paliwal, Vice President, Vidharbha Connect, Convener, Vidharbha Prayavaran Kruti Samiti :-

I think this is an Open Public Hearing on employment. This is an open public hearing on environment, but nothing like that has happened here. I have been attending public hearings for the last 25 years. 132 power plants were to come up in Vidarbha, 15 years ago. We opposed them. Some of them did not come. Just now one of the attendees said that even Lanco did not come. The power plants that came up were shut down. I would like to say here that the process of environmental public hearing should be followed.

You may not have been told that there was an amendment in 2009 to the Act to constitute a Public Hearing Committee. It has given the procedure on how public hearing should be conducted. I am not talking to you as a District Magistrate, but as a Collector. Because the person who prepared the Environmental Impact Assessment report, did not come on stage. All the hard work you have done, thousands of people came, it is all going to waste.

Because the Chairman and the general public were kept in the dark. This was done on purpose. But we live in a democratic country. Where there is also a judiciary and you will see and still you do not call, loss – the meeting will be cancelled. Public hearings have been cancelled many times in this country. Because the people were kept in the dark and the Chairman had no time

I thank you for one thing that 1%-2% District Magistrate (DM) himself comes. At other times they send persons who are not even Additional District Collectors. But the hard work will be wasted. The mistakes you have made should be minimized now. The secretary of our organization has already said that we will go to court.

Here an Environmental Consultant is required to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. He must come on stage now. where is he? Here it seems that this program was for employment only. But we have no environmental consultant, no project promoter.



Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that information has been given before the meeting that the participants should raise their questions and suggestions. Then the Project Proponent will give them collective answers.

Shri Paliwal said that if we conduct a public hearing for ten hours, will the person present just sit for that long? The villagers here gave them drinking water and food packets, they left all the bottles and food packets. Now gone, a few things must be answered –

He said that Chairman, Member and Convener has been appointed to the Environment Committee as per the instructions dated 9-6-2021 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. Accordingly, it is necessary to hold this public hearing. Is it happening? According to this, it was necessary for everyone to wear a face mask in this public hearing.

He said that where is the attendance register, a person in the meeting was going to the register to get signatures from certain persons.

At that time, some of the participants objected to the questions and inquiries of the concerned person i.e. Shri Paliwal and opined that participant should ask questions in the public hearing.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee also suggested Shri Paliwal that this is a public hearing, the concerned person should speak and ask the questions.

Shri Paliwal suggested to start MPCB website.

At that time, Member, Environment Public Public Hearing Committee informed the concerned person (Mr. Paliwal) to ask environmental questions. At that time Mr. Paliwal said there is no notice regarding today's public hearing on the MPCB website. It is not placed a month in advance.

Objection noted that the procedure for conducting public hearing is detailed in Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification. Those instructions have not been followed here.



At that time, some of the participants said that other participants also waiting to ask questions and hence he should be brief. Chairman appealed to the audience to remain calm.

- a) Environmental Impact Assessment Report must be made available in the official language of that state. It didn't get it. Only 29 pages of executive summary were received. No one can express his opinion by reading the executive summary;
- b) You have not submitted the Environmental Document to the Zonal Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Nagpur. He said that he has a written application which he received 4-5 days before;
- c) Also MPCB has not instructed to publicize the document in a large scale after making it available in the concerned notified office. So those offices didn't do it;
- d) He objected about online that it was necessary to conduct online public hearing. A separate arrangement was necessary for that

Shri Paliwal again asked to call Project Proponent. He said that in Executive Summary the power plants which is to be closed is mentioned.

At this time again, Chairman of the meeting informed to raise questions and Project Proponent will give answers collectively.

Shri Paliwal objected that who has given Authority to Mahagenco to close the project and not to close the project. He opined that there is MERC Order. If it would have made available, the MPCB would have not arranged this meeting. The information is not made available in EIA.

Shri Paliwal further objected that prior permission of MERC is not sought by Mahagenco. He said that it is MERC, which looks into technical and economical feasibility of the project. Project Proponent informed that very cheap electricity will be produced.

Shri Paliwal said that here some participants very nicely asked the question that how cheap electricity will be produced when raw material coal will be brought from 600-800 kilometer of distance.

He objected that when there are mines of Coal India are available in the area, why coal from 600-800 kilometer of distance will be brought for the project.

He further said that local people should get job opportunities in the project. But by bringing coal from outside, how many local WCL mines will be closed? How many local workers will become unemployed? As per the report, Parli unit will be closed. Workers from the plant will be unemployed. Then how many officers and employees of Mahagenco will be adjusted in other units? They have to be bring here, as it is their Right. If they come, how local young men and women will get jobs?

Next objection is that in the Presentation, it is mentioned that 1,500 people will get job in this project. But in EIA, 500 people will get job is mentioned. It means job opportunities are in construction phase only. There is no mention of permanent jobs. These discrepancies will be looked by the judiciary very seriously.



Shri Paliwal said that Electricity Act does not care about job opportunities. It thinks about cheap electricity.

Due to Global Warming, the situation will become worst. India has given commitment that there will be no Carbon Emission after 2070. For this commitment, we have to start zero carbon discharge from present time only. Hence, India has declared 40% less carbon discharge upto 2030. Today, power crises is purposely shown.

As there is power shortage, Power Ministry of Govt. of India has already directed not to close any project upto 2030. Hence Mahagenco cannot close any power unit, whether old or new.

What needs to be renewed also had to be done. That means closing down the unit is against the Government of India. No power project will be closed in the country till 2030. While the new 16,000 GW is coming up, it will be installed by December, 2023.

However, this project is wrong due to power shortage. 15 days ago, the Government of India announced a policy that 7,000 MW of solar power will be generated and will be available to farmers for 12 hours. That means the electricity that is provided to the farmers today is from the coal power plant. 7,000 MW will be available by 2025. So we should do solar power first. Then this project also has to be closed. This is not being told to common people.

Shri Paliwal said millions of people in India are dying prematurely due to pollution.

How much electricity has been generated today is known on the website. On May 29, Mumbai's requirement will be 2,648 MW. But Mumbai's power plant generates only 925 MW of electricity. This means the electricity here is going to Mumbai. Today Mahagenco's distribution is 5,760 from seven power plants. This means a gap of 3,780 MW can be bridged (total generation capacity of 9,540 MW per day) if the machinery is implemented efficiently. Due to coal spoilage, inefficiency, loss in distribution and theft of electricity. It means that our power plant is not running efficiently and by introducing new ones unnecessary burden is put on the consumers. Here one of the attendees raised the point that there is an investment of Rupees 11,000 crores.

Nagpur has a power generation capacity of 7,000 MW. The power plant in Mihan had to be shut down as there was no demand for its electricity. Because there are no companies and development. 5,000 jobs will be created in Mihan, it was promised.

Everyone knows where CSR funds go. It went into the contractor's pocket. If it had been spent on local children, they would have got jobs in Mihan. Reliance closes power project in Nagpur, IDEAL closes. Come only NTPC works, because it belongs to Indian government. Mahajenco is a government, ongoing.

Then we made a policy that there is a lot of agriculture here, so bring in biomass power plants. Those 6-7 plants in Nagpur are closed. Because whoever bought the biomass from the farmer, took out the loan and took out the company, - because biomass is more

expensive than coal, the government said they would pay more. But they did not give. Also, as per the law we can get electricity from anywhere at low cost, they had to shut down the plant. So do you need this project?

Now about pollution. Maharashtra alone has 16,000 MW projects closed. In Mihan, 26% is owned by the Maharashtra government. It is closed. A Mahagenco project in Nashik has been on trial run, but is closed. It should run, but we want to start fresh here.

So you don't want to restart old closed power projects, you want to start new ones. The next public hearing will be held in Chandrapur, where the project is also being started.

At this time, many participants collectively objected that other projects might have been closed, that is not the question here. If this project is progressing, why stop this progress for others. They requested Chairman that the person concerned should be asked to speak only on the point.

Chairman of the Committee also directed Shri Paliwal to raise the questions on the point and be brief while talking.

Shri Paliwal said that in 2005, the Government of India directed NEERI, Nagpur to conduct a study on environmental damage. NEERI was told that environmental damage in the vicinity of the power plant should be declared as assets.

NEERI conducted a study and said that if one unit of electricity is distributed, there is a loss of ten paise. The damage effect is on air, water, land, socio-economic. Ten paise seems small, but when attached to the power distribution, it causes so much damage. Now it has become electricity for 35 paise.,

300 gram of fly ash is produced in one unit. It was stated here that 2.50 crore tonnes of fly ash is available here. Nagpur, Chandrapur and Khaparkheda together have 12 crore tonnes fly ash available.

Shri Paliwal said that the Project Proponent and environmental consultant what was done with the fly ash is not informed here. At least 10% of fly ash is to be removed from land, rivers. Pollution Control Board has to levy a penalty of Rs. 1500 per ton. That means one crore tonne of fly ash has to be removed every year, otherwise penalty has to be paid. Penalty is to be applied according to ton. That means one crore tonne of fly ash has to be removed every year, otherwise penalty has to be paid.

If that penalty is taken, what will be the price of electricity? He said that the project promoters' plan to transport fly ash by rail is welcome. But that cost will have to be paid by the customers. He told him all the information about power generation in India from the beginning.

He objected that public hearings were not held in the running projects. It is taken in green fields.

Shri Paliwal gave information about how little remuneration the farmers here get,

Shri Paliwal inquired whether boilers could be run on Nagpur's sewage by giving it tertiary treatment. If there is such good water, why were ATMs installed in villages?

He objected that the water would come from the Pench. He alleged that they are going to take water from Nag river and in the name of sewage, they are going to take water from Nag river and not sewage. 27,000 liters of water will be required daily. So why not take it.

However, one should consider the Koradi village for country and all of Nagpur.

59) Shri Gajanan Supe, Retirees Association Secretary :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>In this power station, people from technicians, sweepers to directors live right next to the walls of the power station. Chief Executive, 3-4 Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and others. They have not suffered from pollution anywhere. In order to avoid this problem, when Hon. Chandrasekhar Bawankule was here, he chose an Environmental Expert with honorarium. What about the report he has submitted. It should also be explained by the company.</p> <p>Whatever the system is, the Government, its management, its employees are partly responsible for that system. In the same way they have made Environmental Experts on the Planning Committee. There is no such project in Maharashtra, which is installed without land acquisition. There is no need to acquire additional land here. We have been seeing since morning that many people are talking regarding their land and how it is acquired.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
2)	<p>India is an agrarian country and treats the land like a mother. If the land is becoming barren, if it is being taken over by the government, then it is a misfortune in this country. Any government will pay as per the prevailing price. So it is a matter of happiness that the project is taking place without any additional land. Heard from people why this project is not taken out. So the first project was 120 MW. Now if you want to commission Super Critical, you have to do it for 600 MW. It cannot be done half and half, so it has to be done in one place. All other approvals have been obtained for this project. No one has any objection. A lawyer from Delhi did a lot of correspondence. But what was the end of it? The country runs on intellectual level only. The country needs intelligent people. But the way should be good.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

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3)	Here some of the participants pointed out that FGDs should be implemented in the project. It is the fault of the management. We know the reason for that mistake. May God bless everyone	Suggestions have been noted.
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60) Shri Sunil Salve, Chief Editor, Vansh News Portal :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur has organized public hearings on environment. Originally, very few people discussed the environment. People expected more for employment. Naturally, people's expectations from the project rise. But at that time, the important question is whether the administration there – Does the Mahageco work honestly. Administration has to work under political pressure. Can't deny it. There is no discussion about how many jobs will actually be available here. Wherever I have been, I have experienced that when locals ask a question, it is answered by a person from that department. When the audience asked a question, it was expected to be answered. In many public hearings, questions have been answered immediately. It did not appear so here.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	I travel around here through Vansh News Channel. Even though the meeting says that pollution is not a problem, everyone is taking private treatment. Officers and employees of Mahageco get various health facilities. But the people living in the surrounding areas who are affected by the project, do not have a rural hospital. This is tragic. Mahadula is a big city council, still there is no hospital facility there. Mahageco does not provide drinking water. If Koradi gets it, why not Mahadula, Bokara, Lonkhidi people? No one talks about it here. A lot of people came because they wanted a contract. It should be noted in the minutes of the meeting that the subject of the next public hearing should be employment.	Suggestions have been noted.
3)	Mahageco has no control over the expenditure of CSR funds. Also people are in need, so instead of building the hospital itself with	Suggestions have been noted.

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	Mahagenco, it spends on advertising elsewhere. There are no sanitary, drinking water facilities here. Pure water is not provided with filter. We want projects to come, people to get employment, contractors to get jobs.	
4)	My objection is that undue justice was given to the project victims. 10 people from one house started working. At that time the locals were thrown out. Mahagenco did not set up some system and control it. This public hearing is just a show. The project is already scheduled to come up.	Suggestions have been noted. .
5)	However, attention should be paid to the environment. Accordingly, the environment is not taken care of. Health facilities should be available to all.	Suggestions have been noted.

61) Shri Bhushan Chandrashekar, District Dy. Chairman, National Congress Party, Nagpur Rural :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	We support that the project should come to Koradi village only. However, before this, I request Mahagenco and everyone that the protective wall on this side, which belongs to Mahagenco, and the slum that is next to it, should be surveyed and visited. The reasons why this slum has not been developed since 1980 should be found. The accounting of how much CSR funds have been spent on the project should be checked. Where that money was spent, it should be presented to the people. Proposed budget of how much money is going to be spent in the coming period should be submitted.	Project Proponent said that the matter of slum and protective wall will be resolved in co-ordination.
2)	Now about the environment. I had demanded to plant pimpal trees. The news was published two months ago. No one showed interest in it. No one has responded to the planting of a tree from which 24 hours of oxygen will be provided. If the officials don't suffer from the pollution – the project – then the rest of the people won't. The project must come. But the important question is whether this slum will be developed or a hospital will be built	Suggestion is noted. Project Proponent is periodically conducting tree plantation programmes in various villages in the project area

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3)	<p>There is a school like Bhavans in this area. Its fee is lakhs of rupees. Similarly, another school is located in Vidyamandir Colony. Close that Vidyamandir school and open a Bhavans' school there. Give seats to all slum students in it. Some people here said that they will go to court to prevent the project.</p> <p>We all the villagers will go to the court to commission the project. We will die from pollution, but no one will count the people who die from hunger. It is the man who sits on the bench in the court. Corona came, medicine was found for it, still people died. The living creatures is going to go. This is true. But if the slums develop, he will go happily. Today Nagpur has the highest number of vehicles in the state. We have to bear so much smoke while standing near the signal., that much will not go through the project. The ash will not go away. Here is the opposition whom have much money. Such people deliberately raise an agitation on an issue. Then set it.</p>	Suggestion is noted.
4)	<p>Why those slums have not been developed since 1980, where CSR funds have been spent, why CSR funds are spent only at the behest of MLAs, MPs. After commissioning of the project, power of contractors will be established there.</p> <p>However, while giving employment, whoever is recommended should be given employment after determining the eligibility. An illiterate contractor abuses the officials, because the officials have no guardian</p>	CSR fund will be utilised for the local social issues as per the Rules.
5)	<p>But hold public hearings for the poor just like public hearings on the environment. Not a single person from the slum comes. Because four hundred rupees are important to him. Where workers work, inquire if they get minimum wage.</p> <p>A worker comes, he is asked for a pass. But if a contractor comes, no one stops him. Give us trees to the poor, we will plant them for free. We the workers, the poor need a playground. There are no facilities in the grounds of the colony. The points I mentioned are the feelings of the poor. I request you to think about that feeling.</p>	Suggestions have been noted.

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ONLINE SESSION

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked if anyone is interested in attending the meeting online.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed Online participants those who desires to raise questions, raise the hands.

1) Shri Kaustubh Chaterjee, Representative of Green Vigil Foundation :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I thank Mahagenco that they are going to replace the old /outdated set and plan to commission the new set. Now considering the pollution, the new set will probably cause less pollution than the old set. Now if we consider Nagpur, the carrying capacity of the eco - system is over due to Koradi and Khaparkheda. So, I don't think it is advisable to execute both these sets back to back.	Suggestions have been noted.
2)	I welcome the views raised that such projects are necessary for the growing demand for electricity. Even if we plan for solar energy, it is difficult to make it immediately. Now that we are thinking about a 270 carbon rating instead of 250, we welcome the ideas raised at the meeting, but Koradi is no longer the right place. The pollution level of Koradi has reached an alarming level.	Suggestions have noted.
3)	Another thing is that the power that will be generated will be distributed to the other side of Maharashtra. Here there will be power loss/shortage in power distribution. Where electricity is needed, there developing projects will benefit everyone.	Suggestions have noted.
4)	I have been watching all the sessions since morning. Those who asked about employment, I support them. If more power plants are brought to Koradi, the carrying capacity of Koradi's eco system is exhausted. If FGD is not installed in the working project now, we cannot say anything about whether it will be installed in future. My suggestions are over.	Project Proponent answered that answer regarding FGD is already given.

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Chairman thanked for the online suggestion and advised him that in 5-10 minutes the Project Proponent will reply, but please keep in touch online,

2) Shri Paramjeet Singh Ahuja, Architect, Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>I have 2-3 questions. Any power plant takes place in two places – one above or near the coal mine and the other where the consumers need it.</p> <p>Many speakers in the meeting said many times that there is no coal in Vidarbha, coal will not be taken from WCL, a Government Owned Agency. They will bring it from another state. However, Koradi has no advantage in starting the project.</p> <p>So here are the issues raised – Power plants are built near or above coal mines, where the coal is about 600 km away. It will be brought from a distance. Moreover, the carbon foot print is bound to increase. So the power plant should be there from where the coal is going to be brought.</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
3)	<p>Another point is that the power plant is not developing in the city. The said project is not a part of Nagpur City, NMRDA. However, it is not logical to launch this project here. A speaker here said that the Delhi project had been shifted to Bhadrapur, and that it was not appropriate to continue the project here. Instead of installing 660 X 2 here, consider dropping 660 X 3 from here.</p> <p>Second point – Power plants should be set up only where needed. Polluters Pay Principle should be implemented here, according to which those who need electricity should pay the penalty for pollution. Why should Nagpur district bear this extra pollution?</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted. .</p>
3)	<p>Here the company has not implemented FGDs, so I am also a petitioner in the National Green Tribunal. It's been ten years since I won the case, still no FGDs. Mahagenco gave various reasons for this. I live in North Nagpur, I see the project everyday from the balcony of my house, I see the smoke coming from the chimney. If smoke comes out, it means the ash is not filtered, the gas is not filtered, we are inhaling polluted air.</p>	<p>Project Proponent said that answer on this point is already given</p>

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4)	<p>Another important component in a power plant we tend to forget - the distribution lines. Power plant pollution is seen from cooling towers, smoke, chimneys. But pollution in distribution lines is not visible.</p> <p>Just as it is mandatory to conduct environmental public hearings for environmental clearance for various projects, in the same way it should be mandatory to conduct environmental public hearings while laying power distribution lines.</p> <p>Because we don't send electricity wirelessly. Pollution of distribution lines, magnetic fields, possibility of cancer, especially in children. There will be 450 KVA power. It is incorrect that distribution lines are not included in environmental public hearings. It should be.</p>	Suggestions have been noted
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Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions made by them have been noted.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to those who are online to register suggestions and objections regarding the proposed project. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee directed the Project Proponent to give a scientific and detailed explanation to the suggestions, questions and objections raised since morning.

Director of Project Proponent gave following answers as under :-

- **61 Persons raised questions in Physical Hearing and 02 Persons have raised questions in Online Hearing.**

Director of Project Proponent said that many common issues were asked – i.e. why plant in Koradi and not elsewhere, FGD not yet installed, air pollution, water pollution, health notices, information on ash pollution and disposal, employment for locals, CSR, what will help locals under CER fund, etc. Topics were discussed about Ash Bund, about coal mines at Gare Palma, about green belt development, about Pench water.

Accordingly, the role of Mahagenco:-

1) Why Project is at Koradi –

Whereas Koradi had an old plant, 120 x 4, which was closed in 2011. Discontinued 200X1 in 2017 and 210 x 1 Discontinued in 2021. A total of 890 MW projects were closed.

- 2) As per the demand of power, we have brought new projects. 250 MW plant has been brought to Parli. Two 500 MW plants have been brought to Chandrapur and Bhusawal - 660 MW Project November/ will be executed. Now we are setting up a 660 x 2 MW coal based Super Critical Thermal Power Plant at Koradi;
- 3) Abundant land, water, coal and other infrastructure are required for project construction in Koradi itself. All of them are available here;
- 4) Not even an inch of land is to be acquired for this project. The site of the closed project is with Mahagenco. Water system, coal linkage, railway connectivity are the same. Therefore, electricity generation can be achieved cheaply;

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- 5) Pench Water issue was raised. The figures of Pench Water are wrong;
- 6) Mahagenco is the only organization in India that is first processing the waste water and reusing it at Koradi and Khaparkheda. Therefore, the fresh water intake of Pench has reduced by 70%. Remaining 30%, will be used for drinking purposes. We have proposed the same policy for 2 x 660 project.
- 7) We have lessen/minimized our need of lifting of Pench fresh water. We will use Pench water for drinking purposes and for domestic use only;
- 8) FGD is not installed in working project. The tendering process was started three years ago. Due to some technical issues, the tender was stalled for a year. It was then shelved for one-and-a-half years due to Covid. Now the tendering of 2 x 660 is in the final stage and we are passing orders to install FGD in June, 2023;
- 9) We have passed the FGD orders at Koradi No.6 and Khaparkheda. Works are in progress;
- 10) All Orders are in progress at Paras and at Parli 6, 7 and 8 units.
- 11) Hence, it is not at all true that Mahagenco is doing nothing about FGD. Orders will be issued in the month of June, 2023;
- 12) Regarding air pollution and water pollution, updated pollution control system is operational in the project to prevent water pollution;
- 13) For air pollution control there are ESP, fogging system, ash and coal handling area, spraying system is installed there;
- 14) As per the new Notification, the proposed project has FGD, SCR systems as mandated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. They will come with the new project. So there is no possibility of pollution;
- 15) After installation of FGDs in all existing 3 x 360 and proposed 2 x 660, the surrounding residents will not suffer from any kind of pollution;
- 16) Our residential quarters are adjacent to this project and around 700-800 families live there. Similarly, the colony of Khaparkheda also has the same population. All these families have been living in Koradi and Khaparkheda since the project was established. It means that our families should suffer from pollution first. It doesn't happen. Similarly, full care is taken to ensure that the residents of the surrounding area are not disturbed. Once a year, the health checkup of Mahagenco employees, officers and citizens of the locality is conducted;
- 17) **Regarding water pollution** - Sewage Treatment Plant is already commissioned at Bhandewadi. Its treated domestic water is totally used at Koradi and Khaparkheda;
- 18) Regarding Industrial Effluent-Updated Industrial Effluent Treatment Plant is already commissioned which is already in operation in all projects;
- 19) STPs have been set up at various places in our residential colony. There treated domestic waste water is used 24 x 7 for the development of green belt, for domestic usage, ash handling and disposal;
- 20) The treated domestic sewage water used for ash handling is again treated and again used for ash handling. Utmost care is taken that not a drop of any sewage should go outside the project.
- 21) Under CSR and CER Funds, health camps are organised in the surrounding villages regularly;
- 22) From time to time information is obtained from Primary Health Center, District Health Center that how many people have got respiratory diseases, skin diseases, lung diseases due to pollution of the company. It has been reported from notified government offices that there has been no report of respiratory or lung diseases in the area due to the company's pollution.

- 23) In Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, objections were raised that ash disposal is not done according to the scientific method. Out of seven plants of Mahagenco, four have 100% ash disposal, but in Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, it is not. As per the new Notification dated 31-12-2021, bifurcation of dry ash and pond ash has been made. Though, here dry ash is less, lifting of ash from the pond is about 70-80%. Brick kiln owners and small industries here who need it are lifting it.
- 24) According to the new Notification, five-year phase has been specified for Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur power plants. A target of 80% removal of ash scientifically for the first two years followed by 100% ash disposal scientifically is specified.
- 25) Project Proponent said that in the meeting, one of the participants had objected that if the ash from here is to be taken to Mumbai by rail, there will be pollution as well. The cost of this will have to be borne by the local people. Mahagenco advertised in the paper in this regard. Although the response was not satisfactory at the first time, after the new Notification, where ash is used, its availability has decreased. Many ash buying organizations are in touch with Mahagenco. There is a demand for ashes from Koradi, Khaparkheda and Chandrapur, as requests for ashes have started from concerned individuals/organizations. He said that ash transporters from Pune, Mumbai, Nashik are ready to transport ash by rail at their own expense. But with some help from Mahagenco, we can definitely start it.

Mahagenco has decided that the dry ash that is available should be made available to the concerned person/agency and the cost which is bear by the Mahagenco while transporting the ash to the ash bund should be paid to concerned person/agency who collects the ash from the site. So many individuals/organizations are in touch with Mahagenco. Mahagenco asserts that the consumption of dry ash will definitely increase in the next one-two years. We can certainly fulfill the directives (targets) given by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.

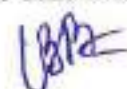
26) Job Opportunities -

Employment – At the time of commencement of the 3 X 660 project, out of 2,051 PAP, 1952 PAP have been given permanent employment. In mid-1999, stipends were started for the rest and they will be inducted into the service as and when the vacancies become available. 3-4 thousand are working as contract workers. They are paid according to the rules of the government.

- 27) In the ensuing Power Plant, there are job opportunities and PAPs and local people will be given it.
- 28) Various works have been done in different villages under CSAR and CER. But as per the new directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, if the Gram Panchayat Office submits various works, they will be completed as per the rules. Funds have been kept in reserve accordingly.
- 29) Project Proponent said that an objection is raised that coal from Gare Palma belongs to a private company will be brought from 600 k.m. away instead of purchasing from WCL, a Government Organization from Chandrapur. He said that Gare Palma has been allotted to us and it is a big mine in India. The coal will be available at pick years. It is not a private mine, it is owned by Mahagenco.

According to the rules, the third party is given the task of removing the coal. Proprietary rights belong to Mahagenco. The coal needed to run the project at full capacity is still not available at full capacity. If there is a crisis/non-availability of coal in future, we can solve it with this mine.

- 30) We welcome the suggestion of geo-tagging during plantation. This condition can also be added while drawing tenders in future.



- 31) Employment should be given to the surrounding local people, similarly they should be looked after by the Mahagenco. 3-4 thousand workers are working and the same number will be required for the new project. Once the new project starts, we will accommodate the local people by providing a large number of employment contracts.
- 32) An NGO had complained that Mahagenco's ash had contaminated drinking water sources, river channels in the area, and contained radioactive and heavy metals. The health of the residents is being affected. After that a joint inspection was conducted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. At that time, the complainant was also asked to join. Complainant also joined. Samples of water sources mentioned by the complainant, various drinking water sources in the area, wells etc. were collected after inspection. It was tested in a laboratory approved by NABL. Heavy metals and radio actives were not found anywhere in it. Similarly, all the standards were within the prescribed limits. Similarly, Mahagenco had received a report from BARC regarding the fly ash. It is also reported that all standards are followed.

The new project is most advanced and includes pollution control system, ESP along with the project. There will be FGD. A similar state-of-the-art project has been implemented in Bhusawal. However, we can assure you that there will be no problem of pollution due to the new project

Also, the matter of slum and wall will be solved in co-ordination.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that Director of Project Proponent has given answers to the suggestions, objections of the participants raised during the meeting

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee further said that in total discussions, there were 2-3 points related to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. They are –

- 1) Erection of pillars in the riverbed – then a survey will be carried and appropriate action will be taken after checking the present situation. **(Shri Prakash Jadhavji, Former Member of Parliament raised the objection)**
- 2) Shri Paliwalji raised 2-3 points, one point was that there are no public hearing orders and EIA, EMP reports on the website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. This is not so. All the documents were put on website has been circulated in due course and is still available now.
- 3) Shri Paliwalji's second point was that the Panel was not constituted as notified. He referred to the notification of 2009. The panel has been constituted as per the 2006 notification and the MPCB HQ office order dtd. 04/05/2023
- 4) Shri Paliwalji further objected that all the project documents were not made available to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur. This is not so. It has been confirmed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has made available the complete project documents and has made them available for public information.
- 5) Shri Paliwalji objected that the Public Hearing on Environment was not publicized. This is not so. According to the 2006 notification, environmental notices were published in a local newspaper in Marathi and in English in a national newspaper, the Times of India, 30 days before the public hearing. It gained so much popularity that news about this project was published every day.
- 6) The next issue was raised by Mr. Paliwal regarding the online public hearing. The online meeting was held in front of everyone. 44 people participated in it and two people asked questions.



Here in Physical Public Hearing, 61 persons have raised the questions/suggestions/objections and in Online Public Hearing 02 persons raised the questions.

Convener said that all the participants have been given an opportunity to raise their opinion, suggestions or objections. He requested Chairman to conclude the meeting.

While concluding the meeting, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the public hearing started from 12.30 pm. Locals, dignitaries recorded suggestions, thoughts, criticisms, objections here and then the project promoter gave appropriate answers to all the questions. All the officers and employees of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are present here.

All arrangements here are well maintained by the project promoters. The police administration also made good arrangements. We heard everyone.

Some were in favour of the project, while others were against it. It has been noted and will be included in the minutes.

Minutes of the meeting, along with the written objections received and the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi through the Headquarters, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board with the concurrence of the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee. The Expert Committee there will take further decision in this regard.

Chairman thanked all and declared that the public hearing concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 217 suggestions/objections received by the office.



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