

Minutes of Environmental Public hearing for proposed Open cast Manganese Ore of M/s. Shanti G. D. Steel and Power Plant Pvt. Ltd. 504, Rajiv Gandhi Complex, Bal Ashram Compound, Kacheri Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh at Mauza-Manegaon Rithi of Survey No. 107, 144, 145, 148, 149, 150 and 151, Tehsil - Ramtek, District - Nagpur, District Forest land 99.95 hectares and Government land 5.05 hectares in total area of 105 hectares 3,06,065 ton/year.

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M/s. Shanti G. D. Steel and Power Plant Pvt. Ltd. submitted letter to take Proposed Environmental Public Hearing of above proposed project, vide letter dt. 18/05/2022 to this Board as per terms of reference given by Ministry of Forests and Environment, Climate Change, Government of India. Accordingly proposed public hearing was organised on dated 14/02/2023. As per project proponent letter dated 13/02/2023 Chairman of Committee and District Magistrate, Nagpur adjourned the proposed public hearing till further date as per letter dated 13/02/2023. The project proponent resubmitted the application on dt. 02/05/2023, to take environmental public hearing for environmental clearance to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 14 September 2006 and amended on 1st December 2009, Place, Date and Time of Public Hearing, was fixed with the approval of Collector, Nagpur.

As office order received from M. P. C. Board vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-230614-FTS-0118 dated 14/06/2023 the said public hearing was conducted on 10/07/2023 at 11.00 PM to take at the project site. (Annexure No. 1)

Notice of proposed environmental public hearing of this project was published in Marathi newspaper Dainik Lokmat and English daily newspaper Times of India on dated 07 June 2023. (Annexure No. 2)

For environmental public hearing Hon'ble Subhash Chaudhary, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur and Chairman, of Public Hearing panel, Mrs. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur was Member of Public Hearing Panel, Shri. Rajendra U Patil, Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur-I was convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel. Attendance sheet of Villagers, Sarpanch, Environmental NGO's Journalist, representatives of media channels, local people/participant who were present public hearing are attached as. (Annexure No. 3)

Purposed & procedure :-

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing panel, Mr. Rajendra U. Patil, Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Nagpur -I and convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel started public hearing procedure, & warmly welcoming the villagers, sarpanch, environment working charitable organizations, channel representatives, and a large number of locals were present. Convenor of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of Ministry of Environment & Climate change Government of India i.e. (MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September 2006 as amended on 1st December 2009 accordingly. The said notification the notice of the said public hearing was published before 30 days on dated 07/03/2023 in the two local widely circulated daily news paper i.e. in Marathi, Dainik Lokmat & in National English News paper i.e. The Times of India. In which it was appealed to registered any objections, suggestions, views, comments & objection in orally/writing within 30 days before from the date of proposed public hearing.

M/s. Shanti G. D. Steel and Power Plant Pvt. Ltd. 504, Rajiv Gandhi Complex, Bal Ashram Compound, Kacheri Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh at Mauza-Manegaon Rithi Survey No. 107, 144, 145, 148, 149, 150 and 151, Tehsil - Ramtek, District - Nagpur, for their proposed open Cast Manganese Ore Mine District Forest land 99.95 hectares and Government land 5.05 hectares in total area of 105 hectares 3,06,065 ton/year of Manganese ore (ROM) production capacity. The copies of Draft Environmental Management Plan, Copies Of Executive Summary of proposed Environmental Public Hearing in Local Marathi Language & in English Language were made available for information/Study to the local public of near by project affected site as per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of Ministry of Environment & Climate change Government of India i.e. (MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September 2006 as amended on 1st December 2009 accordingly. Copies of Draft Environmental Management Plan, Copies Of Executive Summary of proposed Environmental Public Hearing were given at following notified local offices and Gram Panchayats :-

1) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, 15 Floor, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai –32.
2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022.
3) District Collector Office, Civil Lines, Dist-Nagpur.
4) Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
5) Sub-Regional Office-I, M. P. C. Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
6) Zilla Parishad Office, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
7) District Industries Center, Udyog Bhawan Civil lines Nagpur.
8) Sub Divisional Office, Ramtek, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
9) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Ramtek, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
10) Gram Panchayat Asoli, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
11) Gram Panchayat Bhandarbodi, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
12) Gram Panchayat Bhondewada, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
13) Gram Panchayat Bothiya Palora, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
14) Gram Panchayat Bori, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
15) Gram Panchayat Dahoda, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
16) Gram Panchayat Dongri, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
17) Gram Panchayat Hivra, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
18) Gram Panchayat Kirnapur, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
19) Gram Panchayat Mandri, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
20) Nagar Panchayat Mahadula, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
21) Gram Panchayat Musewadi, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
22) Gram Panchayat Nawargaon, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
23) Gram Panchayat Panchala Bu. Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
24) Gram Panchayat Pindakapar (S), Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
25) Nagar Parishad Ramtek, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
26) Gram Panchayat Salai, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
27) Gram Panchayat Shivni Bhodki, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
28) Gram Panchayat Sonegaon, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
29) Gram Panchayat Soneghat, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.
30) Gram Panchayat Umari, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur.

The above notified department of the government was also informed to give wide publicity regarding the proposed public hearing. In this way, public hearing was widely published per the notification. so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their objections, suggestions, views, comments & objection in orally/writing to the concerned government department.

In accordance with the said proposed public hearing, Sub Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Nagpur-1 has received 518 suggestions through written and email.

The said committee is only for recording the opinion of the people about the said proposed project & has no authority to take any decision. The suggestion or objection raised in the said public hearing & subsequently the reply given by the project proponent will be included in the minutes & will be submitted to State level or Central Impact Assessment Authority/committee through Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Quarters. Mumbai.

For proposed public hearing project regarding said project whom so ever to submit written statement, suggestion, objection, can be asked after the presentation of project proponent by stating his/her name, village name. the reporting of question - answer will be taken as it is in the minutes of meeting & will be submitted to state level of Central Impact Assessment Authority/Committee through Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Quarters, Mumbai.

The Convenor of the Public Hearing Panel with permission of the Hon'ble chairman was requested to the project proponent to give their presentation of said public hearing about the proposed project related to the Environmental Clearance of said public hearing related. Accordingly, the project consultant give the presentation about the project & environmental management plan.

The project Environmental Consultant give presentation of project about expansion & Environment Management Plan in Marathi Language. In presentation mainly the following points were explained :-

Detailed information about the project

- Environmental approval required and approval obtained
- Obtain and process internal approvals
- 10 km from the project. Environmental information of the radius area
- Sightseeing map
- Google Earth map of the project area
- 10 km of project area. Sighting map in radius

- Wildlife Conservation Scheme : Financial provision
- Product outline
- Distance from Mansingdeo WLS
- Proposed water requirements
- Water Air and Sound Monitoring Site Area
- Wildlife Conservation Scheme
- Air environment quality
- Surface plant
- Proposed Air Pollution Control Procedures
- Existing and proposed land-uses
- Impact on ground water resources
- Proposed transport routes
- Noise pollution control procedures
- Description of Ambient Air Monitoring Stations
- Emergency Management Plan
- Projected increase in ambient air (PM10) due to the proposed project
- Budget (budget) for Environmental Management Plan
- Proposed ground-vibration control measures
- Solid waste control
- Wildlife Conservation Scheme
- Proposed Tree Plantation Programme
- Surface – Ground water sampling sites
- Benefits of the proposed project

Sub-Regional Officer, M.P. C. Board, Nagpur-1 and the Co-ordinating Public Hearing Panel appealed to the representatives who were present to present their views, criticisms, objections, suggestions/movements to fulfill the objectives of the public hearing on the environment.

Record of Public Hearing (Proceedings) :-

Sr. No.	Issues raised by Public	Suggestion made by Public Hearing Panel
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Mr. Babbu Khan Pathan, Social Worker, Manegaon, Teh. Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur raised the issue that :-

- Information provided by G. D. Ispat , said information has been by them in written through an affidavit to the Government of India or the Government of Maharashtra? Has an affidavit been given?
- Nearly 35 thousand trees will be cut in this area. It is recorded that Acharya Nagarjuna conducted Ayurvedic and chemical experiments in Ramtek taluka in history. All these experiments have been done with medicinal plants of the near by forest area. These herbs will be destroyed.
- 35 thousand trees were going to be planted 300 km away in Yavatmal district will not benefit to this area.
- 58 feet mine will be dug, big pumps will be installed. Due to which water level will decrease.
- Due to mine excavation large amount of soil will be excavated where it will dump. If disposed improperly, in dams, lakes, fields, rivers drinking water will not be available.
- Today, the constituents like carbon dioxide, magnesium oxide etc. which will go down to the ground due to dumping will contaminate the drinking water.
- The company has denied that tiger, deer are living in this project. It is also a tiger corridor. If the tiger does not find pigs, deer, buffaloes, cows and other wild animals to eat, it will enter the village and eat the people.
- The project will cause displacement of wild animals. Then there will be no place for them, then these wild animals will come into human settlements and human conflict will arise.
- Only 42 people will get employment in this mine but the type of employment they will get is not given.
- This mine is 1 km from my farm. Sometimes deer and tigers come near my farm but they

Member, Public Hearing Committee said, raise all the questions and then tell the project proponent that they will give the answer.

Hon'ble chairman said that we are taking note of what has been said. And all these issues are related to different systems. Taking note of them in today's proceedings, we convey your issues to that system.

	<p>don't come inside because the farm is fenced. This will damage the environment and affect human life and health, so I am against this project. This project should be cancelled.</p>	
2	<p>Mr. Baba Deshpande, Nagpur raised the question that :-</p> <p>Have you done the valuation of the trees you are going to cut? You should declare the same valuation on oxygen or material basis and the difference between it should also be declared so that we can see that the valuation of trees or plants is more important than the company's debt. The survival of the tree will be more important than the valuation of the company.</p>	--
3	<p>Mr. Subodh Awadhi, Vani raised the issue that:-</p> <p>I have been working in conservation for many years. I come from a mining affected area, due to mining the farmers will suffer. Due to mine the road in the proposed project area will be damaged due to truck traffic. The dust generated from the quarry will go on the farmers' farms and will damage the crops. Tadoga and Tipeswar mine quarries are near my village so wild animals come to Vani town. Due to debris of soil, the water will be blocked and the water will not drain. Due to mining, wild animals will come to the village and create conflict between human and wild animals. If there will be a mine quarry, there will be an increase in crime. He requested to consider this proposed project of mine from all sides and then take the right decision.</p>	Hon'ble chairman suggested to raise next question.
4	<p>Mr. Rishikesh raised the question that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it correct to grant new leases where the mine is proposed and how many people are taken into trust. Another thing is that at Mansar there is a mine of MOIL which has been running for at least 150 years. What is the need for this project while it is running? • In 3500 acres there is Khindsi Reservoir which receives water from the hills. This water is used by people for drinking and for agricultural crops. 	--

	<p>Due to the said mine quarry, the polluted water will go to Khindsi Reservoir, so what is the planning of the project proponent. what precautions you are going to take to prevent it from going and if it goes, I want an answer on it.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Mr. Sanjay Zade raised the issue that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision of committee that this mine is going to start or not, public hearing decision will you going to present to the government, if you give approval, we will not be able to do anything. • This village is divided into two directions. One says that this mine should be started, while the other says that there will be an effect on the environment. Therefore, for the damage that will be caused in this area, which solution is prepared by company it should first follow up with each grampachayat. If there is no information about the loss or benefit due to the mining in the village, two opinions will be created. So far this has been the experience wherever the mine has been created. There people do not know what they are going to get after mining. Mining should be created here but environment should not be damaged, farmers loss. How much funding are they going to get if people are distraught if our roads are possibly damaged. Every village panchayat should be told what alternative schemes will benefit the villages affected by this mine. • Ramtek is the most heavily mined area. The 42 people who are going to get employment in this mine. People should be informed whether they are going to be employed permanently or part-time and the nature of that work. • 30 thousand trees will cut and plant will plant them in Yavatmal. We are not against mining but our people should get employment, our forest should be saved, roads should not be damaged, otherwise we will protest. • This forest is made by our tribal people, this area belongs to villagers. So care should be taken not to destroy this forest. Whether you 	<p>--</p>

	<p>approve the mining or not, I know what will be the decision, but the mining should be done in a completely proper manner, if it is not done, I am expressing my opinion that the people of all the three villages will come to the streets and not allow the mining to start.</p>	
6	<p>Mr. Rahul Babanrao Kothekar, President of Ramtech Wild Challenger Organization, raised the issue that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been working in this field since 12 years. Tiger is the main animal in this area and many other rare species of animals, birds and reptiles live here. Has the company mentioned the number of tigers in the report, there are Mogalkasa and Pench projects nearby. Once this area is declared a protected area for tigers, tourism will automatically generate employment and create many opportunities for self-employment. This area should be declared a protected area for tigers without mining here. • Another issue is that the road system will deteriorate. Mining will lead to an increase in mining crime and increase in criminality. Due to the overburden from the quarry, the wind blows the dust into the surrounding area and settles on the surrounding agricultural crops and can damage the environment, causing damage to the agricultural crops. As this forest is home to various animal species, it is requested to recommend to the central government that this project should not be done and Guguldoh should be declared as a protected area for tigers. 	<p>Hon'ble chairman inquired whether there were any one from Guguldoh is present.</p>
7	<p>Mr. Jagdish Das, raised the point that we,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIL in court. no. 34/2023 has been filed by me and further stated that there is some difference in the presentation made by the project promoter. As the company has filed the documents for approval and for some other reasons, I have brought them with me and given in writing. • For your information, I would like to inform you that in the research conducted by the Geological Survey of India in 1999-2000 in the 	<p>Hon'ble chairman said,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIL. has been filed and that PIL In the hearing, the court has said that you should first listen to what the people have to say, so we are holding this hearing today as per the order of the court. • Present what you have to say in a calm, to the point and concise

Manganese Ore Mine, it has been mentioned that 25-30% of Manganese in this area is categorized as low grade and high grade silica core and the quality of Manganese low grade. Why should the company pursue this mine at this location and further stated that the conclusion of the research paper is that the drilling has proved that the deep extension below is very limited and the company does not know what exactly will come out in 5 years.

- Another point raised is that the document filed for Forest Clearance and Environmental Clearance we have given in the court.

- In the presentation, the company has told the information about how many people they are going to employ. Villagers want environment and employment. In the presentation, are they going to provide employment, the company said yes, they are going to hire 10 regular and 40 on contract whereas, they have shown 42 in the presentation.

- I have submitted the information in the court that according to the report of the telemetry data of the Wildlife Institute of India, Guguldoh area is a protected area for wildlife. As the tiger is deprived of prey, every day one person dies in the area where the mine is located and there is human wildlife conflict.

- There are two lakes on both sides of this mountain that lake gets its water from this mountain, that water goes to Khindsi lake through Suranadi and the water from Khindsi lake is supplied to Ramtek city. And this water is used for drinking and agriculture. Withdrawal of 3.5 KLD water per day will decrease the water table and reduce the availability of water for drinking and agriculture. And even if the 40 people you are going to employ are only for 5 years, you must understand that this environment has a huge scope.

manner. A decision is still pending in court.

- There is one more authority to decide on this project. These are raised by the NGO in the High Court and if the High Court grants relief, both the sides will take a unanimous decision, that decision will be binding on all of us.

- Request to all the villagers that the case is all ready in the court first listen to what the people have to say accordingly we don't want to challenge anyone here the case is all ready in the court. The court will decide. We will put the issues that we raised before the court.

8	Mr. Shrikant Deshpande, Nagpur Everyone has raised all the issues here, that what we are going to do for the next generation.	--
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• I am a farmer, doing farming, I am going to express feelings on behalf of farmers. I have been fighting for the environment since last 35 years. I will be 50 years old in next month and I will continue to fight till my death. My only question is everyone knows everything about mining.

• if it happens it will become Pench Island, Navegaon will become Nagzira Island, other wild animals will stop, Mogalzara wild corroded and employment can be obtained. You cannot create a forest overnight. It takes hundreds of years to form a forest. According to G.D.P.R. 35,000 trees to be cut, is it really reported, in our opinion it is more than two lakhs. Assessment of those trees should be done. According to a committee of the Supreme Court it has been said that, calculate the environmental valuation of trees, do not calculate the price of timber, how much oxygen they have given, then you will know whether the environment is going to be damaged in lakhs & crores for this small project, it is a national asset. we extract Manganese and export 60%, if Khindsi Dam itself water gets polluted due to this project what measures are taken to reduce the water level.

• Assessment of the environmental impact on Khindsi Lake & Guguldoh is the Supreme Court's orders been followed, All I'm saying is, the number of population is going to increase and the number of farm land is going to decrease, so what are you going to eat. In the future, if the cupboard is opened, money will fall, the next generation will not have food to eat. As a result, our situation will be like Pakistan or Sri Lanka. In time to come, we will know that when there is opposition to the Guguldoh project, when this project is done, the eyes of our children will water. My point is that there should be an environmental assessment of this entire project. I am against this project.

9 Dr. Rajesh Thackeray, Circle Head,

• There is displeasure from the local citizens and farmers as well as all, that this mine should

Hon'ble chairman said, anyone who has a new question should speak in short.

not be built in this place. There is some conspiracy interest through this mine. Environment should be protected All the people demand that environmental assessment should be done as per the guidelines as per Supreme Court.

- There is a water proof quota from Khindsi through Natural Riches. As the water level of our wells, borewells and ponds will decrease due to huge amount of water being pumped for mining, there will be no problem for irrigation.

- Also if due to blasting the nearby schools will be disturbed, employment will not be available, animals will be disturbed then I think this project should not be done here. I am against this project.

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Mr. Ashish Masulakare, Former Sarpanch, Mandri,

- We opposed to mining. Today, all leaders are here due to the public hearing, to save the environment, the forest. But when the farmers are in trouble, no one helps. When the farmers are affected by wild animals, they have to cut down the trees. For this, the government should plan for those farmers.

- Our agriculture fields are surrounded by forest area, we are facing problems of damages crops due to wild animals forest. No one including NGO does not help in the matter. We have to save our crops. NGO & leaders should help farmers as there are working for wild life.

- Employment 40 people is not expect. Agriculturist must be save. They feed us. Save the farmers, save the environment. Government rules must be follow .

- Mine water should be utilize in near by agricultural area for farming area. All though villagers do not get employment in the mine other works including plantation should be given to village womens & villagers.

- If Tiger reserve should be made. But people of the village cannot live in the tiger reserve.

The committee members said that this project is a proposed project. No decision has been taken in this regard. No one has the right to decide this. We are here to hear your opinion. Speak your mind calmly.

Hon'ble chairman said that we have reached the last stage, if there are any new issues, speak.

11	<p>Mr. Yogesh Matre, Deputy Sarpanch</p> <p>My request is let the local people and farmers speak here. This hearing is for local farmers & people , but outsiders, leaders come and talk, how many local people do farming here, how many trees you have planted in the fields.</p>	--
12	<p>Mrs. Panchphula Ashok Tekam, Guguldoh</p> <p>For proposed mine, we don't required money, I will take poison & die. I am against this project.</p>	Hon'ble chairman said that his statement is being recorded. It is being registered.
13	<p>Mr. Gajju Yadav, Ramtek,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hearing for people the, arrangements should be made for them to speak. • Todays public hearing of Guguldoh. M/s. Shanti G. D. Steel, a proposal was submitted in 2018 for a lease of 105 hectares for permission of Manganese ore mine at Guguldoh. The proposed lease expires in 2021. Due to some political pressure efforts is being made to get permission within current 2 years. • The issue is that as per new policy as per new policy of Central Government new metal mine is to be started according to circular of the Central Government, it has to be done through open bidding. And in open bidding the quarry is given to the highest bidder. It started on December 27, 2018, I proposed to the then Union Minister Mahendra Singh Chaudhary. • I am public representative, information taken and found according to Central Government Manganese Ore India Limited, if one and half acre mine is open then, employment is given to one person. Our aim was to acquire private farm land and not destroy the forest, acquire open land, and if open land is acquired, then farmer would get a job on one and a half acres and get good pay, all health facilities, farmer will be an employee of the central government. According to Officials of Manganese Ore India limited mine can not started in proposed mine area i.e. Forest land 99.95 hectare and government land 5.05 hectare the material coming out of this mine is of very low quality and 	Hon'ble chairman said, talk point by point, all points have been raised earlier,

good quality of material is not here hence they can open the mine here.

- As per earlier document M/s. Shanti G. D. Steel given proposal & same was pending. According to that about 36 thousand trees were counted for trees cutting but there are more than 2 lacs trees. Not given to numbering to trees & how 35 thousand trees are counted. As proposed mine is near to the Pench project and the Nagzira project it is home of wild animals such as tigers, bears, and cheetahs.

- Government gives lease to tribals people due to which the existence of forests is destroyed and violent animals like tigers appear in their area. Government has not given agricultural lease to many tribal farmers. For government mining follow-up was no done but for private mining company much follow-up is being done. There is no point in cutting down 2 lakh old trees which are two hundred years old and planting 5 lakh new trees. About 2 lakh trees will be cut & same we can plant through MNREGA scheme from local women. It is ridiculous to cut the trees here and plant them in Yavatmal. If government mine opened here, there will be good pay, good quality health facilities and employment. See Chokhala, Kachurvahi mine where people not get employed. I will fight against this proposed mine in High Court and if & if required Supreme Court.

14 Mrs. Jahin, Nagpur

- Men and women do the business of making clay pots and sell them in city, if mining takes place, the soil will deteriorate and the clay pots made from poor quality of clay which will not sold.

- Another issue is that there are two old tribal temples here which may also be destroyed due to vehicular traffic. This is also an environmental issue.

- The third point is that money spending by you for proposed project this should be given to local people & farmers it will increase their income & financial situation will improve.

All these issues have been raised during the public hearing today, if there are any new issues, please speak.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government shall spent money for workshop capacity building for these farmers & same company will not be able to do. Employment opportunities should also be given to women in this. 	
15	<p>Mr. Harish Uike Gondwana Republic Party, State President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a tribal majority society. Committee has been formed under the Forest Rights Act, of Guguldoh no proposal has been reached from this committee. Here is also opposed for that. According to Forest Rights Act-2006, Rules 2008 notification as per amended Act of 2012 Collective Forest Rights Mauja Guguldoh Gram Sabha Panchala Teh. Ramtek all villagers have 250.76 acres of land , as per section 3/1 as per section 3/1 of forest rights as recorded in survey 36/300, 101 sections 144, 222, 226 of the Forest Rights Clearing Collective Clearing Letter, the rights applicable as per the provisions mentioned in paragraph K of section 3/1 As done, the forest committee has been empowered to collect forest produce within the village limits and use it. • The second thing is that the land of my tribal people in this area will go in this project. The right to water, forest and land is constitutionally vested to the tribal community. While setting up this project, first of all, the permission of the tribal people has to be taken. If permission is not obtained, then this project should not be permitted. Adjacent to this project is the temple of Getba Raja and on the other side is the temple of Mogalkasa where huge No of devotes come during yatra at Shivratri. • Therefore, we are opposed to this project so as not to hurt their religious sentiments. If this project is comes in this place, I will protest all over in Maharashtra on behalf of all Gondwana Republic Party. Requested to cancel this project. 	<p>Hon'ble The President said, if there is any new issue, speak on the mike.</p>
16	<p>Mr. Ramesh Karame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My only request to the officers who have come here is that this should not be just a public 	<p>--</p>

hearing. If you somehow want to implement the project, come from this mindset and hold public hearings. The project was imposed in Kiranapur and Kachurwahi with similar public hearings facing various problems & employment issue.

- It is requested to reject this proposal as it is a very picturesque area hence reject this project. Due to this project, bio-diversity as well as agriculture land will be polluted. Our warning to the government is that if this project is implemented, the government will have to pay for it.

17 Mr. Reddy former MLA

- Under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, the project was approved on May 2, 2023 and for further approval it will go to the Central Government of Ministry of Forests for the approval. Mines were operated earlier here and then closed down generally between 1950 and 1960.

- Mines have been closed under the Forest Rights Act. & open new mines. Due to which villagers as well as the farmers also suffer & we talk about people and villagers who will suffer. I will raise the issues of the villagers as well as the farmers. Nearby, Manganese Ore India started a mine at Parsodi due to low grade quality mine was closed. How much benefit will Central Government and the state government will give, to locals and farmers, how much employment will be available. There is a large amount of Pazar Lake in the areas of Guguldoh, Mandri and Panchala.

- Due to blasting in the proposed mine there is possibility of land burst resulting lake water will not stop and the farmers will not get water which is getting today and the farmer will not get benefit. Due to underground blasting, the water table is likely to go underground. If the quarry starts, we are against this mine. Due to mining starts heavy traffic will be on roads, & quality of roads will be deteriorated .

Hon'ble chairman said that the objection that you have registered regarding public hearing is invalid it has been filed in PIL High Court and according to the court's direction, we are taking today's public hearing, so it your point is not valid.

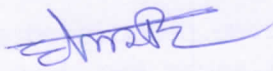
	<p>generations and will pollute the environment. When mine will start there will requirement of half times of land required for soil dumping purpose. You are taking this hearing when the period has been expired & it is not the right of the company. I object on this.</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>Mr. Sanjay Sattakar, Journalist, Kanhan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone has given their opinion. My conclusion from the public hearing so far is that no matter how hard we try, the decision will not be what we are saying here. I would like to say that mine is approved 99.9 percent. There are two opinion regarding proposed project. • Those who oppose the project are more compared to those who say the project should happen. There is not a single mine that has benefited from this type of mining. Not everything that is said about the project will be done. If these works are not done tomorrow, where we will appeal. Nearby are the quarries of Chokhada and Kiranapur, none of the said works have been properly carried out at that time. At Bhandarbodi mining has been dug up but not provided fencing yet. • Employment will be get to locals due to Mining. Khindsi dam is from 1905 when there were five-six dams in the country before independence. In this area Sagar project, is not started after so many years which is very important for irrigation in this area. There will required 270 acres of land for this project, there is no record in social impact report. Due to mining on this 270 acre area it will affect on grazing of goats and cows, fuel from the forest, & employment. • CSIR Fund is a capsule. This company is from Chhattisgarh, in that area there is plenty of coal, manganese and what is the interest of this company in this area. How central government given permission to this company quickly. I am not against this project if the company is bring here to make net profit then these villagers should also get benefit from it. 	<p>Hon'ble chairman said that these issues have been mentioned at the beginning, let us talk about the project's environment.</p>

Hon'ble chairman suggested that till now we have discussed about the issue of villagers apart from this project, we should also listen to company proponent is saying. Now we have talk all about this project. However, the project proponent are requested to talk about the project.

As soon as the project proponent started to answer, the started jumbling and the public hearing had to be closed.

Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, in their conclusion, stated that all the points raised during the public hearing will be included in the minutes as it is, and the report will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Government of Maharashtra for further appropriate action.

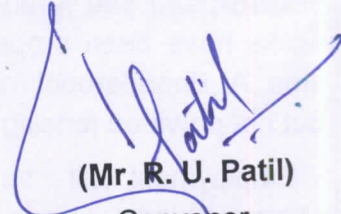
After that, thanks was given to every one present and the public hearing was declared over.



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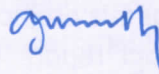
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