

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF MARKAGONDI LATERITE MINE HAVING LEASE AREA OF 54.25 HA. PRODUCTION QUANTITY-7,00,000 TPA LOCATED AT VILLAGE MARKAGONDI, TAL. JIWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR PROPOSED BY M/S. ULTRATECH CEMENT LTD UNIT MANIKGARH CEMENT WORKS UNIT-I & II, PO. GADCHANDUR, TAL. KORPANA, DIST. CHANDRAPUR.

Date : 16/02/2024
Time : 11:00 NOON
Venue : PROJECT SITE, VILLAGE MARKAGONDI, TAL. JIVATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR.

Preamble :-

M/s. UltraTech Cement Ltd Unit Manikgarh Cement Unit-I & II, Po. Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for proposed project of Markagondi Laterite Mine Having Lease Area of 54.25 HA. Production Quantity-7,00,000 TPA Located at Village Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC-1) in the 226th SEAC Meeting held from 25/07/2022 to 27/07/2022 and 252nd meeting of SEIAA dtd. 21/10/2022. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the above-said meeting (copy attached). It has been mentioned in the said TOR that in public hearing the issues raised, and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be reported separately.

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 B-1, it is mandatory for the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Project Proponent M/s. UltraTech Cement Ltd Unit Manikgarh Cement Works Unit-I & II, Po. Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra, has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 14/06/2023 for conducting Environment Public Hearing.

District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 16/02/2024 at 11:00 AM Physical as well as Online Environmental Public

Hearing at Project Site, Vill. Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The meeting number and password was made available.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat, Nagpur Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper Daily Hitavada for English on 13th January, 2024. An appeal was made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
- (2) Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
- (3) Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur-1.
- (4) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Near Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (5) District Collector Office, Chandrapur.
- (6) Sub-Divisional Office, Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (7) Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (8) District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- (9) Nagar Panchayat, Jiwati, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Tahsil Office, Jiwati, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Gat-Grampanchayat Markagondi (Markagondi, Pallezari, Mathadi, Gondguda), Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Gram Panchayat Ambezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (13) Gram Panchayat Nadappa (Nadappa-Belgaon), Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat Pitiguda No.1, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (15) Gram Panchayat Markagondi(Ghatraiguda), Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (16) Gram Panchayat Shengaon, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (17) Gram Panchayat Markagondi (Saleem Nagar), Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (18) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 18 above, were also requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the

affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, Village Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

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- 112/2024 under letter no. BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-240125-FTS-0004, dated 25-01-2024 as under:-

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

This office is in receipt 03 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any.

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 PUBLIC HEARING :-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sanjay

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

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

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village. Thereafter, some persons from public started expressing their views, objections which are as under:-

1) Shri. Rajesh Bele, Founder President, Sanjeevani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I have filed a complaint against Public Hearing but neither Collector Office nor M. P. C. Board replied to the same. I have an objection to this Public Hearing. As mentioned in the advertisement we can file a complaint. Has the Environment Impact Assessment report been verified? The EIA report is published in English which	Convenor, Public Hearing Panel informed that, a chance to raise the points will be given to each & every person present during public hearing. The points raised has been noted. The right to verify the EIA report belongs to the Environment Department. M. P. C. Board has the right to conduct the Public Hearing.

	nobody understands. EIA report shall be published in Marathi. Air monitoring is not true. Water monitoring is not carried out. This area is Forest area. Increasing pollution. We will not give our land. No meeting of environment committee is held.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, appropriate answers to all the questions will be given. There are other options available if anybody is not satisfied. All the suggestions & objections will be listened & govt. will take appropriate decision. This committee has no right to take any decision during public hearing.
2	The EIA report presented during the Public Hearing is false. This report is not verified. We had taken objection on the EIA report. Hon'ble District Collector is the first citizen of a District. An answer is expected from your side on the paper which is misleading the public. I am of the opinion that the said Public hearing is unconstitutional. If a person is constitutionally complaining about a certain issue then it is the duty of administration to investigate the complaint & redress the complainant. It is the duty of Public Hearing Panel to scrutinize the EIA report. You should have informed me about authentication of the said EIA report as soon as I filed a complaint. A clean environment is the constitutional right of every Indian citizen. Chandrapur district is moving towards extinction.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the points raised by you has been noted. You are requested to allow other persons to present their views about the project. Another chance will be given to raise your issues.
3	Point regarding filing a complaint against the project is not mentioned in the advertisement. I am working in the sector of Environment through my NGO since 2010. Already there are pollution issues due to existing	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the points raised by you has been noted. At the outset, kindly allow the Project Proponent to share the presentation regarding the proposed project & then we shall clear the doubts of people

<p>limestone mines of UltraTech Cement. Regular notices are issued to them by M. P. C. Board & Bank Guarantees are also forfeited. But still the company published false EIA reports & are conducting Public Hearings. Therefore, this Public Hearing shall be cancelled. An email regarding cancellation of Public Hearing must have been received. If not, then the Public Hearing shall continue.</p>	<p>from Project Proponent. Decision will be taken after listening to all the points raised by public.</p>
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2) Shri. Bhushan Madhukarrao Bhuse, Shantinagar, Jivati, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>At the outset, clarity shall be given regarding conduction of Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is being conducted unconstitutionally. Why replies were not given to the complaints raised before the Public Hearing? No water & electric supply in Kosambi Village. Revenue department does not have any information about land.</p>	<p>Point is noted. However, it is not related to proposed project.</p>

Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Environment Consultant on behalf of Project Proponent made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.

- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised, and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri. Bhushan Madhukarrao Bhuse, Shantinagar, Jivati, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	First of all former Manikgarh Cement & presently UltraTech Cement company shall give clarification that Jivati will not suffer like Ward No.3, Bengali Camp, Gadchandur. Who will take responsibility? The said company has deprived the residents of Bengali Camp Ward no.3 from basic facilities like water, electricity & roads since last 40 years. News items & correspondences have been made regarding the said issue starting from Hon'ble Collector upto Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Information as to what the company has done with people of Kosambi village shall be given. The company has deprived villagers of Kosambi Village from basic needs such water & electricity. How one can believe a company who has deprived the citizens of the country from basic needs? My question to the	Project Proponent informed that, the issues of Bengali camp in not related to proposed project. Company will take care surrounding environment during operational phase of mines.

<p>administration is if they do not have any records of land of Jivati Taluka due to which no modifications in the land records can be done then how the administration state that the proposed 54 Ha land is under the possession of forest department? This company has increased pollution of Gadchandur City. Frequency of accidents is increased due to dilapidated condition of roads. Also unemployment issue is increasing. We will not give an inch of land to the company. We will fight forest department in the court.</p>	
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2) Shri. Rajesh Bele, Founder President, Sanjeevani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>The EIA report furnished before the public by Markagondi Laterite Mine project is totally false. Regional Officer, M. P.C. Board does not take any action against the company even after repeated complaints. Nothing is understandable in the executive summary furnished by the Project Proponent. Hon'ble Supreme Court & High Court are giving their judgements in regional languages but M. P. C. Board & Collector Office are giving approval to the EIA reports published in English language. Local people do not understand English language. A misleading document is being presented & local people are misguided. The air quality, noise monitoring reports & information presented here for the proposed</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the EIA report is prepared by a govt. authorized institution. Neither M. P. C. Board nor the project proponent can interfere during preparation of EIA report. Environment Consultants are certified by National Accreditation Board of Education & Training (NABET) for preparing EIA reports. An expert committee carrying out all the study. An EIA Report is prepared by scrupulously following the rules of NABET. State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority scrutinizes the EIA report.</p>

	<p>project are just a replica of EIA report of Manikgarh Cement Limestone Mines. The EIA reports presented during the Public Hearing in Chandrapur are just copied & pasted as it is. The truthfulness of air, water & noise monitoring cannot be verified because local people were not taken into confidence while monitoring was being done. The Public Hearing are conducted for the sake of common people. But if the administration is approving the false reports submitted the Project Proponents then there is no big tragedy for Chandrapur District. Pollution is increasing in Chandrapur District day-by-day & it is affected the health of local people & wild animals. Where will be the overburden disposed?</p>	<p>The EIA report presented during the Public Hearing is a draft report. Final EIA report will be prepare after the Public Hearing which will be assessed by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority. An expert committee scrutinizes all the impacts in two stages. Environment Clearance is granted after receipt of approval from both the stages. The EIA report is not prepared by the Project Proponent. A separate organization is nominated for preparing EIA report. Nobody has the right to interfere. EIA report is prepared by scrupulously following all the rules of govt. Only laterite excavation will be done in this project and there will be no generation of overburden.</p>
2	<p>As per forest acts & rules, no permission is given to any kind of project in forest area. Then how a Public Hearing is conducted? Local People & residents of this district do not understand this. Local people are present for Public Hearing only for compensation & employment. How the land can be handed over to polluting industries if the problem of livelihood persists? It is the duty of Hon'ble District Collector to protect the health of local people.</p>	<p>The point is noted.</p>
3	<p>No Panchnama has been made during water, air & noise monitoring. M. P. C. Board officials say that the report has been as per rules. Only 100 people have reached here inspite of</p>	<p>The point is noted. The vide publicity of this public hearing has been done by advertising in Two newspapers. The related documents with draft</p>

<p>population of 25000. I requested Hon'ble District Collector & Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board Chandrapur to do wide publicity in nearby villages but nothing is done. If point is raised for forest land then why a Forest officer is not present for Public Hearing?</p>	<p>EIA and executive summary have been submitted to nearby Ten villages. Munadi through loudspeakers has been done at concern villages.</p>
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3) Shri. Balaji Shivaji Jadhav, Pallezari, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>My village is located adjacent to the land. It is written in the executive summary that a letter has been sent to Gram Panchayat in the year 2022. Transfer of Gram Sevak is done in every 4 months due to which nobody knows about the said letter. A letter dtd. 25/01/2024 was received during monthly meeting on 31/01/2024. It was requested to issue NOC for remaining land except for forest land. It is not understandable from where did the letter for Public Hearing come from in between all this. We came to know about Public Hearing when we reached the village.</p>	<p>Convenor, Public Hearing Panel informed that, wide publicity was done for conduction of Public Hearing. Advertisements was published in two newspapers.</p>
2	<p>As told by Mr. Bele & Mr. Bhuse transfer of land is banned in this area. For the same issue a protest was held. Farming is done in this area since generations. Therefore is this 54 ha. Land actually a forest land? Most of the land here is an agriculture land. We met the officers during survey in the year 2016 but the office told that we are not the residents of this village. There is no objection for</p>	<p>The point is noted.</p>

	<p>the project but Gadchandur & Kosambi like situation should not arise here. Farmers should get benefitted; Development shall be done, facilities shall be provided. If something is happening behind closed doors, it will not be accepted.</p>	
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4) Shri. Rafique Nizami, Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>I have good experience of Manikgarh Cement. They assure one thing & implement another. I request the representative of Project Proponent to come on stage & answer my questions one by one. As per the records of govt. the land is forest area in Markagondi village. But third generation is doing farming in this area since 1962. Project affected persons & farmers are present here for public hearing. As per govt. records this is a forest land. The local people are expecting that all the land shall be acquired by Project Proponent. It is told that 65 persons will be employment in the said project but how much employment will come for local people? Out of 65, how much will be skilled & unskilled manpower?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, the said land has not been purchased by the company yet. Only lease auction has been done. Therefore. land will be acquired at later stage as per govt. rules. This is small project about 80% to 85% priority will be given to local people as per like it is given in Manikgarh Cement as per their educational qualification. We have not deputed any agent for land acquisition. Govt. rules will be followed for land acquisition.</p>
2	<p>Has the project obtained approval from Gram Panchayat Markagondi by conducting a meeting?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, this if a draft EIA report. It is prepared as per rules of state govt. & central govt. with a condition to conduct Public Hearing so as to know what local people has to say for the said project. If required NOC from Gram Panchayat will be obtained as per govt. rules.</p>
3	<p>Air monitoring was carried out & status</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed</p>

	<p>of present air quality was shown. It was assured in Gadchandur that the air quality will not be deteriorated. But presently, the air quality of Gadchandur City is worse. We had hope that local people will get employment in Gadchandur but local people did not get any employment. As per company they have given employment to local people. But ground reality is totally different. Instead local people got health issues like asthma, eye related issues, etc. Today heavy pollution is done by Manikgarh Cement & thick layer of dust is observed on terrace of buildings in Gadchandur. Will the same situation arise in Markagondi also? Will you sprinkle water by mobile water tankers & will the air quality remain same?</p>	<p>that, 7 lakh ton/year laterite excavation will be done in the said project. Laterite contains some moisture. However, water sprinkling will be done in mining area & on roads which will not affect outside mine lease area. Advanced machines will be used during mining activity. EIA report is prepared by govt. approved agency. There is not interference from M. P. C. Board & other departments. Environment Consultants are certified by NABET institution for preparing EIA reports. An expert committee carries out all types of monitoring. EIA report is prepared by scrupulously following the rules & regulations.</p>
4	<p>Will you directly provide compensation to the land losers or will you acquire the land through brokers? Because some brokers are doing some kind of transactions with the local farmers since last 2-3 months. They are purchasing the land from local farmers & are giving an amount of Rs. 3.60 Lakhs per acre. The said land is being sold to UltraTech Cement Company. Also, they are taking their commission from the said amount & are misleading the local farmers. Will the company personally purchase the land & provide facilities?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, land will be acquired as per govt. rules & regulations and compensation will be provided accordingly.</p> <p>Chairman, Public Hearing Panel stopped the people from having conversation between themselves.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, company will purchase land as per govt. rules. The said fraud movements shall be brought to the notice of the Govt./District administration. Company has not appointed any broker for purchase of land.</p>

5	Land brokers from Chandrapur & Gadchandur are trying to purchase the land from local people & sell it to the company. Due to this local people will have to bear the losses.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the Public Hearing is held for discussion of environmental issues. Land acquisition process will be started after obtaining Environmental Clearance. For the same there are some acts & rules which the company must comply with & start the procedure of land acquisition. It is requested to raise environmental issues.
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5) Shrimati Chanchal Amjad Sheikh, Salimnagar, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	25 acres of land out of 54 Ha. Land is owned by us. A survey was carried out by forest officials. Number of trees were counted. When enquired about it, it was told that provision of compensation for forestation was the moto behind it. Due to this insecurity had occurred in our minds regarding our land therefore we contacted the brokers to sell our land. We are ready to sell our land to the company if govt. assure us the compensation. A rumour is spread between the villagers that forest department has sold the land to the company.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, carrying out survey is frequent procedure of government at regular intervals. All should understand the project information. If anybody is non-satisfied then they should file a complaint/seek information from the concerned department.

6) Shri. Vikram Yerne, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Is the environment consultant who have prepared EIA report present for the Public Hearing or not? Documentary procedure starts after getting approval	Project Proponent informed that, while preparing EIA report information about reserved forest & wildlife

	<p>to the Public Hearing. In the said EIA report effects on environment, employment & health is given. There are a lot of mistakes in the EIA report. As per the toposheet of 56/2, it is told that this is a forest land & there is no reserved forest in the 10 km. radius of the project. Whole land is shown as forest land in the map.</p>	<p>sanctuary is taken into consideration. Is there any reserved forest or wildlife sanctuary? There is no reserved forest or wildlife sanctuary in the 10 km radius of the project. However, Manikgarh reserve forest is located out of the 10 km radius of the project.</p>
2	<p>Information shall be given whether Manikgarh fort is in the 10 km radius of the project or not. Also, nearest railway station shown is Virur railway station whereas there is a railway station at Gadchandur. Loading & unloading is done from the said railway station.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, a railway siding is in existence in Gadchandur. Only loading & unloading of raw material & finished products is done through the railway siding. It is not used for travelling of passengers. Virur station is available for travelling of passengers. Due to this Virur railway station is mentioned in the EIA report.</p>
3	<p>It has been told that the said land is forest land. The officials of Revenue department carry out visit of any proposed project area & a report comprising of 5 points is submitted. In the said report ownership of land is mentioned. The list of landowners shall be provided. While conducting Public Hearing the project proponent shall possess a list of landowners. It is important to display the list of landowners.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that; company is having the list of landowners of 54 ha area. The said list will be provided within a week time.</p>
4	<p>As per rules & regulations of forest department if a company is acquiring 1 acre land then the company has provide 2½ acres of land in exchange. What measures will be taken by the Project Proponent regarding local residents whose land will be acquired? How much trees will be cut? How much compensation will be provided?</p>	<p>Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, only environment related issues shall be raised. Do not raise any other issues. Repeated issues are being raised. Company authority has told that they will carry out every procedure by following rules</p>

		<p>& regulations laid down by the govt. This Public Hearing is not for land acquisition. No decision is taken during the Public Hearing. The issues raised by the public are noted in the Public Hearing & are presented to the govt. Therefore, point should be raised briefly.</p>
5	<p>Company shall specify that they will provided compensation to land owners only.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, land will be acquired by following rules & regulations laid down by the govt.</p> <p>Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, company will not do any injustice to the landowners. Company is binded to follow the rules. Also, govt. will not denude any of the landowners & do injustice. If by any means injustice is caused, then there are other options such as courts are available where one can seek justice.</p>
6	<p>Manikgarh Company is earning profit of about Rs. 500 Crores. Accordingly, 2% of the said profit i.e. around Rs. 10 Crores is not spent on CSR. Only Rs. 5.0 lakhs are spent & are shown as Rs. 50 lakhs.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, UltraTech Cement Manikgarh Company spends around Rs. 1 Crore to Rs. 1.2 Crores through CSR/CER. An audit of same will be conducted. We don't know from where Rs. 500 Crore profit figure came to your knowledge? Around 23 villages are located near Manikgarh Cement Project. Facilities are provided under CSR & CER. Also, company is abide to follow the rules &</p>

		<p>regulation. CSR & CER fund are utilized as Company Act which comprises of sustainable livelihood, advance health facilities, etc. In the past company has provided skill development training for stitching activities. Manikgarh Cement is successfully operating since last 30 - 35 years. No project can successfully work without cooperation of local people. The proposed project is quite small in comparison. We have made provision of Rs. 35 lakhs for the next 5 years under CSR and as per new guidelines we have allocated another Rs. 40 lakhs under CSR & CER as activities. As informed in presentation. we are proposed to install advanced pollution control equipments worth Rs. 2.58 Crores. We are also proposing to plant trees with expenditure of about Rs. 53 Lakhs during life of mines.</p>
7	<p>65 persons are required for the proposed project. You are saying that you will provide employment to local people but actual it is not done & protest are being staged. How much trees will be cut down in this project & what measures will be taken?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, around 3250 trees will be cut down and as per rules & regulations of forest department, compensation will be provided.</p>

7) Shri. Sharad Suresh Rao Jogi, Gadchandur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	There is a huge issue of pollution of	Chairman Public Hearing

	<p>Manikgarh Cement in Gadchandur City. Project Proponent assured during the meeting held at Municipal Council that they will take effective steps to minimize pollution but did not implement it.</p>	<p>Panel informed that, the said Public Hearing is held for Laterite mining project. There is no relation between Gadchandur plant & Markagondi. I request you to kindly raise the issue related to proposed project. Company shall answer shortly regarding Gadchandur issue.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, the proposed project is quite small as compared to cement project at Gadchandur, Manikgarh Cement has provided advanced technology pollution control equipments in the cement project. Industry has provided adequate number of bag filters. Pollution is caused due to disturbance in the cement manufacturing process. Time to time improvements are done in the manufacturing process to minimize pollution. The concerned statutory departments are informed time to time regarding any disturbance in the process.</p>
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8) Shri. Sayyed Shahdul, Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	We are farming in this area since 1971-72. I request the people to raise the issues pertaining to Markagondi. A lot of farmers are present here for the Public Hearing. If	Project Proponent informed that, local villager will be given priority in employment.

Manikgarh Cement is acquiring 54 ha land then how much employment will the company provide? Discussion shall be done about compensation paid by the company to land losers.	The point raised is noted.
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9) Shri. Ganesh Uttam Kadam, Dy. Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Nadappa, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	This is a good project. Company will follow the rules & implement the project. Local people shall be given priority in employment. Company shall take utmost care to not cause any air, water & land pollution. If employment is provided then it will help in development of people. Avenue plantation shall be done on both sides of roads. Company has arranged health camps. Also lakes are constructed. Land levelling is also done by the company.	The points raised has been noted.

10) Shri. Shabbir Moinuddin Sayyed, Taluka President, Farmer Union, Shengaon, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Information shall be given about wide publicity of Public hearing. There is no meaning in publishing the advertisements in newspapers only because all people do not read newspapers. The issues of farmers whose land is proposed to acquired shall be listened carefully. You shall listen to each & every person present in the Public hearing. You have not informed to any reporters regarding Public Hearing.	The points raised has been noted. The wide publicity of this public hearing has been done by advertising in Two news paper. The related documents with draft EIA and executive summary has been submitted to nearby Ten villages. Munadi through loud speakers has been done at concern villages.

11) Shri. Shirish Kendre, Ambezari, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>We are delighted for the project being commissioned in Jivati Taluka. Presently, nearly 70% to 80% people are going in nearby Talukas or States for earning. If the project is commissioned, then it will help in improving the livelihood of local people which will be beneficial to the company. They shall carefully listen to the views of the Project Affected Persons. Revenue Department has provided 7/12 to around 7900 people. Local Farmers are paying their agricultural loans & are earning through farming. But due to wrong decision of forest department, Jivati Taluka is declared as forest area. As per rules of forest department we live in forest area but as per rules of revenue department we are the owners of land in this area. Company shall consider each & every person residing in 54 ha area land who possess 7/12 or do not possess any land document. Water levels will be depleted due to mining activities. If company is doing mining below water level then the water scarcity problem will increase. Company shall increase green belt area. I request the administration they should not do any injustice to the local farmers.</p>	<p>The points raised has been noted.</p>

12) Shri. Nikhil Govind Pawar, President, Gramvikas Samiti. Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Employment opportunities will be generated due to the proposed project. Local villagers are going outside the talukas in nearby talukas & stated to earn their livelihood. How much</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, about 80% to 85% peopled will be given priority in employment as per educational qualifications.</p>

	<p>employment will be given in the proposed project? Also, how the revenue earned by the company or the govt will be utilized in development of the area. Transportation issues will rise due to mining activities. For the same, capacity of transportation roads shall be increased. Because Gadchandur to Jivati road was in dilapidated condition for 15 years. The road has been constructed/repared in last 2 years but need to increase load carrying capacity.</p>	<p>Traffic management issue has been incorporated in the EIA report & as per rules & regulations of govt. traffic management will be done.</p>
2	<p>Jivati taluka shall not suffer as Gadchandur. Our health shall not be hampered. Will there be any production activity or only excavation will be done?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, only excavation of laterite will be done in the said project & it will be transported to cement unit.</p>
3	<p>Is proper compensation shall be provided to adjacent farmers due to dust emission from mine? If land is proposed to be acquired then proper compensation shall be provided</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, dust emissions are to be controlled while carrying out mining activity at source only and proposed pollution control measures are shown in the presentation. Regular water sprinkling will be done. Adequate plantation will be done & transportation vehicles will have speed limits. Only PUC holding vehicles will be used for transportation. Air, water & noise monitoring will be once again carried out after obtaining environmental clearance and compliance reports will be submitted regularly to the concerned departments.</p>
4	<p>As told by you, you will cut down around 3500 trees. How much plantation will be done?</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, it is proposed to plant around 7500 to 10000 trees in 2.19 ha land including avenue plantation on both</p>

		sides of road will be done which will help to control the pollution.
5	What will be nature of 65 employment opportunities? Will it be beneficial for neighbouring gram panchayats, talukas? You shall assure to provide employment to local people. Also assurity regarding employment to no outsider in the proposed project shall be given.	Project Proponent informed that, employment will be given to local people only as per their educational qualifications. For e.g. as per IBM guidelines there is a requirement of mines manager. Priority will be given to candidate who possesses an experience in mines manager.
6	How will be CSR fund utilized in development of village? Information shall be shared.	Project proponent informed that, Around 23 villages are located near Manikgarh Cement Project. Facilities are provided under CSR & CER. Also, company is abide to follow the rules & regulation. CSR & CER fund will be utilized as per related Acts. CSR comprises of sustainable livelihood, advance health facilities, etc. In the past company has provided skill development training for stitching activities. Manikgarh Cement is successfully operating since last 30-35 years. No project can successfully work without cooperation of local people. The proposed project is quite small in comparison. We have made provision of Rs. 35 lakhs for the next 5 years under CSR and as per guidelines we have allocated another Rs. 40 lakhs under CSR & CER

		activities. As per presentation we have proposed above 2.58 Cr. Budgetary provision for pollution abatement measures. We are also proposing to plant trees with expenditure of about Rs. 53 Lakhs during life of mines.
7	The water scarcity problem is getting worse day-by-day in this area. Drinking water is brought from around 2-3 kms distance.	Project Proponent informed that, no lifting of water will be done during mining activity. In the first 5 years, about 6 meters depth of mining area will be achieve.
8	The local people are doing farming for last 70 years but no land ownership has been given to them. The govt. shall look into the matter because Jivati taluka has been totally declared as forest land. How the govt. has sanctioned approval for the proposed laterite mining project? This means that the govt. can do something in this. Therefore, the govt. shall take effective steps to provide land ownership to local people.	The points raised has been noted.

13) Shri. Vyankati Hargile, Chikhali Pittiguda, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	The land of local people has been acquired illegally by some brokers in Gadchandur. Assurance was given that new land will be given & houses will be built at new location. But till date nothing is done. Demands of farmers shall be fulfilled at the outset. Employment shall be given to residents of Jivati Taluka only. Skilled workers are available here. If the demands are not fulfilled, then we will shut down the project.	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, please submit a complaint at Collectorate.

14) Shri. Saheb Ali Mehboob Ali, Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I am a local farmer. I request the company to kindly consider the farmers who are doing farming since 1965-70. Company shall directly communicate with the farmers & shall resolve their problems. Company shall provide good quality education, good health related facilities. Also, employment shall be provided as per educational qualifications. If land is proposed to be acquired, then proper compensation shall be given. Also, we demand development of village.	Project Proponent informed that, everyone will be considered. Educational facilities will be provided under CSR. Priority will be given to local people in employment as per suitability and eligibility.

15) Shri. Balasaheb Satvaji Mane, Pallezari, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur.

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	As per rule 5% to 10% work is not done. This is the third project in boundary area of Markagondi. Water sprinkling is done due to Public Hearing. Who gets employment is an important issue. Project Proponent shall resolve the issues. No roadside farms shall be damaged.	The points raised has been noted.

16) Shri. Dattaji Gaikwad, Dy. Sarpanch, Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	A Public Hearing was conducted in the year 2001 while I was Sarpanch. Assurances were given during the Public Hearing. Transportation shall be done as per load carrying capacity of the road. Assurances given but not implemented. All the things shall be	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel informed that, the questions related to Mathadi will be answered by District Collector Office. You shall contact Collectorate. Information about facilities

	<p>done in proper manner. Hon'ble District Collector shall provide information regarding benefits given to gram panchayats. Project Proponent give assurances but do not fulfil it. Farmers shall get compensation for their land. Excavation is done in 100 acres of land but information about tree plantation is not given. We will obtain information regarding forest land from concerned department. Water levels has depleted due to mining on large extent & farmer have died. Land ownership should have been provided. Govt. has done injustice by declaring the area as forest area. If company pays compensation as per rules & regulations of govt. then it will be beneficial. Farmers shall be given new land at new locations. How much gram panchayats are benefited due mining activities at Mathadi.</p>	<p>provided by obtaining royalty through mining minerals shall be given by Project Proponent. Regular meetings of District mining committee are held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur and decision regarding distribution of amount of funds is also taken by District Collector. Inform about the funds required for your village.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, about 7.0 Lakh TPA laterite will be excavated in this project which will gain royalty of Rs. 7.0 Crores will be deposited in the District Mining office. According to govt. rules mining tax will also be paid to gram panchayat if applicable. The said project in 100-acre area do not belong to Manikgarh Cement. Our proposed mine project is of laterite mine having 54.25 Ha. area.</p>
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17) Shri. Bala Sheikh, Dy. Sarpanch, Markagondi, Tal. Jivati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>A laterite mining project namely Royal Pottery Ceramics is in operation near our village & royalty is obtained from it. In spite of follow-up with govt. royalty amount is not released. 2% of CSR funds shall be directly given to gram panchayat. Gram Sabha will decide about its expenditure. Gram Panchayat</p>	<p>Chairman, Public Hearing panel announced that, during the public hearing everyone's say will be heard & govt. will take suitable decision. Public hearing committee has no right to take any decision.</p>

<p>should receive royalty of 20% but this does not happen. The amount has decreased due to Prime Minister Mineral Development Committee. This reduces the development. Class-II agricultural land cannot be sold out. However, letter is received from officer of your office that land can be sold out. Priority should be given to local people & adequate compensation should be given to land owners. Carry out tree plantation. Regular water sprinkling should be done. 54 ha land allotted to UltraTech Company through auction. According to govt. resolution dtd. 04/08/2023, land prior to 1996 cannot be declared as forest land.</p>	<p>Everything will be according to govt. rules.</p>
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18) Shri. Vijay Thakre, Sanmitra Gramvikas Sanstha, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Project Proponent should do the improvements suggested in the Environment Impact Assessment Report. A member of Municipal Council informed that Manikgarh Fort is nearby from this place & it should be verified. There is wildlife in existence in this area and therefore, controlled blasting should be done so that it does not harm any animals. Forest department has published notification dtd. 04/12/2023 wherein it is mentioned that 52.5228 ha land is converted for UltraTech Cement. This means that forest department has withdrawn rights of 1980. This also means that farmer who is farming is the sole owner of the land whether the farmer possess any land documents or not. Until compensation is paid by the Project Proponent, the farmers shall not sell their land to the company.</p>	<p>The points raised has been noted.</p>

	Employment to local people shall be given. I am of the opinion that, company shall encourage local people not only for employment but also for setting up business so that employment problem can be solved to an extent.	
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19) Shri. Ashish Derkar, Taluka Representative, Daily Lokmat, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Non receipt of mineral development fund from district authority is a major reason for unrest between people for proposed projects. The royalty received from mines of UltraTech, Ambuja & Dalmia is in purview of Guardian Minister & District Collector. But local representatives distribute those funds to their gram panchayats. Mineral development funds must be distributed to gram panchayat which has higher excavation of minerals. District Collector should not consider the amount of MPs & MLA and should spend amount from its funds. Agitation was made against UltraTech Cement Awarpur regarding mineral development funds. Industry invited the list of proposals but allotted the works to Gram Panchayats decided by Guardian Minister & people's representative. The mineral funds were allotted to talukas like Mul & Pombhurna but not given to affected villages. Villages like Nanda, Awarpur, Naranda & other villages of Korpana Taluka will deliberately not be considered. District Collector should impartially distribute the mineral development funds.	The points raised has been noted.

District Collector should impartially distribute the mineral development funds.	
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20) Shri. Waman Turankar, Dy. Sarpanch, Nokari (Kh.), Tal. Kopprana, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>A company namely Triveni has commissioned its project in Gadchiroli District & following it around 28 industries are getting attracted towards Gadchiroli District. Due to which lot of employment opportunities are being generated & Gadchiroli is starting to be known as an industrial district. Around 250 to 300 ha area is covered under mining area from where I belong. A point was raised regarding depletion of ground water level due to mining. Gowariguda village is located near to my village. Water scarcity problem was arising in this village in the month of November. But due de-watering of the mine, the water scarcity problem has been eradicated. Lot of tree has been planted in the mine area due to which air pollution problem do not exist in the area. Silicosis is cased due to dust emissions from mining activity. Mine authority shall regularly carry out water sprinkling on roads to suppress dust emissions. Manikgarh Cement Company has regularly helped the people of our nearby villages. It is requested to help the villagers of Markagondi village by same way. I also request the administration to encourage industrialization in Jivati village in future so as to increase the livelihood of local people and development of Jivati taluka.</p>	<p>The points raised has been noted.</p>

The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all participants, project officers, government officials, MPCB officials and declared that the Environmental Public Hearing meeting is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

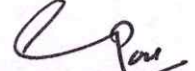
Enclosed 03 written suggestions/objections as received.



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