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No./MPCB/JD(WPC)/ENV/PH/B- 240709-FTS-0058

Date: 09/07/2024

To,
Ministry of Environment,
Forests & Climate Change Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003.

Sub: Environmental Clearance - Proceedings of Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Bhatadi Expansion OCP (Chandrapur Area, WCL) for increase in production capacity from 1.465 MTPA to 2.0 MTPA and increase in ML area from 847.37 ha to 1423.75 ha, at village Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur. Proposed by M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

Ref: Sub-Regional Chandrapur submitted proceeding vide letter dt-10.06.2024, received on 05.07.2024.

Sir,

The Public Hearing for Proposed Bhatadi Expansion OCP (Chandrapur Area, WCL) for increase in production capacity from 1.465 MTPA to 2.0 MTPA and increase in ML area from 847.37 ha to 1423.75 ha, at village Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur. Proposed by M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

Environmental public hearing conducted on dtd. 26.04.2024, Time-11.00 A.M. At the project site, Village Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The minutes of the public hearing approved and duly signed by the Public hearing panel along with the proceedings are enclosed.

- Minutes of public hearing duly signed by the Chairman of public hearing panel in (English)
- Copy of Office Order
- Video DVD and Photograph of Public Hearing.
- List of participants.
- Newspaper Notices for Environmental Public Hearing in English & Marathi.

This is submitted for further necessary action please.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr.J.B.Sangewar
Joint Director (WPC)

Encl: As above

Copy submitted for Information to:

The Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai.

Copy for information & necessary action to:

- The Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur
- The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur
- EIC, M.P. C. Board, Mumbai - For information & display of Minutes on website.

Copy to the applicant of the project:

M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF EXPANSION OF BHATADI EXPANSION OCP (CHANDRAPUR AREA, WCL) FOR INCREASE IN PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 1.465 MTPA TO 2.0 MTPA AND INCREASE IN ML AREA FROM 847.37 HA TO 1423.75 HA, AT VILLAGE BHATADI, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. WESTERN COALFIELD LTD., CHANDRAPUR AREA, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date : 26/04/2024
Time : 11:00 A.M.
Place : At Project Site, Vill. Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MOEF&CC) Govt. of India, (GOI), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Project of Expansion of Bhatadi Expansion OCP (Chandrapur Area, WCL) for increase in production capacity from 1.465 MTPA to 2.0 MTPA and increase in ML area from 847.37 HA to 1423.75 HA, At Village Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 02/06/2021. 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. As the proposed project falls under Category A-1, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 29/01/2024 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 26/04/2024. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" & and English newspaper "The Times of India" on dated 23/03/2024. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities. It is directed to conduct the online public hearing. The meeting number and password was made available.

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-400022.
- (3) Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur-400001.
- (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) Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (7) District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Chandrapur, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Tahsil Office, Chandrapur, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Maha Nagar Palika, Chandrapur, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (11) Gram Panchayat, Payali Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (12) Gram Panchayat, Padmapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (13) Gram Panchayat, Vichoda, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (14) Gram Panchayat, Chota Nagpur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (15) Gram Panchayat, Tirvanja Mokasa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- (16) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 05 to 16 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-130/2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) PH/B-240404-FTS-0081, dated 04/04/2024 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 07 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-

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

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

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

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

- Project 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

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. Rajesh Bele, President, Sanjivani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	No information was given about the public hearing. No signs and directions were displayed for the venue of the meeting. The Erai River become narrow compared to old days due to silt and OB from mines. There is issue of wild animals in the area. Details of Wild animals is not mentioned in the report. The report does not describe how many trees to cut. CSR funds are not used for development of villagers but used elsewhere. Overburden from the mine goes into the river, no action by the Collector. The	Project Proponent informed that, Location of PH was already notified by MPCB through Newspapers and through circulation to concerned village panchayats. Present working of the mine is more than 300 meters away from the Erai river. Precautionary measures have been taken by providing catch drains and garland drains to arrest silt. Whenever requested by District/State Administration, WCL has contributed to cleaning and rejuvenation of the river. WCL contributed an amount of Rs.5.41 crores to Govt. of Maharashtra for

<p>photos presented in presentation is false. Pond water in Tirwanja village was not tested. No opposition to coal mining, no opposition to the project but opposition to the policy. I oppose the environmental public hearing, not the project.</p>	<p>cleaning of Erai River between years 2015-16 to 2017-18. Information regarding wildlife is already given In the Executive Summary, under point No. 3.6.2 Fauna Diversity. "In the buffer zone of the project due to Tadoba National Forest, the project has good fauna diversity". Further in the EIA report, detailed description of the flora and fauna of the area has been given. The project has only 0.20 Ha of forest land. After the tree counting by forest department, the number of trees to be cut will be informed to PP by DFO, Maharashtra Forest Department. Majority of the land involved in the expansion project is tenancy land. The CSR fund is allotted amongst various villages depending on the requirement received from the village gram panchayats and suggestions from representatives like MLAs/MPs and by State Government. Efforts are made to ensure that CSR funds are allotted to maximum number of villages. The present OB dump of the mine is at a distance of more than 300 meters from the Erai river. Further working shall be done only as per applicable rules and regulations. Majority of the photos in the presentation are geo-tagged photographs with date and time stamp. The mine discharge water after sedimentation is released into the pond of Tirwanja Mokasa village as and when required by the villagers. The mine discharge water is tested for basic parameters after sedimentation.</p>
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2) Shri. Bhaskar Tajne, Chairperson, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>Water in the pond is less. Regular mine water discharge in the pond is not being done by WCL. CSR Fund is being given to other locations. Villages nearby Bhatadi OC mine are not getting adequate CSR funds. Why CSR fund is given to Abdul Kalam Garden, which is situated far away from Bhatadi OC. The road of TirwanjaMokasa village is in bad condition. No road work has been done in 30 years. Dust pollution due to movement of trucks. Silt from OB Dumping enters the agriculture field of kavthi village. In rainy season Village Road to Chincholi is affected by washed out OB soil. No tree plantation is done in the villages. The WCL Management must answer why has coal transportation by trucks through Tirwanja village been discontinued? For past 30 years the coal transportation was carried out through the road but now since last six months the transportation has been stopped. The road is in very bad shape for vehicles to travel.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, Presently, there is sufficient water in the pond and the villagers are using the water for their daily needs. In summer season, water level in the mine sump is low, pumping of mine water is not enough to discharge in pond. As soon as the water level increases, the water will be discharged into pond. The CSR fund is allotted amongst various villages depending on the requirement received from the village gram panchayats and suggestions from representatives like MLAs/MPs and by State Government. Efforts are made to ensure that CSR funds are allotted to maximum number of villages. Some part of the road, around 300 meters was already concreted before, and the road has been repaired from time to time by WCL. Now, due to the commissioning of pipe conveyor, road transportation of coal has been completely stopped. Even though this road is not being used for coal transportation at present, water is being sprinkled on this road to prevent the dust emission. The work will continue uninterrupted. Garland drains have been</p>

		<p>provided around the OB dump and cleaning of the drains is carried out to avoid deposition of silt in adjacent areas during rainy season. Garland drains have been provided and the same are cleaned before monsoon to avoid the deposition of silt. Plantation has been carried out in the mine and around the mine periphery. Plantation proposal in and around the village area has been opposed in the past citing possibility of increase in wildlife conflict. However, during monsoon, saplings have been distributed by WCL in the villages. Pipe conveyor has been commissioned and the coal transportation through truck has been stopped. It is envisaged that entire coal transport to CSTPS shall be through pipe conveyor mode only.</p>
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3) Shri Shiva Yergude, Village Tirwanja Mokasa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	It was directed in the collector meeting that the concerned road should be constructed by WCL and CTPS but no action has been taken yet. WCL must give written assurance for this.	Project Proponent informed that, The transport of coal to CSTPS was carried out by CSTPS Chandrapur. Hon'ble Collector had instructed CSTPS and WCL to investigate the matter. Subsequently, concrete road of 300m was constructed by WCL and repair of remaining damaged roads will be taken up within 3 months at Tirwanja Mokasa village.

4) Shri. Milind Pandhari Katkar, Tirwanja Mokasa Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	75% of my Land has been acquired, 25%land has been left out. Wild animals, blasting, agricultural land is becoming barren are the problems. Balance land should be acquired.	Project Proponent informed that, Land is acquired as per the requirement of approved Project Report (PR). Acquisition of land beyond PR provision is not possible. Controlled Blasting is being followed as per the DGMS norms. The Noise and Vibration report is being regularly submitted to the authorities.

5) Shri.Yograj Bhusari, Gram Panchayat Member, TirwanjaMokasa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	OB is being dumped on ground near Tirwanja Mokasa village and water is not sprinkled on OB and in monsoon, the entire water from the OB flows into the field. What measures are you going to take on this? The remaining issue is that unless you give a written assurance for the construction of the road, there will be oppose from the entire village and you will be fully responsible for it.	Project Proponent informed that, Garland drains have been provided around the OB dump and cleaning of the drains is carried out to avoid deposition of silt in adjacent areas during rainy season. Concrete road of 300m was constructed by WCL and repair of remaining damaged roads will be taken up within 3 months at Tirwanja Mokasa village.

6) Shri. Rajkumar Raipure, Payali, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	My one problem is that our main road from Chincholi to Payli is bordered by W.C.L. OB dumping. Is there any limit	Project Proponent informed that, The Road is more than 50m far from the OB dump.

	for this dumping and how far should the dumping be done and last year during the monsoon the road was full of that OB. OB has created wild bushes and animals that live there come to our village. And there was full dust in our village. WCL officer says intensity of blasting has been reduced, come to our house and see the whole house has been crack. Answer how many trees are planted near the road.	Garland drains have been provided around the OB dump and cleaning of the drains is carried out to avoid deposition of silt in adjacent areas during rainy season. Controlled Blasting is being followed as per the DGMS norms. The Noise and Vibration report is being regularly submitted to the authorities.
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7) Shri. Prashant Kopula, Deputy Sarpanch, Tirwanja Mokasa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Though due to discontinuation of road transport dust is reduced but right now water sprinkling is stopped, which need to be started. Employment opportunities must be given to local people. We do not oppose the project, the project is positive, but some small problems to be sorted. Some water connection should be provided in the village.	Project Proponent informed that, New contract of water sprinkling has been started on village road. The water spraying on the road shall be continued. Around 418 nos. of new employment are to be given in the expansion project. Also, in the current HOE contract, 153 nos. of local people have been employed.

8) Shri. Naththu Vishvanath Pimpalkar, Ex. Sarpach, Tirwanja Mokasa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Coal was transported through the road of Tirwanaj Mokasa village road but after the commissioning of pipe conveyor WCL has stopped using the road. Water spraying must be ensured on the road to prevent dust emission and the rest of the agriculture land should be acquired.	Project Proponent informed that, New contract of water sprinkling has been started on village road.

9) Shri. Vitthal Gohane, Bhatadi, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	16.77 hectares of agriculture land is not acquired. This land is trapped from all sides.	Project Proponent informed that, Land acquisition can be done only according to the requirements of the coal industry and with the permission of the central government. The said land is outside the project plan.

10) Shri. Bandu Pahanpate, Chandsurla, Tal. Ballarpur, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	In the years 2013 and 2015, 10-12 farmers' fields were flooded, and they were not compensated. Hon'ble Tehsildar has inspected the site in 2023.	Project Proponent informed that, All necessary action as per the direction of State Govt. shall be followed.

11) Shri. Sagar Katkar, Payali, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	The project is beneficial to us, we will support WCL. Why the monetary compensation and employment have not been given and the rehabilitation of the villages is stalled. Employment should be given first and environmental reforms should be made later.	Project Proponent informed that, The process of acquisition of land and preparation of compensation roll is under process. The process of R&R is underway. Baseline socioeconomic survey is near completion in Bhatadi village and once R&R site is finalized, further modalities shall be taken up.

12) Shri. Dheeraj Sanjay Khadilkar, Bhatadi, Tal. Ballarpur, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Because of WCL, there is	Project Proponent informed

<p>enhancement in socio economic condition of villagers, and I also benefitted by getting higher education. The balance land should be acquired. The amount of compensation for the agriculture land should be increased. As per R&R policy jobs should be given. Payali Bhatadi rehabilitation should be done. At least once in six months a meeting may be held with the village officials to resolve these issues and we support the project. Land may be acquired for industry, but only after solving the problems.</p>	<p>that, WCL will continue contributing towards development of nearby villages. Land acquisition can be done only according to the requirements of the project and as per the Project Report. The said land is outside the project plan. Jobs and Compensation are being provided as per R&R policy of CIL. The process of R&R is underway. Baseline socioeconomic survey is near completion in Bhatadi village and once R&R site is finalized, further modalities shall be taken up.</p>
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13) Smt. Archana Saav, Sarpanch, Tirwanja Mokasa, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>The houses are getting cracks. It has been wrongly claim by WCL that they installed RO Water system at Tirwanja Mokasa village. When this mine is opened it should be named as Tirwanja Mokasa Mine. House tax should be given to Gram Panchayat. Water sprinkling should be done on the village road.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, Controlled blasting is practised as per guidelines of DGMS and record of the same is diligently monitored and maintained. WCL administration never said that we have given RO machine to the village Tirwanja Mokasa. The RO machine has been installed in the village of Chak Tirwanja (Kavthi) and the similarity in name has caused confusion. Further, the proposal for installation of RO plant at Tirwanja Mokasa village has been included under the CSR activity FY 2024-25. The proposed expansion project</p>

		is for the expansion of existing Bhatadi OC Mine. Further, additional land involved is of Bhatadi-Payali village. There is no proposal for change in name of the existing mine. The Matter of payment of tax to Gram Panchayat is subjudice. Further action shall be as per court's order. New contract of water sprinkling has been started on village road.
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14) Shri. Vrishab Dupare, Chota Nagpur, Tal. Ballarpur, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Actually, the transportation of coal is not done by WCL but by CTPS and that's why we gave a letter to the pollution control board asking CTPS to take necessary action regarding pollution but it was not taken into consideration and that letter was sent to WCL. Disclosure should be made regarding this matter. This is a big project and it is a project of 1000 crores, so the financial support of the people who lost their agriculture has improved from this project, but how will the economic upgrade of those who depended on that agriculture for daily employment. In WCL, 5 to 10 lakh rupees tenders should be given to local affected people. So that the local villager's economic upgrade can happen. The other issue is that you are going to cut trees in such a large amount, and apart from that, where you are going to plant the trees and how you are going to take care of the same, employment should be given to the	Project Proponent informed that, The transport of coal to CSTPS was carried out by CSTPS Chandrapur. Hon'ble Collector had instructed CSTPS and WCL to look into the matter. Subsequently, concrete road of 300m was constructed by WCL and repair of remaining damaged roads will be taken up within 3 months in Tirwanja Mokasa village. WCL has given jobs and compensation to the PAPs and also rehabilitated with consultation of villagers. Also, around 418 nos. of new employment are to be given in the expansion project. Also, in the current HOE contract, 153 nos. of local people have been employed. Several other avenues of indirect employment shall also come up with the

	local people.	expansion of the project. Tenders are invited through Coal India Tender portal or through GEM portal. All agencies are free to participate in the tender process. Already several local contractors participate in the tendering process. Necessary action shall be done as per the instruction of DFO, Forest Department, Chandrapur and as per Maharashtra Tree Felling Act, 2021.
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15) Shri. Subhash Gaurkar, Village Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1.	Presently, the compensation and jobs are provided as per the R&R policy of 2012. The compensation rates are based on year 2012 and it should be increased as per market rates. Also, rehabilitation should be done urgently and the land for rehabilitation should be determined immediately. We are grateful for WCL for extending contribution of Rs.5.00 lakh per annum towards the cost of tap water scheme.	Project Proponent informed that, Compensation rates are derived by Maharashtra State Govt. vide MSGR, 2012. Since, there is no amendment of rates, WCL is paying monetary compensation as per extant rules. The process of acquisition of land and preparation of compensation roll is under process. Baseline socioeconomic survey is under process in Bhatadi village. Once the no. of PAPs required to be rehabilitated is calculated, the R&R site will be finalized with consultation of PAPs. WCL will continue to support the village until the R&R process is complete.

16) Shri. Shankar Khatri, Payali Bhatadi, Tal. Ballarpur, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	There is difference of opinion between the villagers and WCL regarding status of water in the pond at Tirwanja village. This must be looked into. The remaining land left out in the Mining plan should be acquired. An explanation should be given as to why the bridge over the river Erai connecting Bhatadi has not been completed in so many years. The land cleared in acquisition should be compensated	Project Proponent informed that, Presently, there is sufficient water in the pond and the villagers are using the water for their daily needs. In summer time, water level in the mine sump is low; in the meantime pumping of mine water is not enough to discharge in pond. As soon as the water level increases, the water will be discharged into pond. Acquisition has been proposed keeping in view the land requirement of the project. Land acquisition can be done only according to the requirements of the coal industry and as per the approved Project report. The construction of the said bridge is not being done through WCL, but it is being done by Public Works Department/ State Government. The process of acquisition of land and preparation of compensation roll is under process.

17) Shri. Sanjay Sitaram Khadilkar, Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Consent letter from family members is being demanded by WCL while giving employment. Why is it being asked? It often results in internal issues in family.	Project Proponent informed that, It is mandatory requirement under Section 108 of Land Acquisition Act 2013. Further, obtaining

	consent letter helps in avoiding legal disputes in granting of employment at later stage.
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18) Shri. Kisan Upre, Sarpanch, Payali Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	We are grateful for WCL's contribution of Rs.5.00 lakhs per annum towards the cost of tap water scheme. Remaining 16.77 hectares of land should be acquired by WCL or MSEB.	Project Proponent informed that, WCL will continue contributing towards development of nearby villages. Land acquisition can be done only according to the requirements of the coal industry and with the permission of the central government. The said land is outside the project plan.

19) Shri. Shankar Bhogekar, Chak Tirwanja (Kawathi), Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	During rainy season water enters in the field. Drain deepening should be done. Tirwanja Mokasa road should be repaired. Chak Tirwanja (Kavathi)village gets less CSR fund.	Project Proponent informed that, Garland drains have been provided around the OB dump and cleaning of the drains is carried out to avoid deposition of silt in adjacent areas during rainy season. The transport of coal to CSTPS was carried out by CSTPS Chandrapur. Hon'ble Collector had instructed CSTPS and WCL to look into the matter. Subsequently, concrete road of 300m was constructed by WCL and repair of remaining damaged roads will be taken up within 3 months in Tirwanja Mokasa

		village. The CSR fund is allotted amongst various villages depending on the requirement received from the village gram panchayats and suggestions from representatives like MLAs/MPs and by State Government. Efforts are made to ensure that CSR funds are allotted to maximum number of villages. In the past few years, RO plant has been provided to Kavthi village as well as concrete road has been provided to the village under our CSR fund.
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20) Shri. Balrishna Panghate, Chak Tirwanja, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	There is loss due to agriculture near dumping. There is no road to the farm.	Project Proponent informed that, the said agriculture land has been already acquired by the WCL.

21) Shri. Pramod Khirwatkar, Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Loss of Crop due to nearby Dumps. No road to reach in farm.	Project Proponent informed that, dumping has been done by WCL on acquired land and various garland drains has been provided to prevent the washed OB soil entering in the agriculture field. The said agriculture land has been already acquired by the WCL and the work of compensation distribution is under progress.

22) **Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Appreciates the efforts of WCL taken to prevent environment pollution. Mining is important, clean environment is important. Health survey should be done. Water harvesting should be introduced.	Project Proponent informed that, the points raised are noted.

23) **Shri. Subhash Gourkar, Bhatadi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	WCL is paying Crores of rupees in the form of Mining Royalty. Out of this 5% royalty should be given to nearby villages of the project.	Project Proponent informed that, a written representation is received by Hon. Chairperson. PP has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Due to network issues, the voice of the person was not audible. Hon'ble Chairperson advised him to send the representation through email.

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

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

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 07 suggestions/objections received by the office.

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