MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF KURAI LIMESTONE BLOCK PRODUCTION CAPACITY 6.293 MTPA IN MINE LEASE AREA OF 480.80 HA., LOCATED AT VILLAGE KURAI, KURLI, SINDOLA, TAL. WANI, DIST. YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. ACC LTD., PO. CEMENT NAGAR, GHUGUS, TAL. DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA.

Date

18/09/2024

Time

11:00 A.M.

Place

At Project Site, Vill. Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. ACC Ltd., Po. Cement Nagar, Ghugus, 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 Kurai Limestone Block Production Capacity 6.293 MTPA in Mine Lease Area of 480.80 HA., located at Village Kurai, Kurli, Sindola, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 24/11/2023. 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. ACC Ltd., Po. Cement Nagar, Ghugus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 28/05/2024 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Yavatmal, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 18/09/2024. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 18/09/2024 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" & and English newspaper "The Times of India" on dated 08/08/2024. 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) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur.
- (3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2ndand 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022.
- (4) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (5) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (6) Collector Office, Yavatmal.
- (7) Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal.
- (8) District Industries Center, Yavatmal.
- (9) Sub-Divisional Office, Yavatmal.
- (10) Municipal Council, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (11) Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (13) Grampanchayat Office, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (14) Grampanchayat Office, Dhakori, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (15) Grampanchayat Office, Govari, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (16) Grampanchayat Office, Deurwada, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (17) Grampanchayat Office, Bori, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (18) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 06 to 18 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-154/2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) PH/B-2409060-FTS-0148, dated 06/09/2024 as under:-

- District Magistrate-Yavatmal or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- Chairman
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai

Member



Regional Officer – Chandrapur, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

Convener

This office is in receipt 163 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, Shri Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Pankaj Ashiya, District Magistrate, Yavatmal 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.

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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. Raju Khedkar, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	No help given to farmers. Our complaints were not attended. In last 32 years only once Rs 5000, Rs 10000 and Rs 15000 amount was given. But after no compensation was paid. Farmers were not benefitted at all. Land has become in fertile. First resolve the farmers problem and then permit the project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.



2) Shri. Datta Viththal Mogre, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist, Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1)	PP should have taken in confidence the villagers. People have doubt if project is planning to buy the villagers land or not. Public hearing of land owners was to be conducted. PP has not finalized the land location, compensation amount. PP informed that compensation for loss due to dust pollution is paid but same for existing ACC cement plant Ghugus is paid only once till date. Representations were given several times but w2as of no use. Farmers suffered loses due to cement industry. Acquisition of 1200 acres land will be done by this project. Farmers should get compensation of Rs 80 lakh or more for their lost land. Permanent job for one person of affected family. No land acquisition to no contact with people till date. PP has not given any information to villagers about land acquisition. PP may play politics and divide the people and so farmers will be in loss. Farmers should be provided indirect employment.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.

3) Shri. Ajay Kawrase.Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Zakori, Tal Wani, Dist. Yavatmai:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Two origins of rivers are near the project. Rivers originating from gut no. 87 and 45 flow through Zakori village. Water in this river will get reduced due to this project which may result in water scarecity in the village Zakori.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.

4) Shri. Rakesh Yergude, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We did not receive information about the public hearing. According to government procedure the gram panchayat should have informed villagers about public hearing through gram sabha. No procedure was followed for this. We object on gram sewaks work. For us our land compensation is primary issue and environment is secondary issue. We do not oppose the project. I request to the Collector to first solve the problems of farmers and then permit the project. Land less farmers should be given proper returns and job. PP should present the DPR in Marathi language .Take signature of affected farmer while giving the NOC of gram panchayat.	queries at once which is mentioned

5) Shri. Giridhar Krishnaji Urkude, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support all the issues raised till now.PP has not fulfilled the commitments. No body knows the problems of farmers.We did not understand the background of this hearing.Farmers are in fear as if their lands are taken by PP as the farmers are not knowing about this public hearing.So I request to cancel this public heating. Take prior meeting with villagers and then conduct the public hearing.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.



6) Shri. Manoj Manohar Giradkar, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Due to mining activity the Bio diversity will be destroyed. What is the solution for this with the PP. Also, what is solution to mitigate air and water pollution. What's the policy for job, employment. Also, what's the policy for project affected farmers. Whether the land acquisition is by valuation or by deal method? PP has not fulfilled the commitments made during its Gowari project. In 2014 due to Shri Kasawar Ex MLA gave some compensation to people. PP had then committed that every year compensation will be paid but did not do that. No road available to farmers to go through village Gowari. If such a situation arise in this project then it will affect me psychologically.	

7) <u>Shri. Bhiwakar Nilkanth Zade, Member Gram Panchayat Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-</u>

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We came to know that information of public hearing was not given to Kurai gram panchayat. What compensation will PP give to affected farmers, what employment will PP give, and PP cannot erect environment friendly project. Despite repeated requests there is no proper arrangements made in the nearby project. Water level will deplete and scarcity of water will generate. Air pollution will affect the crops. PP shall implement supply of pure water scheme for which PP shall construct a tank. Project affected shall	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.



	get as per their demands. Cancel this	
	hearing and conduct the same after	
	permission of the gram panchayat. If	
	public hearing is conducted then farmer	
]	will not be able to do anything. After	
	solving our problems the approval may	
	be granted to the project.	

8) Shri. Rakesh Umeshrao Upare, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	In PPT presentation there was no information about blasting. Also nothing was about air, water and noise pollution. In gut no. 17 adjacent to Gowari mines is my agricultural farm land. Stones fall from top in my farm land during blasting activity. No protection wall along the boundary of the mines and so animals falls in the mine's pits. PP do not follow directives of mines directorates. So, cancel this hearing. Contact the farmers through the government and solve their problems.	queries at once which is mentioned

9) <u>Sau. Swati Vijay Zade. Sarpanch. Grampanchayat Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-</u>

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Kurai gram panchayat did not receive any letter about this public hearing. Without knowing will of farmers and without any meeting of gram panchayat this public hearing is conducted. Give proper returns to the affected farmers. PP shall take measures to ensure that ground water depletion does not take place. Arrangements shall be made for pure drinking water. Cancel this public	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 11.



hearing and conduct it further.

10) Shri. Vijay Zade, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Only if proper compensation is paid to farmers, then only, he can develop at different place. So I demand proper compensation for farmers of Kurai village.80 % Locals shall get jobs. PP should contact farmers and find a way out.	queries at once which is mentioned

11) Reply Given By The Project Proponent:-

Sr. No.	
1	Adani group has adopted 14 villages and has constructed toilets, concrete roads, constructed community hall, made arrangement for drinking water, provided facilities of school and Anganwadi, provided helping hand in last one year to bachat gats which strengthened women, provided drip irrigation system to farmers and did work for river rejuvenation. About 80% land of Kuria village will be taken and above facilities will be provided. Step wis meetings will be conducted. Discussions will be done for social funds and then facilities will be provided.66 jobs will be generated in mines work. It will include Geologists and machines operator. Locals will be given priority in providing jobs as done in Govari and Shindola mines. Locals will be given jobs according to their skill, qualification. Adani foundation will conduct skill development program and will build a training centre. This will improve living standard of the local people. PP will hold talks with people and then only will purchase lands. To mitigate air pollution water sprinklers, bag filters will be installed. Water will be sprayed on roads. Mine water will be treated and then it will be reused. STP will be installed. Water harvesting will be done. Hydrogeological survey will be conducted. Directives of MPCB and of government will be followed. According to government rules land compensation will be paid. Annual report on jobs will be submitted to government regularly.



12) Shri. Rakesh Upare, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	66 jobs will be generated in the project. Land acquisition of 250 people will be done. PP shall provide skill development facility to people. PP shall take our land according to land acquisition act 2013.PP shall pay 4 times the rate. So if rate is Rs 20 lakh then PP shall pay Rs 80 lakh for that. Not constructed schools and have changed only names. Condition of state highway 236 is deteriorating and needs repairing immediately. ACC has not taken mitigation measures to reduce pollution of Ghugus town.	,

13) Shri. Rakesh Yergude, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Affected farmers do not oppose the project. Environment is not primary. Unless demands of people are met project will not be allowed to start. Adequate amount shall be paid to people whose land is taken away. First take decision of compensation after that villagers will help the project in other aspects such as tree plantation. Have you mentioned in the report about providing skill development. It is our demand that project shall pay to villagers from the profit it is going to earn. Will PP pay for any disease due to pollution. Will PP give compensation for crop loss due to pollution? Blasting material mixes with water and causes water	further at serial no. 36.



pollution.	It will	pollute	ground	water
and drinki	ing wa	ter will p	ollute.	

14) Shri. Roshan Kiran, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Project will adversely affect the health and crops. Cancel this hearing till there is any decision about farmers compensation and jobs. Project will start after all demands are met with. It is requested to postpone the public hearing.	queries at once which is

15) Shri. Rakesh Upare, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Project area is 1200 acres. State government and central government will get about Rs 7860 Crore revenue from this project. This means that Rs 6 crore per acre revenue from this project. Hence it's my request that farmers be given revenue at the same rate.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

16) Shri. Lokeshwar Waman Bobade, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We are doing farming here since last four generations and it is source of our livelihood. Seeing project report we felt that our land will be under	queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no.



acquisition soon. Give proper rate of land to Sindola village people also. After any agreement with farmers the public hearing should be conducted. Farmers and labourers will be jobless due to this project. Start cement industry here so that about 4000 to 5000 people will get jobs here. Education available here is up to 8th class only. There is difference in school fees. Education in school should be up to 12 the class. Project shall provide facility of school bus. Due to Shindola mines water level has depleted so it's our request that compensation be aiven against land acquisition. Company has only once paid compensation of Rs 80 lakhs for losses due to pollution. Since Adani took over the mines there is no use of social funds for people wellbeing. Company has a clinic which is for their employees only. So, company should construct a super speciality hospital here. Provide information of number of mines in operation and not in operation. Give priority to locals in iobs. Give written assurance to fulfil demands of people after which the public hearing should be conducted. 80% revenue of Yavatmal district is from this area so roads of this area be repaired and increase their capacity. Government should consider this problem and provide more funds for it. There are 10 to 12 industries in this area.

17) Shri. Ayush Thakre, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	The project is false and mislead villagers. In depicts that 85 villages are affected but names of villages	queries at once which is



are not mentioned. This is false submission to the central government. So, action should be initiated against this. Air pollution will affect up to 2 kms of distance. Water sprinkling shall be done by company and if it not done then company shall pay compensatory amount. After this only this hearing shall be undertaken. Control the noise pollution caused due to Nakoda to Shindola conveyor belt.	36.
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18) Shri. Santosh Laxman Zade, Sindola, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I got employment since last 3 to 4 years due to ACC industries. Also, most of the women in this area got indirect employment. Solve problems of framers. Visit the Govari mines.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

19) Shri. Moreshwar Yergude, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Non compliances of conditions to mitigate pollution is found in the mines of Govari. For this listen to the farmers. About this with the help of former MLA Shri. Kasawar the problem of pollution was solved. Company do not listen to farmers. Proper returns shall be paid to the farmers.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no.



20) Sau. Yamuna Patil, Mungoli, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Farmers should properly explain their problems.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

21) Sau. Alka Khobragade, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support the farmers.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

22) Sau. Sunita Randas Kakde, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Employment is given to local villagers by ACC industry. Has solved the problem of drinking water. Has helped for women empowerment.	queries at once which is

23) Ku. Kalyani Baban Khamankar, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances
No.		given by the Project
	·	Proponent / Environmental
		Consultant / Environmental
		Public Hearing Committee



	following discussion
ACC has done lot of work under CSR. School work is also done. Provided facility of drinking water. I provide full support to this project.	queries at once which is

24) Sau. Swati Vijay Zade, Sarpanch, Kurai Gram Panchayat. Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	First the problems of Farmers should be resolved and then discussion should be done on CSR activities.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

25) Sau. Geeta Aglave, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Discuss the other problems after solving problems of farmers because their land will be taken away by the project. Solution should be found on all issues raised here. Repair the village roads. Appoint teachers in the school. Students go to other town as there are no teachers in the village school.	queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no.

26) Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	PP shall erect all the necessary pollution control systems. Resolve	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is
	farmers problems. Important to	mentioned further at serial no.



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Administra	ation shall	take	
no dispu	lity and then the tes. More com paid to farmers. bbs.	pensation	

27) Shri. Manoj Kale, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Stop this hearing as it is being conduct ed without taking farmers in confidence. Farmers not informed about land acquisition. Intimation letter should be given to farmers whose land is to taken and conduct their meeting with gram panchayat. Construct a cement industry at this place so that raw material will not go outside the district. Also, locals will get employment. Since Adani group took over this project workers have to work for 12 hours. According to MPCB conditions the land is not levelled in Govari mines. NEERI had given report that water of Chanakha mine pit is not potable. But the company is supplying mine pit water of Chanakha to villagers. Development activities are not carried out in nearby villages by the company. I suggest do not approve the project unless problems of farmers are solved. About 3000 to 3500 people will be shifted due to this project. Give information as what the PP has planned to do for such people. I demand to start a cement industry in Wani taluka.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.



28) Smt. Nanda Suresh Poyam, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Resolve the problems of farmers. Along with them give us the compensation.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

29)<u>Sau. Chandrakala Rajurkar, Aheri-Borgaon, Tal. Wani, Dist.</u> <u>Yavatmal:-</u>

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I own farm land at gat no. 142 at Kurli. Notice of public hearing was not given to gram panchayat. Here arrangements are not made properly. Announce the rates of compensation. Road shall be repaired. Accidents ratio is increase as roads are not repaired and not taken care. Provide employment with per acre rate.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.

30)Shri. Dinkar Pawde Patil. Zonal Vice President, BJP Kisan Morcha, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	With reference to subject the mauja Kurai, Kurli, Sindola taluka wani, district Yavatmal limestone block public hearing is being conducted at Zilla parishad school. In executive summary area is 480.80 hectares and project cost is Rs 493.5 crore.	queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no.



Limestone production capacity is 3 million tons per year, total excavation is 6.293 million tons per year. Wastage is 3 million tons per year, top soil is 0.1216 million ton per year and capacity of crusher is 1500 tons Auction is approved hour. per MMDR notification according to 1957, its amendment and as per mineral auction rules 2015 amount paid. ACC is declared as favourable party for auction of Kurai limestone block. Out of 480.80 hectares the government land is 0.02 hectares, 2.94 hectares is forest land and remaining is private land. Nagpur has approved 3 million ton vear maximum production. Salient features are: type of mine, environment and micro meteorological data shown in 3 types, water quality, soil quality, core zone, buffer zone, biodiversity, flora and fauna, animals, socio economic results, administrative arrangement of study area, social arrangement, occupation. Study literacy. transportation effects: transport, effect on environment, mitigation measures. Aerial environment: Noise environment. water environment. land environment, bio environment, water, land socio economic, etc. Outcome: Positive effect on the overall environment is shown but actually it is not like that. ACC has appointed consultant as M/S PESL, an approved agency. They have made executive summary for Kurai limestone block. But it not factual. It is based on data of 15 years back. But now this is 2024. Data is not according to present condition. So, cancel the public hearing.



31) Shri. Prashant Zade. Farmer, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I own farmland in this area. Acquisition of land will be done bu till date its compensation rate is not finalized yet. About 80% land of Kurai village will go in this project. How job will be available so large scale. Finalize the compensation by government, project officials. No mitigation measures taken by company in Govari mines. The project report be made in local Marathi language.	

32) Shri. Sanjay Purushottam Nikhade. Shivsena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thakre Group), Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Prepare EIA, EMP report in Marathi language and then conduct the public hearing. Farmers are in dilemma. MPCB officials not took care of. Lot of pollution in this area. So, stop this public hearing and take another date. While taking another public hearing take in confidence all the gram panchayats and all farmers.	, ,

33) Shri. Vishwas Nandekar. Former MLA, Wani Constituency, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Number of projects in country depend on agriculture. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh have such projects.	1



Company is putting pressure to conduct the public hearing. Initially limestone block was allotted to ACC and later ACC got transferred to Adani group. Tigers found in this mine areas but it is not mentioned in the report. Due to blasting Tigers will flee from this area. Crusher will be installed here and crushed stone will be transported by road way to Ghugus Company plant. should cement construct separate road for it or shall install conveyor belt to avoid pollution. Farmers demands should be met with. In villages schools, colleges cultural centres shall be constructed. Each one shall get a job. Before it, land rates shall be finalised. Women should get the job. We applied several times to MPCB but it did not take any heed to it. Drinking water is polluted, rivers flow is diverted, people residing near the coal mines got skin diseases. Company adversely affects human health and social associations conduct medical camps. shall Company shall conduct health camps. About 80% rovalty does government from Wani area. roads should be constructed form the funds of royalty. Guardian minister of the district should resolve the problems of Discrepancies common man. project report shall be removed and reconduct the public hearing.

34) Shri. Manoj Khiratkar, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company announced that all the problems will be solved. People suffered loss due to adjoining Govari mines so is that company going to pay for that? My S. No. is 38/2. Will the company purchase by land. Provide info whether the company will	queries at once which is mentioned



purchase land step wise or will purchase all ta a time? farmers shall think not only of compensation but also take care of environment. Company shall show the 4000 number of trees planted by it. Only giving compensation will not do. People of political background only got jobs in Kaimoor training centre. Hon'ble MLA Shri. Mungantiwar had aim to plant 4 crore trees. Oxygen will be in environment if trees survive and it will protect the wild life. Trees cutting has reduced the rainfall and this has spread many diseases.

35) Shri. Rahul Zatte. Ummid Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Develop solutions to air pollution. In Wani are there are many Cement industries, WCL Coal mines, Dolomite companies which causes air pollution. We don't have proper solution to it or maybe we are not implementing it or may be that we did not took its cognizance. Miawaki tree plantation: Those who plant trees are not having full knowledge of it and so survival rate of trees is less. The planted trees are cut by farmers without taking any Carbon credit of the trees. Discussion shall be done at government level about Carbon credit through CSR fund by valuation of Oxygen. Our district has many organisations which may work on CSR funds and this will provide employment to many young persons.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 36.



36)Reply given by Project proponent to various issues addressed above:-

Sr. No.	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	According to MMRDA act 1957 this limestone block is allotted to us. We are abiding by all the rules & regulation of MPCB and also of CPCB. This public hearing is being conducted according to the MoEF&CC Notification of date 14/9/2006. Your say is noted which includes land acquisition, employment, facilities. All problems will be resolved till Environmental clearance is obtained. There is lot of time for land acquisition. Prior to it it is necessary to obtain consent and other NOCs.

37) Shri. Rakesh Yergude, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Initially announce the land compensation and after that commit on environment.	Project proponent said that meeting will be conducted with villagers and after that land rates will be finalized. And this process has long time to go.

38) <u>Dr. Pankaj Ashiya, District Collector & Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee :-</u>

Sr.	Suggestions	
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1	All your issues are noted. Please do not repeat the issues. Express the issues a	
	afresh.	

39) A villager, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Nobody informed the gram panchayat about the public hearing. I request that politics should not be done here. Farmers land will be taken over and people will suffer pollution. Please cancel the public hearing.	Your suggestion is Noted.



40) Shri. Bahuji Maroti Gaurkar, Sindola, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Our land at Sindola belong to Mahur trust. It is about 1800 acres and we are cultivating since past 200 to 300 years. We are not the owner of this land.86 hectares of our village land is to be acquired. This will affect 70 families. Pay compensation to Sindola villagers as given to Kurai, Kurli villagers. One job for two acres of land should be the rate of job. Provide employment according to their skill and education. Provide facility of school bus.	Your suggestion is Noted.

41) Shri. Ramdas Bataley, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavtamai:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Many public hearings were conducted in this area but people were deprived of their rights. Commitments are made during such public hearing but are never fulfilled. Cancel and reconduct this hearing. Company will not face aggravation if it fulfils the commitments. 70% of people present here are farmers and farm labourers.	Your suggestion, say is Noted.

42) Shri. Ashish Fulsange, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Cancel this public hearing. Land rates should be finalised after discussion with villagers. RCCPL has not fulfilled the commitments made by it. Same	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



will be followed by ACC.PP till date since 2017 has not compensated. PP shall announce the land rates during this public hearing. Land dealing shall not be through any middle men. Contact directly with land owners. Road accidents has increased. Resolve the road issue. Utilise CSR funds properly. Job opportunities shall be provided.80% jobs be given to local people.	
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43) Sau. Sunita Medawar, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Construct road for the village.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.

44) A Villager, Kurai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Purchase farmers land at the rate of Rs 1 Crore per acre. This project will affect 2500 villagers. Same is not mentioned in the report by ACC. Do not abide by political influence while providing jobs. GOI should resolve local problems. Silicon and Calcium causes breathing problems. Provide world class facilities for health care. Pollution may affect 5 km radius area. Give compensation according to present rate of inflation.3 people lost their lives due to this project. Only project employees are benefitted by the CSR funds.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



45) Shri. Vijay Anandrao Pidurkar, Former Member of Zilla Parishad, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	In the proposed Kurai mines the mining production is 6.293 million tons per year and limestone production is 3 million tons per year. Remaining 3.172 million tons per year is production of which mineral, please give information.	
2	200 hectares land out of 480 hectares will be backfilled. What will be the use of it? Will the land be returned to owners after lease is over? Give information.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
3	Water will be stored in 128 hectares of land. Whether permission is granted by CGWA?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
4	Whether dumping area of 35 hectares will be the same or will it be different?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
5	Living standard of people will increase, what is the present situation, is any study conducted about it?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
6	What's the basis to show 0.2 top soil in 480-hectare area. Do plantation of bamboo, babhul, wada, pimpal, kadulimb etc. for environment conservation. Explain tree growth in 0.2 top soil.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
7	In Kurai lease are water in Bor natural nala will reduce. What mitigation measures are mentioned in the report.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
8	Explain why study of effect of project on SC, ST,OBC is not done.?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
9	Limestone mining and transportation generates fugitive emissions of dust which settles on crops, flowers and thereby reduce its yield. PP shall pay for this loss to farmers according to the market rates.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
10	During mining wate generated such as grease, waste oil, pollutes water. Its treatment plant is required. Give	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



	information about it.	
11	State highway no 236 will be used for transportation of mined out material. Whether road capacity withstands the load on it? If not then will the company construct roads of proper design?.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
12	Give information of 66 jobs to be provided by the company. Out of 480 hectares 180 land owners who depend on agriculture will turn jobless. What solution company has planned for them?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
13	According to policy of state government whether job will be provided based on educational qualification.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
14	Mining, transportation will create day to day pollution problem and so PP shall install continuous ambient air monitoring station in the premises	Your suggestions, say are. Noted.
15	Is the land acquisition process in according to the Notification of 2013, suggestions no, 26 to 30?	Your suggestions, say are Noted.

46) Adv. Shri. Rupesh Gunwant Thakre, Sarpanch, Mungoli Gram Panchayat, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Plant eco-friendly trees on periphery of the land so that it do not affect the nearby farmers.	PP informed that in first 5 years 3 tier plantation will be done in 4 years in accordance to CPCB guidelines. Further it will be increase up to 60 hectares. After discussion with villagers the tree specifies will be finalised.
2	Make provision of compensation against the crop damage if it happens.	Directives of Mines safety directorate will be followed scrupulously. Adequate compensation will be paid by the committee under SDO if crop loss takes place in buffer zone.
3	During construction activity and after commissioning of the project local people shall be given priority in jobs.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
4	Develop skill development centres to	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



	provide training to needy people.	
5	From the CSR funds project affected	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
	Sarpanch of the village demands shall	
	be fulfilled by the PP.	
6	PP shall abide by the terms &	Your suggestions, say are Noted.
	conditions laid by CPCB and MPCB.	-

47) Shri. Ajay Dhobe, District President, Sambhaji Brigade, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Questions raised by farmers and peoples representatives shall be answered. The project report is not true and so this public hearing shall be cancelled. Jobs and land compensation to farmers shall be considered seriously. Complaints were given to CPCB, MPCB several times. Also wrote to railway department. The railways replied that 1180 trees were planted. This should be verified by the District Collector. Using your skill efforts should be made to improved your financial status. Locals are rejected on the grounds of unskilled status and are replaced by outsiders. Establish a institute for skill development of the local people. We are basic owners of this land. Government should see that only local, affected residents get the jobs else project will not commence. According to the rule of mining & transportation of Collector Office dated 22/8/2019 mined out material should be transported during day time only. No transportation during night time. But this is violated and transportation is done in night also. Road condition should be improved.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



48) Shri. Praveen Bandhole, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Rajur colliery is the first mine in this area. Give some ideal project to this area is my demand. I request to visit plant of Mukutban and it is for good of people then it should be given approval. One project worsens the road conditions and causes crop loss. Complaint was given but there was no action. A public hearing was conducted at Dongargaon but there was no action. Check the compliance of commitments of RCCPL and after that decided this project. Here approach road condition is worst. Road should be repaired and this will reduce the accidents. Industries should control their traffic movements. No improvement in it since last 40 to 45 years. Meeting shall be conducted with project affected to resolve their issues. Open pits of mines in this are not filled in .Dolomite is transported during night time form Gaurala mines. Dust emissions due to it has increased the accident cases. Administration should take care of it.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.

49) Shri. Sameer Bandurkar, Kurli, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Last year we had given representation about pollution of this area. Administrative people when pass by this area they see the pollution. Issues raised by people's representatives should be considered. Cancel this public hearing and after making improved report again conduct the public hearing. Dust emission is	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



observed on hatla road up to fata. This should be rectified. Due to more ambient temperature, it is difficult to wear helmet. Dust is causing breathing diseases in people. Iam suffering from Bronchitis. Resolve the issues such as villager's problems, pollution issues, core zone and buffer zone issues. Roads should be repaired. Prevailing pollution problems shall be resolved and then undertake land acquisition. Company is to take 480 hectares of land. Last year 40 people died due to pollution.

50) Shri. Deepak Dixit, Prakruti Foundation, Chandrapur (Online):-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	False figures and data mentioned by ACC company in the EIA, EMP report. It is mentioned that forest land is 0.2 km to 2.5 kms away. It is tiger zone. Mine boundary line is about 0.5 km to 1.0 km away. Wildlife management plan not included in EIA, EMP report. It is mandatory for PP to obtain NOC of forest department.	It is not finalized yet whether said land belongs to forest or not. List of Botanical and Biological species is sent to concerned department for approval. And after that wildlife management plan will be prepared. List will be prepared according to schedule one and conservation work will be done. Out of 480 hectares 2.94 hectares is forest land. State government should drop out this area .Has applied for this and has got permission. While acquisition of land this 2.94 hectares area will be dropped out. For this 2.94 hectare area company need to obtain NOC of forest department. Action plan for Botanical and Biological aspects is made.

51)<u>Dr. Pankaj Aashiya. District Collector & Chairman of Public Hearing Committee:</u>

Sr. No.	Suggestions	
1	It is misconception that after this public hearing immediately land will be acquired. But this is not the state. Public hearing is conducted to know the views of people about impacts on environment. Here there is no decision on the project. All the issues raised here are well noted and its report is sent to the government. Further	

process is done by PP after the Environmental clearance is granted. Do not panic. This is private project so land will not be acquired forcefully. Name on 7/12 cannot be changed. Be careful in land deals. PP should give Marathi copy of EIA to the villagers. Give information of land acquisition, take a unbiased meeting with villagers and gram panchayat. Include nodal officer of panchayat samiti and also gram sewak in the meeting with videography and give one copy of it to the gram panchayat. Display a notice board in village of meeting. Rules shall be followed while giving the jobs. If violation is found then administration will initiate further action. Gram panchayat shall prepare list of educated & skilled persons and company should provide jobs according to it. Conduct survey for skilled persons. For unskilled people the PP shall conduct training programs in the village. PP shall tell people the area of land and when it will be under acquisition. Administration may be included in it to resolve any dispute. PP shall conduct medical camps for villagers and provide treatment to them. Development work shall be done under CSR funds. PP shall resolve issue of roads by repairing them.We receive only mineral development funds. MPCB shall respond fats to the complaints received. Compound work shall be done to avoid falling of animals in the low-lying areas. This public hearing is from environmental angle. All issues are well Noted and will be sent to the government. Some issues of impact on environment are as follows:

- 1. Nothing on nalla and river origin,
- 2. See that ground water level is not affected. water quality is not affected.
- 3. PP should discuss with villagers about losses caused due to blasting and transportation.
- 4. work on barricading and boundary strengthening.
- 5. Prevent soil quality deterioration and include this in EIA report.
- 6. In biodiversity study the impact on animals and trees.
- 7. What measures will be adopted for losses caused due to dumping activity.
- 8. People has expressed their issues effect of the project. We have video Government is to decide. No compulsion as it is private land. Project is to contact directly to the farmers.

52) Shri. Ashish Fulsange, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal\:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Again consider all the issues raised and reconduct the public hearing. This is our demand that cancel this public hearing and reconduct it.	Your suggestions, say are Noted.



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.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

Enclosed 71 suggestions received, objections are attached.

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