

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF 1.6 MTPA BENEFICIATION PLANT, 1.2 MTPA PELLET PLANT & SPONGE IRON PLANT OF 8 X 350 TPD ALONG WITH THE INSTALLATION OF INDUCTION FURNACE OF (0.75 MTPA), ROLLING MILL (0.75 MTPA) AND CAPTIVE POWER PLANT OF CAPACITY 120 MW AT S. NO. 11, 12, 32, 33, 37, 51, 52, 54, 69, 73/1, 73/2, 76/1, 76/2, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82/1, 82/2, 82/3, 82/4, 82/5 LOCATED AT VILLAGE WADLAPETH, TALUKA AHERI, DISTRICT GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. SURJAGAD ISPAT PRIVATE LIMITED, REMI COMMERCIO, 601, 6TH FLOOR, SHAH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ANDHERI (WEST), MUMBAI - 400053.

Date : 25/03/2025
Time : 11:00 A.M.
Place : DPC Hall, District Collector Office Area, Gadchiroli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli.

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s. Surjagad Ispat Private Limited, Remi Comercio, 601, 6th Floor, Shah Industrial Estate, Andheri (West), Mumbai – 400053, 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 Establishment of 1.6 MTPA Beneficiation plant, 1.2 MTPA Pellet plant & Sponge Iron Plant of 8 X 350 TPD along with the installation of Induction Furnace of (0.75 MTPA), Rolling Mill (0.75 MTPA) and Captive Power Plant of capacity 120 MW at S. No. 11, 12, 32, 33, 37, 51, 52, 54, 69, 73/1, 73/2, 76/1, 76/2, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82/1, 82/2, 82/3, 82/4, 82/5 located at Village Wadlapeth, Taluka Aheri, District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 20/12/2024. 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. Surjagad Ispat Private Limited, Remi Comercio, 601, 6th Floor, Shah Industrial Estate, Andheri (West), Mumbai – 400053, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 13/01/2025 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 25/03/2025. In this connection, M.P.C. Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the

said project on 25/03/2025 in consultation with District Collector, Gadchiroli. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Deshonnati" & and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 24/02/2025. 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 online public hearing. The meeting number and password were 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) Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur.
- (3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- (4) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- (5) Collector Office, Gadchiroli
- (6) Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli
- (7) District Industries Center, Gadchiroli
- (8) Sub-Divisional Office, Aheri, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- (9) Tahsil Office, Aheri, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- (10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Aheri, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- (11) Nagar Panchayat Office, Aheri, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- (12) Gram Panchayat Office Khamancheru, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (13) Gram Panchayat Office Mahagaon (Kh.), Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (14) Gram Panchayat Office Rajpur Patch, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (15) Gram Panchayat Office Bori, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (16) Gram Panchayat Office Wangepalli, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (17) Gram Panchayat Office Tekdamotla, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (18) Gram Panchayat Office Yella, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (19) Gram Panchayat Office Shantigram, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (20) Gram Panchayat Office Chutgurta, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli
- (21) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr. No. 05 to 21 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, Gol, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no. E-22/2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) PH/B-250318-FTS-0052, dated 18/03/2025 as under:-

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| 1) District Magistrate, Gadchiroli
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 not in receipt of any notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project.

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.**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Nandkumar Lomate, Field Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur welcomed Shri. Avishyant Panda, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Gadchiroli and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Tanaji Yadav, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee and Convener, Environment Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur, 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 & other related aspects 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. Niranjana Dhanaji Durge, Chintalpeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We support the proposed project to Surjagarh Ispat at Wadlapeth. Company shall give priority to local people in employment. Company shall provide benefits of advanced technologies to the farmers of the area through their CSR funds. Company lifts water from Pranhita River. Company shall provide water for irrigation to the farmers from Pranhita River which will help in increasing the crop yield.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

2) Shri. Mahesh Alone, Mahagaon, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	There was no any iron ore processing plant in our area inspite of availability of iron ore in our area in abundance. It is a proud moment for the villagers that M/s. Surjagarh Ispat has proposed a iron ore processing plant in this area. If the company is commissioned in this area then it will help in developing basic infrastructure facilities in the area which prominently includes educational & health facilities. The local people have to go to private hospitals in larger cities for their treatment. Company shall provide medical facilities in our area. Specialist doctors shall be appointed & medical services shall be made available 24x7. The level of education shall be raised in the area which will	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

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	<p>help the local youths in preparing them for competitive exams. Also, the future generation can have benefits of the same. Company shall give priority to high educated local youths in employment which will help in increasing their livelihood. Local women are not financially strong due to which they cannot show their skills. Therefore, the company shall provide employment to the local women & shall make them financially strong which will help them in showing their skills. Commissioning of the project will have impact on the environment. Therefore, the company shall take adequate pollution control measures which will help in conservation of the environment. I welcome the project at Wadlapeth & support the said project.</p>	
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3) Shri. Ramulu Kulmethe, Former Sarpanch & Gram Sabha Chairman, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>First of all I welcome Surjagarh Ispat Company. Company shall provide training in Skill Development Program & shall also give priority in employment to the local people. Company shall provide at least 02 ambulances in every village which will help in solving medical issues of the villages. Company shall provide irrigation facilities to the local farmers as it is provided to the farmers by Irrigation Department in West Vidarbha. Company shall construct barrages on river & nallas of the area. Company shall also repair the damaged roads in the area which will help in transportation of finished products & local people. Company shall adopt the farmers & shall encourage them to plant fruit bearing plants. Company shall adopt the govt. schools & convert them to digital schools which will help in</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

	increasing the level of education in the area. I demand that the company shall fulfil all the points raised by me.	
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4) Ku. Dipali Bhaurao Sonarkar, Chintalpeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Gadchiroli District could not be developed due to lack of employment, education, medical facilities & transportation roads. I welcome the project as it will help in providing employment, education & medical facilities in the area. Company has provided academy for youths which is helping in preparation of competitive govt. exams. The students of 20-30 kms radius are coming in the academy & company has provided vehicle for the students. This is helping the local students in preparing for govt. exams. The highly educated students have to move to cities like Pune & Nagpur for employment. I hope that the problem of employment will be solved due to commissioning of the proposed project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

5) Ku. Sonali Kove, Khamencheru, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Educational facilities in our area are inadequate & the company is providing the same which is a good thing. Hospitals & libraries shall be made available for local people & students. If any accident occurs in the area, then the person has to go to other district for their treatment. If quality medical facilities are available in the area, then nobody will have to go to other districts for treatment. Company is providing	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

	educational & medical facilities in the area. Company has sent some students abroad for higher education. Good quality roads shall be constructed in the area. Also, women shall be employed. 7000 employment opportunities will be generated in the project. This will attract local people towards education & will get employment in the project. A multi-speciality hospital is available at Hedri village.	
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6) Shri. Akhil Prakashrao Kodpakwar, Bori, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support the proposed project. But the company shall give priority to local people in employment. The youths from other states or districts shall not be given priority in employment. Company shall establish a hospital in the area due to which the diseased people can get treatment. The local students have to go to other districts for education. Company shall provide quality educational facilities in the area. Education, health, water & electricity shall be made available to local people. Company shall fulfil the assurances also. A Multi-speciality hospital like Hedri shall be provided in this area which will help in saving lives. Company shall give priority to local people in employment. The situation like Surjagarh shall not arise in this project. If the company is helping local people then the people will also help the company.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

7) Shri. Sunil Madhukar Madavi, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I work in Surjagarh Ispat Ltd company. Wadlapeth is a small village comprising of 50 houses. Wadlapeth village has got an	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

	identity due to Surjagarh Ispat Company. Local people has got employment due to Surjagarh Ispat Company. The local people can introduce themselves in English language. Company will help in development of local people in the future.	
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8) Shri. Mahesh Tarabdar, Shantigram, Tal. Mulchera, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Project Proponent has presented a presentation stating that they will provide basic facilities. The local people will get benefits in the field of education & local business due to the said project. Due to lack of education development of local people was not possible. No business can be done without education. If the company is commissioned in the area it will help in improvement in educational facilities. At least 100 unemployed people are found in every village of Gadchiroli District. The schools are located at a distance of 10 kms. The people does not have money for providing education to the students. I thank the company for provision of educational facilities in the area. The local businesses will get profit due to the said project. The literate & illiterate people will earn their livelihood through small businesses. No environmental damage will be caused due to the said project. Company will cut about 900 trees & will plant around 1.0 Lakh trees which will help in maintaining ecological balance. Local people will get benefited due to the said project. Gadchiroli district is known as backward district. Local people will get proper guidance regarding education. There are students who have completed their education till 12th std., ITI & other faculties. These students are in need of education which is useful for employment in the company. I welcome Surjagarh Company.</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

9) Shri. Jyotish Bhanjan, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	At the beginning I thank the owners of the company for proposing their project in Gadchiroli District. Wadlapeth village has got an identity due to the proposed project. Plantation work has been started by the company. Environment will be protected. Also, fruit bearing trees will be planted. Company will provide employment to local people. We had to go to other districts/states for employment. The project proponent visited the village & understood the problems in the area. The project proponent has provided employment to local people. The local people are not required to move to other districts/states for employment. Therefore, I support the proposed project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

10) Sau. Laxmi Naitam, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am a worker in the company. Our children are participating in the programs & competitions organized by the company & we are happy. I support the company.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

11) Sau. Bharti Zunke, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am receiving education due to the project. The company shall commission in our village.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

12) Sau. Pranali Kodape, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am receiving education in the project. Our children are participating in the programs & competitions organized by the company & we are happy. I support the company.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

13) Ku. Kalpana Bhumayya Atram, Jamgaon, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	The biggest problem today is unemployment. We are required to move outside of the district due to unemployment. Also, we cannot achieve our dreams due to worse financial conditions. We presented our problems in front of the project proponent. The company has provided academy, library, computers & teachers. Also, physical trainers are provided for physical training. Due to this, we are now able to achieve our dream of govt. job. The local people were not able to present their problems due to lack of education. The local people are now able to present their views due to the company. I support the propose project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

14) Shri. Surendra Atram, Wadlapeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	The point was raised that the assurance are given during the public hearing but are not fulfilled. Bu the company has provided employment to the local people before commissioning. Company has provided employment to 26 local people before its commissioning. Also skill development training has been provided. Training regarding English speaking has also been	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

	<p>provided due to which the local people are able to introduce themselves. I am 12th pass out student & I am preparing for govt. exams. Company has provided academy. Also physical training through ex-servicemen is provided. They carry out physical training test on every Sunday. The students residing in 15-20 km. radius are coming for education. Also, the company has provided vehicle facility for them. Company is providing free education & training to the students. Company owner is celebrating festivals with the villagers of Wadlapeth, Chintalpeth & other villages. Proper guidance is received to our people due the company. Facilities are being made available due to the company. Company has provided facility for training of MS-CIT.</p>	
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15) Shri. Tanaji Yadav, Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee & Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	It is requested to people to raise the issues regarding environmental aspects of the project.

16) Shri. Vitthal Dethe, Chintalpeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>As per the report of CMID, around 12 Crore people are unemployed during lockdown due to COVID-19. There is no employment opportunity in Gadchiroli District. Due to this, the youth of Gadchiroli District have been attracted towards bad habits. Industries have started to invest in Gadchiroli District in the recent past. Why the project shall not be supported if local people are getting employed? If the local youths are employed in the district, then why the company shall not be supported? If the illiterate, unskilled people are getting employed then why we shall not support the project? If the crop yield is increased & it is strengthening the economy and increasing the local business & is helping the people in increasing their livelihood</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

	then why the project shall not be supported? If roads, electricity, water supply, education & medical facilities are provided then why the project shall not be supported? If the company is providing scholarships & skill development training then why the project shall not be supported? If the company is raising the level of education by tying up with local schools & colleges then why the project shall not be supported?	
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17) Sau. Pravina Bhimrao Bagde, Chintalpeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I work as an assistant in library. I hope that local women in the area get employment & I support the project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

18) Shri. Ravi Ollarwar, Maharashtra Pradesh Organization Committee Member, Bhartiya Janta Party, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	At the outset I congratulate the company for commissioning the project at Wadlapeth. I also congratulate Hon'ble MLA Shri. Dharmaraobaba Atram for helping the project proponent for establishing their project. The villagers of Bori village are going to nearby state of Andhra Pradesh for employment. But employment is available in the district due to the said company. I request the project proponent to propose barrages on Dina River which will help in availability of water for irrigation & will help in increasing the crop yield. Company shall provide employment to people of Bori Village. They shall not exclude the people of Bori village like M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. Company shall develop qualities in local people.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

19) Shri. Rajesh Prabhakar Durge, Mahagaon (Bu.), Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	The mine of M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd is already operational in Surjagarh Area. Agricultural crops adjacent to the roads are getting damaged due to transportation of minerals from the mines. As per the pollution norms, the transportation vehicles needs to be properly covered by tarpaulin but the same is not done. The points raised before the District Administration are ignored. The company will be welcomed if they provide facilities such as education, health, etc. The company is proposed to lift the water from Dina River & will be using it in the process. But if the untreated effluent is discharged into the river by company, it will pollute the river. This will also harm the animals & crops. There is doubt about the implementation of pollution control measures stated in the presentation. We are only looking towards positive impacts of the projects, but the negative impacts shall not be overlooked. Gadchiroli District was established in the year 1982. But till date no employment & development is done. The company shall provide training to unskilled people & shall give employment to local people. Training shall be provided to local people & priority shall be given to them, which will benefit the company. The company shall understand the problems of the people & shall make necessary changes in the project.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

20) Ku. Amruta Joddar, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I am thankful to the company for providing employment to local unemployed people. It is expected that the company will work towards the development of local people.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

21) Shri. Ravindra Wasekar, District President, Nationalist Congress Party, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Surjagarh Ispat Pvt. Ltd. is being established in the area after Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines is a joyful thing. Today the investment in Gadchiroli is being talked about after Mumbai is a proud thing. It is proud moment that industrialization is being done in Naxalite & sensitive district of Gadchiroli. I am glad that Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state is the Guardian Minister of the district & has vision of developing the district. The project proponent stated during the presentation that about 900 tree will be cut & about 1.0 Lakh trees will be planted. 76% of land is under forest in Gadchiroli District. I request all the industrialists to industrialize the district by maintaining ecological balance. Lot of developmental works area being done in Aheri Vidhansabha Area which has led to drastic changes in the area. It is requested to provide facilities such as education, health, protect the environment & e-vehicles shall be used for transportation. Surjagarh Ispat Pvt. Ltd., shall work like M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd in the area.</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

22) Shri. Mohd. Yunus Sheikh, Mahasachiv, Nationalist Congress Party, Desaiganj (Wadsa), Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>Industrialization is possible in Gadchiroli District due to the efforts of Hon'ble MLA Shri. Dharmaraobaba Atram. Hon'ble MLA has donated their 100 acre of land for the said project. This has led for erasing the industry free state of Gadchiroli District. Also, two lift irrigation projects are proposed in Mahagaon & Devalnari villages. This will help in providing water for irrigation purposes to the farmers throughout the year. Also, Hon'ble Finance</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

	Minister has allotted around Rs. 500 Crores for development of Gadchiroli District. We support the proposed project.	
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23)Dr. Deorao Holi, Former MLA, Gadchiroli Constituency, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support the said project. Iron ore processing plant is established & commissioned in Konsari Village. Also, an iron ore processing plant is being established in Aheri Taluka. I congratulate Hon'ble MLA. Hon'ble Prime Minister had set a vision of industrialization in the year 2014. Based upon that, Make in Maharashtra was initiated by the Maharashtra Govt. & it has led to industrialization in Gadchiroli District. The development of Gadchiroli District could not be done without industrialization. I have carried out Udyog Kranti Yatra in the year 2014 to 2019 when I was elected as MLA. Due to the efforts of MLAs & MPs of the district, two iron ore processing plants & iron ore mines have commissioned in the District. Large industrial sector will be developed in Gadchiroli District in the future. Company has educated the local people & has given employment in the project. We hope that, Small scale industries alongwith large scale industries will flourish in the district. I request Hon'ble District Collector to carry out industrialization in Gadchiroli District.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

24)Shri. Surendra Alone, Social Worker, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I request Hon'ble Collector to give relaxation to the strict norms wherever possible during commissioning the projects. The project of Surjagarh Iron Ore Mines of M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd is commissioned & they have provided facilities such as education, irrigation,	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

	health & other facilities. Local people shall be prominently given priority in employment. The sponge iron plant was commissioned due to efforts of Hon'ble Shri. Deorao Holi. Also, Hon'ble Shri. Dharmaraobaba Atram has donated his land for the said project. Development of steel hub in Gadchiroli District is the vision of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dy. Chief Minister, MLAs & MPs of the area. I also, request Hon'ble District Collector to cooperate with every proposed industry.	
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25) Shri. Ajay Kandkadlawar, Former President, Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli, Tal. Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	We do not oppose Surjagarh Ispat company but employment to the local people shall be provided. Khamencheru Gram Panchayat has issued NOC for development of the village. The NOC was issued on a condition to provide employment to the unemployed. There is a need to increase the loading capacity of roads in the area for transportation of minerals. The condition of the roads gets worse if the carrying capacity is low and the roads are not repaired in time. The company proposed lifting the water from Pranhita River. Provision of providing water for irrigation to Aheri Taluka shall be made. Local unemployed youths shall be given priority in employment. There are a lot of people who are educated & also have interest in getting educated. Educational facilities shall be provided for them. M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd has established hospitals in Surjagarh Village. The roadside crops will be damaged due to dust pollution from transportation of minerals. The royalty is deposited in the District Mineral Fund. The district mineral fund shall be utilized for providing compensation to the farmers. The industrial effluent shall not be discharged into the river. If the industrial effluent is discharged into the river then there is possibility of losses of fishermen. The forest land in Wadlapeth shall be reserved for the	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

	villagers. A pond shall be constructed for animals & people or conservation of existing ponds shall be done. The land having S. No. 77 & 78 shall be kept reserved. I support Surjagarh Ispat company. If the company does not follow the terms & conditions then action shall be initiated against them.	
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26) Shri. Ramchandra Kachru Durge, Chintalpeth, Tal. Aheri, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	I support the proposed project at Wadlapeth. The local people will get employment after commissioning the project & unemployment will be decreased. Local people will get employment in private sector as the government is supporting privatization. This will help Gadchiroli District to become self-dependent. The company shall conserve the air, water & forests of the area. Company shall also conserve the environment. Company shall carry out massive tree plantation. The roads of the area shall be repaired which will help in reducing accidents & the level of dust in the area. The company shall provide training to the local people. Also, the company shall send the extraordinary students to abroad for higher education.	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

27) Shri. Dipak Atram, Former MLA, Aheri Constituency, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Gadchiroli District was known as a district which has no industry. But in the last 1-2 years, the industries are coming in the district & local people are getting employment. 02 public hearings of M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd were conducted in last month. About 15-20 thousand direct & indirect employment is being generated from that company. The	Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.

company has proposed to provide employment to 6500 people during the last public hearing. But still the problem of unemployment is in existence which has its reasons. It includes financial condition, cropless farms, decrease in rain water, drying of existing wells in the farms, non-availability of water in ponds, etc. Government authorities cannot provide employment at such a large extent. The number of unemployment is increasing at 4000 to 5000 per year. There is no option than establishing large industries in the area to eradicate the issue of unemployment. Local administration can provide employment to only 40-50 people. I had a discussion with the Home Minister of the state during the year 2009 to 2014 regarding the development of Gadchiroli District. There are lot of mineral reserves in Gadchiroli District for which processing plants needs to be established & employment can be given through them. The situation of Gadchiroli District at that time was naxal prone & sensitive. But the situation in the District has improved since then. People were unable to go in the forests of Gadchiroli District but now the people can go. The environment will be damaged due to industrial pollution. Environment conservation & establishing industry cannot go hand-in-hand. Company shall adopt pollution control measures for conservation of environment. The air, water & soil will get polluted due to industries. Company shall provide adequate measures regarding the same. If the pollution control measures are adopted by the industries then it will benefit the local unemployed. The educated unemployed persons shall be given priority in employment. The company is providing training to around 150 to 200 people. Also, academy has been provided for preparation of govt. exams such as Talathi, Gram sevak, Forest guard, etc. The first batch is completed in the last 4-5 months & schedule for second batch is under process. Around 60-65 persons has been provided training for sewing machines & it will be increased. If a company is providing the facilities in the area before its commission, then such companies shall be supported. If employment to highly educated person, then he will not oppose the project.

	<p>Company shall not violate the rules of employment. Company shall provide technical training to the non-technical students and shall provide employment in the project. The issue of employment to the outsiders was raised during the last public hearing. Company shall prepare the record of expenditure done on the students. The company shall bring to the knowledge of the unemployed about the expenditure being done on them. The same shall be deducted from their salaries after providing employment. Company shall take decision regarding applicability of this policy at the earliest. Company shall provide employment to at least 80% of the local people. Rivers will be polluted due to industrial effluent from the industry. Company shall provide adequate water pollution control measures & shall recycle the industrial effluent in the process. Also the company shall take care regarding non-pollution of rivers. Company shall provide guidance to the farmers regarding increasing the crop yield. Company shall also provide farming equipments to the local farmers at low cost & provide irrigation facilities.</p>	
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28) Shri. Dharmaraobaba Atram, MLA, Aheri Constituency, Dist. Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestions/Questions	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>There is lot of minerals in Gadchiroli District but iron ore processing plant could not be established. I support the Public Hearing of M/s. Surjagad Ispat Private Limited for their proposed project of Establishment of 1.6 MTPA Beneficiation plant, 1.2 MTPA Pellet plant & Sponge Iron Plant of 8 X 350 TPD along with the installation of Induction Furnace of (0.75 MTPA), Rolling Mill (0.75 MTPA) and Captive Power Plant of capacity 120 MW at S. No. 11, 12, 32, 33, 37, 51, 52, 54, 69, 73/1, 73/2, 76/1, 76/2, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82/1, 82/2, 82/3, 82/4, 82/5 located at Village Wadlapeth, Taluka Aheri, District Gadchiroli. Company will cut 900 trees & will plant around 1.0 lakh trees. As per govt. rules, one and half time trees</p>	<p>Project proponent replied to all queries at once which is mentioned further at serial no. 30.</p>

	<p>shall be planted while cutting the trees. Company shall provide adequate air & water pollution control measures to control air & water pollution. Company shall take care that no pollution is caused by them. I request Hon'ble District Collector that they shall make available the land for upcoming projects. If land is made available, then another pellet plant will be proposed in the area. This will help in decreasing unemployment. The youths were getting diverted to naxal activities due to unemployment. Efforts are being taken to make this area a mining hub. Mining hub will be created in proposed Aheri District. This will increase the pollution levels in the area. The mineral funds can be utilized within 25 kms area of the district as per central & state govt. rules. The propose project shall be made pollution free. A project of JSW is proposed in the area. If land is made available by Hon'ble Collector then the investors are ready to invest in this area. Skill development of every person shall be done.</p>	
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29) Shri. Avishyant Panda I.A.S., Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee & District Collector, Gadchiroli:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	Company shall declare the timelines regarding fulfilment of assurances given during the hearing.

30) Answers given by the Project Proponent:-

Sr. No.	Responses/Assurances given by the Project Proponent/ Environmental Consultant/ Environmental Public Hearing Committee following discussion
1	<p>We will provide all the facilities within two years after receipt of Environmental Clearance. We will fulfil all the assurances given during the public hearing. Company will not discharge any effluent outside the factory premises. Conservation of the ponds located in Wadlapeth & surrounding areas will be done. It will also be made available the cattle & human beings. Priority will be given to the local educated people. Nursery will be provided & local people will be employed in the nursery. All the educational facilities will be provided. Technical education will be provided to the local people. Farmers will be encouraged for planting fruit bearing trees. The issues raised during the Public Hearing will be fulfilled by the company.</p>

Nobody was present through online module for the public hearing.

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.



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