

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION / HEARING OF BADAMPAHAR IRON ORE MINES OF M/S LAL TRADES & AGENCIES PVT. LTD. HELD ON 10.10.2018 (10 AM) AT BADAMPAHAR UNDER KUSUMI BLOCK IN THE DIST. OF MAYURBHANJ

- Sri B. B. Bhol, Addl. Dist. Magistrate of Mayurbhanj district presided over and started the meeting.
- Dr. P. K. Mohapatra, Regional Officer, Balasore of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha welcomed the public present for the public hearing and explained them on different aspects of the public hearing for the environmental clearance of the project as per provisions of the E. I. A. Notification, 2006 framed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. Dr. Mohapatra then invited the project proponent or his / her representative to present details of the project, its environmental aspects and proposed pollution control measures / systems before the public to make them aware on the matter before they opine their views.
- Sri H. N. Das, PAH of the Lessee of Badampahar Iron Ore mines of M/s Lal Trades & Agencies Pvt. Ltd. delivered a brief talk on the project and told that the proposed expansion is over the existing mining area. Since the wagon loading is done manually, there will be increase in manpower requirement of about 500 nos. more. Local dumpers are also used for transportation from the top hill mining area. Labour payment will be done electronically.
- The President, Sri Bhol then invited the public present in the meeting to register their names and present their views.
- Out of about 600 nos. of persons present in the meeting, the following persons presented their views on the project as mentioned below. Attendance sheet of them along with some others is enclosed.

1. Smt. Chandrika Tudu, Badampahad village:

Smt. Tudu expressed her happiness on the expansion project for which the hearing is being conducted. Since there is no other sources of income here, the project will provide more employment and she so welcome the project.

2. Sri Jagmohan Patra, Tinaposi village:

Sri Patra told that the mine was initially run by Tata Company when there was good quality of production/minerals; Tata Company however left when the minerals were of poor quality and Rajubabu of Lal Trades & Agencies continued mining which retain employment of local people. Now when production is proposed to be increased, it will enhance employment opportunity and he welcomed the project for local benefit.

3. Sri Ranjit Kumar Barik, Saraspada village:

Sri Barik told that the proposed expansion is for two times of existing production. People are happy with the existing mines activity for the employment provided.

4. Sri Dillip Kumar Nayak, Rairangpur:

Sri Nayak told that the project is for increasing production. There is no such big scale industrial sector in the area. Recently, there was news on labour problem of Suleipat Iron Ore Mines. Opinion of everybody shall be there for the project.

5. Sri Padmalochan Murmu, Teleighata village:

Sri Murmu told that the project is for two times of production and all shall welcome the project giving employment opportunity and economic benefits.

6. Sri Rakesh Kumar Deb, Dhangudimuta village:

Sri Deb told that the proposed expansion shall be held for local benefits.

7. Sri Khudan Baskey, Dhangudimuta village:

Sri Baskey told that paddy fields of farmers are getting covered with soil; however, the Company (Lal Trades) repaired the fields and provide employment. The mine shall not be closed or else situation will be worse what happened after departure of Tata Company and Rajubabu gave us employment. The project shall therefore be supported by all.

8. Sri Udaynath Mahanta, Badampahad village:

Sri Mahanta told that increase in production will provide more employment and economic benefits.

9. Sri Pankaj Mishra, Padmapur village:

Sri Mishra only told on proper land rehabilitation.

10. Sri Sarthak Mahanta, Chhanua village:

Sri Mahanta told that the mine does not provide benefit and safety also. No attention is given on road condition. He also told on requirements of medical facility, street light and water problem of the area. He however told that the mine shall operate but local problems of the people shall be solved.

11. Sri Abhisek Kumar Mohanty, Rairangpur:

Sri Mohanty told that the project shall be implemented for improvement of general public.

12. Sri Ramij Raja, Badampahad village:

Sri Raja told that Lal Trades has not played any role and commit only. Instead of local employment, outside people are engaged. Local vehicles are engaged but not on monthly basis. Sri H.N. Das, Manager has though committed action is not taken for installation of 20 bedded hospital and street lights. Pollution will increase when production is two times. The area is spread with TB disease due to dust problem. Poor medical facility for the heart and kidney diseases of local people. Though 8 crores have been deposited for peripheral development, action is taken somewhere else. The project is so opposed. He then submitted a petition and also read out it. He told on forest degradation and soil cover of paddy fields. He then told that 20 bedded hospital @ 35 lakhs, road construction and street lights shall be provided.

13. Sri Rajendra Kumar Mahanta, Chaunradhi village:

Sri Mahanta told that why production will be two times ? Due to mining activity, elephants do not stay inside forests & mining areas and come towards villages. Farmers face problem with paddy fields. Water problem exists. Why then two times production ?

14. Sri Ghasiram Hota, Angapada Jasda village:

Sri Hota told that no labour or worker of the mine is sitting in the chair. Lal Trades has mined for 50 years, two years left. No benefit on education, sanitation and medical. There is no objection for two timed production but what

benefit is provided, only dictation. He asked how many are getting minimum wages and what development has been done on education, medical, water supply and road construction. He asked to provide statement of expenditures.

15. Sri Raghunath Hembram, Bargimora village:

Sri Hembram told that chairs have not been provided to all, many are standing. What development then will be done by the mine on problems of water, street light and plantations ? Water sprinkling on road was done today which was not found earlier. Let production be two times but statement of expenditures on development shall be produced.

16. Sri Madhab Chandra Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will provide more employment and engagement of vehicles.

17. Sri Niranjan Giri, Duva village:

Sri Giri told that two times production of the mine shall be done.

18. Sri Amresh Barik, Ahara bandha village:

Sri Barik told that increase of production of the mine shall be done which will provide local benefit.

19. Sri Madhab Chandra Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will provide more employment and engagement of vehicles.

20. Sri Natabar Shaw, Rairangpur:

Sri Shaw told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will make labours/neighbours happy.

21. Sri Laxmi Charan Mahanta (NGO, DNSS), Chhanua village:

Sri Mahanta told that steps shall be taken for dust suppression/control, soil cover of paddy fields and take care of the labour union.

22. Sri Madhab Chandra Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will provide more employment and engagement of vehicles.

23. Ms. Gangarani, Sarpanch, Jhipabandha G.P.:

Ms. Gangarani told that there will be increase in annual production of the mine and accordingly there shall be medical facility, water supply, school education and road construction.

24. Sri Madhusudan Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that all support the increase in production of the mine which will provide local economic growth. He then told that Das Sir, CEO of the Company is present here and has told that there will be more employment of 1000 persons over the existing 2000 persons. He also told for medical and peripheral development of the area.

25. Sri Madhab Chandra Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will provide more employment and engagement of vehicles.

26. Sk. Amzad, Dhangirimota village:

Sk. Amzad told that the mine goes for increase in production which will provide economic development of 1000 neighbour houses. The mine shall meet the demands and carry on increase in production.

27. Sk. Mehmood, Badampahad village:

Sk. Mehmood told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will provide more employment and engagement of vehicles.

28. Sri Bikartan Giri, Badampahad village:

Sri Giri told that there need be two times production of the mine which will provide local benefits.

29. Sri Basudev Barik, Ahar bandha village:

Sri Barik told that local people get benefitted from the mine and increase in production which will provide more employment of 1000 persons.

30. Sri Nirmal Swain, Badampahad village:

Sri Swain told that the mine is the backbone of people of Badampahad area and shall proceed for two times of production.

31. Sri Narendra Jaiswal, Badampahad village:

Sri Jaiswal told that there will be opinions from both positive and negative sides. Though I have been an employee of the mine since last six months, I say that where are the persons when I had urged for water problem and medical facility of the area ?

32. Sri Gajendranath Sethi, Badampahad village:

Sri Sethi told that two times production of the mine will provide peripheral development.

33. Sri Bimal Kumar Swain, Badampahad village:

Sri Swain told that two times of the mine is needed to provide local benefits.

34. Sri Amitabh Mohanty, Badampahad village:

Sri Mohanty told that all shall support two times production of the mine which will provide area development.

35. Sri Deepak Kumar Swain, Badampahad village:

Sri Swain told that there will be local benefit out of two times production of the mine and there will be no loss. Other problems of the area shall also be benefitted and increase in production be four times.

36. Sri Sudhansu Barik, Ahar bandha village:

Sri Barik told that there will be economic and peripheral development of the area out of two times production of the mine for which I support the proposal.

37. Sri Ajay Kumar Gagrai:

Sri Gagrai told that two times production of the mine shall followed with two mines of development of the area.

38. Sri Kedar Singh, Uski village:

Sri Singh told that the mine does not provide benefit to the people of adjacent area of Badampahad mining area.

39. Sri Sambhunath Nayak, Jashipur:

Sri Nayak told that the mine goes for two times of production and he then cited on the following problems of the area.

- Murrom soil covering of paddy fields;
- Non availability of underground water;
- No attention of the mine on forests;
- Dust pollution in Dhangidimuta village causing TB and there has been earlier death of 50-60 persons;
- No medical facility and economic condition of people does not allow them to go outside;
- Whether two times production will increase the problems two times?;
- Minimum labour wages of skilled and semi-skilled persons up to 30.09.2018 and w.e.f. 01.10.2018.

40. Sri Jagannath Murmu (P.S. Member), Talakpokhari village:

Sri Murmu cited the followings:

- Water sprinkling is not done on roads which is however done during Collector's visit;
- 40% area of Talakpokhari village comes under mining lease area but the people does not get any benefit;
- Soil covering of paddy fields up to 15 km downhill from runoff;
- No local benefit out of 50 years mining;
- Labour wages are not proper;
- Oppose the railway siding at Talakpokhari village for which murrom is spread.

41. Sri Mrutunjay Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that let run whatever is running.

42. Sri Ajay Kumar Sahu, Badampahad village:

Sri Sahu told that ocal people will be benefitted when production of the mine will be two times.

43. Sri Narayan Sahu, Dalki village:

Sri Sahu told that the mine let run with all benefits of the people.

44. Sri Chhatray Hansda, Ex-Sarpanch:

Sri Hansda told that there are three types of soil: red, black and white which shall be reserved for benefits of all.

45. Sri Mahesh Chandra Hembram (State President, J.M.M.), Burudihi village:

Sri Hembram told that he belongs to Dhangimuta village and there are positive and negative opinions on the project. He then cited the followings:

- There is water problem and though the govt. has no water supply, the Company supplies water by tankers;
- Though there is 40 crores in DMF, the Collector does not release the fund for development;
- 1700 labours and transporters are benefitted from the mines;
- Production of mine so be needed two times;
- No doctor in hospital;
- No teacher in village schools;
- Rehabilitation/reclamation of paddy fields covered with soil from runoff;
- Mining provides employment;
- No steel plant has come up though the area has potential;
- No objection against two times of production;
- Local people from Dhangimuta and other villages can tell better than outside ones.

46. Sri Dilip Kumar Soren, Ex-Sarpanch:

Sri Soren told that there is no light. Let the mine go for double productions but provide 8 or 10 solar lights. The mine when was closed, there was none going to tea shop even. When mining is there, direct and indirect benefits people get.

47. Sri Udaynath Nayak, Kasiabeda village:

Sri Nayak told that there was no water problem initially. It has now been a problem from mining and the govt. does not listen to their appeals. Nobody objects for mining but the water problem shall be solved. And runoff water causing downhill surface water red and paddy fields deposited with soil shall be solved.

48. Sri Mangilal Hembram, Andiadukura village:

Sri Hembram told that there was more labour working in the mine when one wagon load of transportation was there. The mine does not pay attention to the local benefits what others have already told. He therefore opposed the project due to no increase in labour and doubt on more labour engagement.

49. Sri Suraj Mahakud, Uski village:

Sri Mahakud told that two times of production may be done. But, the area has problem on deforestation, potable water, education, recovery of paddy fields and teachers in school.

50. Sri Subash Chandra Murmu, Dighiabeda village:

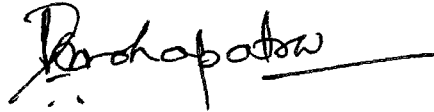
Sri Murmu told that when mining increases, labour employment shall also increase. Otherwise, labour opposition will be there. The mine may go therefore increase in production but labour shall also be increased two times.

The President then asked the project proponent & mines authority to highlight their action on the issues raised by the people expressed to know. Sri H. N. Das then on behalf of the mine cited the followings:

- The mine will provide a 16 bedded hospital with OT facility within one year and later told to start it within two months;
- Medical check up of 200-250 people will be done within 12 days;
- Water supply is done with 7/8 tankers and will continue to meet demand of local people from house to house;
- Paddy fields will be recovered from covered soil of runoff water; a committee will be constituted with village people for employment of one person from each affected family;
- Water sprinkling is done for suppression of road dusts and will be increased two times;
- Infrastructure of two nos. of schools has been provided and one new building will be constructed for one Sishu Mandir;
- Labour payment will be done as per the govt. rate to different type of labours;
- Arrangement of local sports and street lighting will be done in seven days.

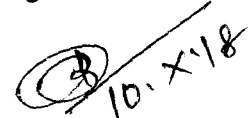
Statements of issues raised by the public in English and in vernacular language are annexed (Annexure – I & II). Petitions received during the hearing are also enclosed.

The President then declared the hearing / consultation closed.



Regional Officer, Balasore,
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha

Agreed



Addl. Dist. Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj, Baripada