

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 19-02-2019 AT 10.30.00 AM AT IN THE PREMISES OF JAGANNATH KALAKENDRA, JAGANNATH AREA IN ANGUL DISTRICT IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S MAHANADI COALFIELDS LTD. FOR JAGANNATH OPEN CAST COAL MINING PROJECT FOR EXPANSION OF COAL PRODUCTION FROM 6.0 MTPA TO 7.5 MTPA WITH INCREASE IN LEASE AREA FROM 430.736 HA TO 553.946 HA LOCATED IN JAGANNATH AREA OF ANGULDISTRICT.

The public hearing in respect of Environmental Assessment for M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for Jagannath Open Cast Coal Mining Project for expansion Of Coal Production from 6.0 MTPA To 7.5 MTPA with increase in lease area from 430.736 Ha to 553.946 Ha located in Jagannath area of Angul District was held on 19-02-2019 At 10.30.00 AM at in the premises of Jagannath Kalakendra with reference to: EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14-09-2006

The panel consisted of following members:

Sri Tapan Satapathy, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Angul

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul

Sri Tapan Satapathy, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Angul, supervised and presided over the process, assisted by Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul welcoming the other panel member and the assembled public, gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notifications 2006 in respect of the Environmental Assessment for M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for Jagannath Open Cast Coal Mining Project for expansion Of Coal Production from 6.0 MTPA To 7.5 MTPA with increase in lease area from 430.736 Ha to 553.946 Ha located in Jagannath area of Angul District was held on 19-02-2019 At 10.30.00 AM at in the premises of Jagannath Kalakendra.

Sri S. K. Sahu, Project Officer, M/s Jagannath Open Cast Coal Mining Project, on behalf the proponent addressed the committee members and assembled public. He gave a brief description about the proposed project. He also briefed the peripheral development work that M/s Jagannath Open Cast Coal Mining Project has taken up in this area, and made a presentation about the environmental management, pollution control measures, waste-management of the related expansion project.

Regarding public hearing of M/s Jagannath Open Cast Coal Mining Project was publicized at the office notice Board of Padmabatipur Gram Panchayat office, Tahasil Office Talcher, Zilla Parisad Office, Zone 19, Talcher and local villages of Rakas, Padmabatipur, Balanda, Tentulei and Jagannath area etc.

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board Odisha then invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental consideration.

The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:

<p>1</p>	<p>Miss Ritarani Das, Social Worker, Jagannath area</p> <p>She welcomed the public hearing. She expressed that most of the mine are not following the mine closure plan. After closure of mining activity, most of the mine voids are not filled by earth material as per mining closure plan. Due to this local people are suffering so many problems. She urged to the Regional Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Angul to verify the mine closure plan particularly underground coal mining projects and in case of there is any violation observed, then appropriate directions may be issued to the mine authority. She told that for expansion of mining activity, forests lands converted to non-forest land and immediately deforestation takes place. She demanded that a reforestation programme is highly essential and till date whatever plantation done by the mine authority is not adequate. She stressed that Talcher Thermal Power Plant has been dumping their fly ash to the abandoned quarry of MCL. Due to this type of disposal practice the ground water may be affected. Local villagers are not getting pure drinking water. The portable water treatment facility exists in home are not functioning properly. To avoid the contamination, addition precautionary measures shall be initiated. Similarly she also expressed that Talcher Township is highly affected due to air pollution. Government of India declared Talcher Township as a non attainment city for dust pollution. She requested to the District Administration and State Pollution Control Board to look into this matter jointly, so that the dust pollution can be checked properly. She also expressed that, expansion in mining activity would lead to more development in this surrounding areas as well as more generation of employment in the aforesaid mine. She also pointed out that in the captive railway sidings; dust suppression measures are not adequate. There must be adequate dust control measures at all the railway sidings and coal crushers. She demanded that better package for displaced persons, facility for the poor children, control of dust at nearby School area, provision of better drinking water to nearby village, better health facility, provision of pension to the Senior citizens and local employment opportunity to be initiated by the mine proponent. She stressed that mine shall give more attention towards dust suppression of nearby roads. She supported the expansion proposal of the mine with a condition that MoEF shall consider EC for one year. After compliance of the one year stipulated condition, subsequent year may be considered.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Sri Harihar Bhukta, Rakas village</p> <p>He supported the views expressed by previous speaker. He expressed his unhappiness towards resettlement of displaced villagers. He expressed that the villagers of Rakas wants to displace, but there should be adequate resettlement package. He further told that the village pond is filled by dust and could not bath properly. Villagers are suffering from many water borne and pulmonary diseases. The main village road has been damaged many places. He also pointed out that earlier the MCL authority assured the villagers to engage 20 people to their company, but till date these 25 people has not given any type of engagement to this company. He demanded that, with the expansion of the mining activity, the mine should provide drinking water facility, controlled blasting, better road facility, pension facility to Sr. citizens, local employment opportunity and other assistance to Rakas village.</p>

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3	<p>Sri Achutananda Garnayak, Rakas Village</p> <p>He supported the views expressed by previous speaker. He expressed his unhappiness towards the Mines Manager for closing the main connecting road from village Raka to Bharatpur. The village pond is filled by dust and another village road has been damaged many places. The MCL authority not providing adequate dust pollution control measures inside and outside the mining area. He demanded that, with the expansion of the mining activity, the mine should provide drinking water facility, adequate dust suppression through water sprinkling on roads, better road facility, pension facility to Sr. citizens, local employment opportunity and other assistance to Rakha village.</p>
4	<p>Sri Artatrana Pani, Jilinda Displaced person</p> <p>He supported the views expressed by previous speaker. He expressed his unhappiness towards the Mines Manager regarding insufficient resettle package of displaced villagers. He stress that Govt. is conducting RPDAC meeting to solve the displaced and resettlement issues but till date it has not been solved due to less coordination between MCL and District Administration. MCL is a vast organization but till their peripheral developmental works is not adequate. He pointed out that middle man or personal officers of MCL are not taking interest to make good coordination between villagers are MCL. He demanded that MCL authority shall enhance the displaced package four time of the existing 16 lakh package otherwise they will not surrender their land for mining activity. People are also facing problems with respect to shortage of drinking water. He demanded that, with the expansion of the mine activities, they should provide local employment opportunity, adequate displacement package, royalty benefit of coal and adequate drinking water facility to the nearby villages.</p>
5	<p>Sri Niranjn Pradhan, Ex- Sarpanch Brajanathpur</p> <p>He supported the views expressed by previous speaker. He expressed that due to expansion of mine, there must be requirement of displacement of village. So before displacement to the villagers, there should be well interaction of the villagers. There must be discussion of resettlement package and other facilities. Every work shall be completed in time. He expressed that the Company should continue it's mining activity, but simultaneously they should give proper attention towards solving the local problems. Their villagers are facing problem with respect to scarcity of drinking water. The MCL authority has been supplying water through tanker to the nearby villages but it is not pure drinking water. Most of the nearby village ponds are dried and though some ponds are filled with water but polluted due to dust. Villagers cannot bath properly and cattle's are also not able to drink water properly. Similarly he also expressed that Talcher Township is highly affected due to air pollution. Government of India declared Talcher Township as a non attainment city for dust pollution. He requested to the District Administration and State Pollution Control Board to look into this matter jointly, so that the dust pollution can be checked properly.</p> <p>He expressed his unhappiness towards the Mines Manager regarding insufficient resettlement package of displaced villagers. He stress that Govt. is conducting RPDAC meeting to solve the displaced and resettlement issues but till date it has not been solved due to less coordination between MCL and District Administration.</p> <p>He pointed out that the mining has not been adopting controlled blasting. Due to heavy sound the nearby houses within 100 m. distance became cracked. He also mentioned</p>

	<p>that the MCL authority has not fulfilled that RR Policy of 2006.</p> <p>He told that due to mining activity the villagers are displaced. After closure of mining activity, most of the mine voids are not filled by earth material as per mining closure plan. Due to this local people are suffering so many problems. He urged to the Regional Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Angul to verify the mine closure plan particularly underground coal mining projects and in case of there is any violation observed, then appropriate directions may be issued to the mine authority.</p> <p>He expressed that due to expansion of mining activity, forests lands converted to non-forest land and immediately deforestation takes place for mining. He demanded that afforestation programme is highly essential and till date whatever plantation done by the mine authority is not adequate.</p> <p>He also mentioned that Talcher Thermal Power Plant has been dumping their fly ash to the abandoned quarry of MCL. Due to this type of disposal practice the ground water may be affected. Local villagers are not getting pure drinking water.</p> <p>At last he requested to the District Administration and to the Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board to intervene this matter and shall visit to the affected villages for necessary assistance.</p>
6	<p>Smt Kulana Parida, Sarpanch , Padmabatipur GP</p>
	<p>She welcomed the public hearing. She mentioned that due to unscientific blasting activity houses nearby the mining area are severely affected. The mine is not adopting controlled blasting procedure. The mining has not been adopting controlled blasting. Due to heavy sound the nearby houses within 100 m. distance became cracked. The Raka villagers have been living here since last 40 years and as per the mine expansion proposal the Rakas village is going to be displaced. The villagers shall be given adequate compensation with employment opportunity to a member from each house. They shall be considered as Security guards as a last opportunity so that they can earn something for living. She expressed her unhappiness towards the Mines Manager regarding insufficient resettlement package of displaced other nearby villagers. Villagers are deprived from pure drinking water. Whatever drinking water is being supplied through tanker is not adequate. She also demanded to provide some place for cremation ground. She expressed that, expansion in mining activity would lead to more development in this surrounding areas as well as more generation of employment in the aforesaid mine. She demanded that better drinking water facility for the nearby villagers, electronically controlled blasting technique, better health facility and adequate dust suppression measures for nearby village roads and mine haulage roads to be initiated by the mine proponent.</p>
7	<p>Smt Silarani Majhi, Samity Sabhya, Padmabatipur GP</p>
	<p>She welcomes the public hearing and supported the views expressed by the previous speakers. She stressed that mine shall give more attention towards electronically controlled blasting and dust suppression of nearby roads. She pointed out that local villagers are facing problems like scarcity of drinking water, adequate compensation for the displaced person, health check-up facility, etc. So, she requested the mine proponent that they should provide adequate facility for the local village poor people so that the villagers will be benefited and they will support for their mining activity in all respect.</p>

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8	Sri Tripura Naik, Rakas SC Committee
	<p>He supported the views expressed by previous speaker. He pointed out that due to mining activity forest land and non forest land has been destroyed. He also mentioned that the MCL authority has not been supplying adequate drinking water to the nearby villagers. They are supplying drinking water on weekly basis through water tanker. Villagers are suffering from acute dust problem. Regarding displacement issues, whatever, compensation given to the villagers by MCL authority is not adequate. MCL authority has not given employment to the affected family members. Villagers are suffering from many water borne and pulmonary diseases. The main village road has been damaged at many places. Due to uncontrolled blasting the nearby houses are affected. He expressed that, expansion in mining activity would lead to more development in this surrounding areas as well as more generation of employment in the aforesaid mine. He demanded that better drinking water facility for the nearby villagers, electronically controlled blasting technique, better health facility, electrification to the nearby villages, adequate dust suppression measures for nearby village roads and mine haulage roads to be initiated by the mine proponent. He finally requested that the company should provide some piece of land to the displaced persons in a suitable area.</p>
9	Sri Sunil Amanta, Rakas
	<p>He expressed that public hearing should conduct within the close proximity of the mine. He also suggested that in any public hearing, there must be minimum gathering of 2500 people. He mentioned that very less persons from Jagannath village are present in this public hearing. Women's should participate in the public hearing. The date of commencement of public hearing should inform to the villages minimum one month before. He requested to Additional District Magistrate and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board to propose another date for public hearing</p>
10	Sri Laxman Behera, Secretary , Padamabatipur Village Committee
	<p>He welcomed the public hearing ,He expects development in this area with the proposed expansion. He pointed out that longer period coal fire disturbs the nearby village with respect to smoke and dust. He expressed that due to uncontrolled blasting; the villagers are suffering so many problems. Resettlement packages are not adequate. He demanded that with the expansion of the mining work, the mine authority should provide local employment opportunity, one cremation ground, construction of one community centre, provision of funds for the poor people during marriage ceremony. He also requested to the mine proponent to adopt villages of Raka for all round development.</p>

At the same time some villagers submitted their written statements before the panel members. Total 02 no of written statements has been received which are enclosed separately.

Observation:

Generation of employment opportunity, provision of health care & water supply facility, dust suppression, controlled blasting, education, pollution control measures, afforestation, adoption of village, cremation ground at rehabilitation site, community centre etc. were the most important issues emerged during the hearing.

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicant read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the ODIA Language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting is prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicant, prepared in ODIA and English language is annexed separately.

The President of Public Hearing meeting Sri Tapan Kumar Satapathy, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Angul District, ratified the minutes of meeting and with the views and demands of public. He then delivered vote of thanks to the other panel member and public for extending co-operation in smooth conducting of the public hearing proceedings.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the chair.

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