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PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S ODISHA COAL AND POWER LIMITED (OCPL) FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR MANOHARPUR AND DIP-SIDE MANOHARPUR COAL MINE FOR EXPANSION OF MANOHARPUR COAL MINE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 8 MTPA TO 16 MTPA WITH INCREASE IN PROJECT AREA FROM 977.875 HA TO 1848.379 HA LOCATED IN IB VALLEY COALFIELD, TEHSIL HEMGIR OF SUNDARGARH DISTRICT AT VILLAGE KATHAFALI, GRAM PANCHAYAT – DURUBAGA, IN SUNDARGARH DISTRICT HELD ON 23.03.2021 AT 10.30 AM.

The public hearing of M/s Odisha Coal and Power Limited for grant of Environmental Clearance for Expansion of Manoharpur Opencast Coal Mine Project with increase in production capacity from 8 MTPA to 16 MTPA and increase in Project Area from 977.875 Ha to 1848.379 Ha in Ib Valley Coalfields of Sundargarh District was held on 23.03.2021 at 10.30 AM at village Kathafali, Gram Panchayat Durubaga, Tehsil Hemgir, Sundargarh. During the course of Public Hearing the instructions of Govt. of India communicated vide Office Memorandum F.No. 22-25/2020-IA.III dtd. 14.09.2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) of Govt. of India regarding Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions and also the guidelines for Covid-19 of Govt. of Odisha has been duly followed.

Sri Biswajit Mohapatra, Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh, supervised and presided over the Public Hearing Process, assisted by Sri Hemendra Nath Nayak, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Jharsuguda & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha. The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar had advertised in newspaper in Odia daily – SamaJ on 19.02.2021 and in English daily-The New Indian Express on 19.02.2021. The Public Hearing in respect of the above project stated as per the schedule and the venue decided by the District Magistrate in accordance with the EIA Notification S.O.1533(E) dated 14.09.2006. The attendance sheet of the panel members present in the public hearing is annexed as **Annexure – I** and the attendance sheet of the public participants who delivered their views is annexed as **Annexure – II**. In response of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions & precautions, sitting arrangement at meeting place with social distancing was made up to 100 and waiting facility followed by social distancing adjacent to the venue were provided to accommodate more numbers of public.

At the outset, Sri Hemendra Nath Nayak, Regional Officer, SPCB welcomed the panel member and the public presented in the meeting. He briefly described the objectives and procedure followed for conducting the Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification S.O.1533(E)

dated 14.09.2006 of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India. He requested Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh to preside over the meeting.

Welcoming the public, the panel members, Press Media, Police Officers and the assembled public in the meeting Sri Biswajit Mohapatra, ADM, Sundargarh, briefly explained the objective of the proposed coal mining project and the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He requested the public to maintain peace & come forward one by one to put their views / opinion for the proposed project expansion. He invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental consideration. He also described the details of Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions & guidelines and told that the public who were sitting on waiting chairs adjacent to venue may wait and can place their views after the persons already present in the meeting place. He asked the Project Proponent to make a brief presentation before the public gathered in the meeting about the various aspects of the proposed expansion of project, for better understanding of the Public.

On behalf of the Project Proponent, Sri Nihar Ranjan Satpathy, Additional General Manager (Mining & Technical Co-ordination), of M/s Odisha Coal and Power Limited, welcomed the public and all other participants and gave a brief description about the proposed expansion project. Sri N.R. Satpathy, presented the brief in Odia language. He said that, they are thankful to the villagers for their support in the existing Manoharpur coal mine project. He expressed the details of proposed expansion which are as follows:

- Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL) is a Government Company of State of Odisha (Joint Venture of OPGC and OHPC) and which is operating the existing Manoharpur Coal Mine with rated capacity of 8 MTPA. OCPL has been allotted the Manoharpur and Dip-Side Manoharpur Coal Blocks by Ministry of Coal for supply of coal to power plant of Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC). Earlier, the Manoharpur Coal Block has obtained environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide letter dated 21.02.2014 by OPGC. Later on, the same has been transferred to OCPL vide letter dated 30.12.2015 and amended vide letter dtd. 06.11.2019. Accordingly mine operations were started in November 2018 and coal dispatch started in December 2019. Expansion of Manoharpur Coal Mine will be done towards Dip-side Manoharpur coal mine to the increase the production capacity from 8 MTPA to 16 MTPA to meet the coal requirement of OPGC power plant.


- Presently Manoharpur Coal Mine Project is in operational stage and the excavated coal is being transported to Kanika Siding of MCL to utilize the same in accordance with the Allotment Agreement as till date the construction of MGR (Merry Go Round Rail) is not completed. After completion of MGR, the coal will be transported to OPGC power plants through rail.
- For proposed expansion, the land area is increased from 977.875 Ha to 1848.379 Ha and till date about 930 Ha of land has been acquired. Due to proposed expansion, 9 villages namely Manoharpur, Ghumudasan, Paramanandpur, Kathafali Dulanga, Durubaga, Katarbaga, Laikera and Sarbahal are going to be affected.
- Out of 9 villages, 4 villages namely Manoharpur, Ghumudasan, Paramanandpur, and Kathafali are going to be displaced completely. Till date Manoharpur villages has been shifted completely at R & R colony in Sukhabandh village and shifting of village Ghumudasan is under progress at R & R colony in Hemgir Village. The displacement of village Kathfali and Parmanandpur will be done on later stage after completion of survey.
- In mining industry, basically dust pollution is generated due to mining activities i.e. drilling, blasting, loading, unloading, crusher house and transportation. However, the dust pollution can be controlled / reduced by using the appropriate mitigation measures such as use wet drilling / dust extractor during the drilling, sprinkling of water before blasting on area to be blasted etc.
- Excavated coal will be transported through covered conveyor belt from mine to MGR system and then via rail to power plant. Thus the impact of dust pollution will be reduced and generation of dust will be minimized. For transportation of coal via road, regular water sprinkling is being & will be carried out to control / reduce the dust generation
- To control the water pollution, domestic waste water to be generated from small structures / colony will be treated through the septic tank and sewage treatment plant which will be installed in the colony. The treated waste water will be used in green belt development to achieve the zero discharge. However, no discharge of waste water will be allowed to outside of the project premises except rainfall runoff. The runoff will be generated from mine area will be passed through settling tanks with adequate treatment, if required before discharging the same. To reduce the ground vibrations which may be occurred due to blasting in the mine, services of CSIR-CIMFR has been taken for scientific design of Blast parameter. Technically

sound people have been employed in the field for this activity. Controlled blasting techniques are being and will be followed in compliance to the norms of DGMS.

- Apart from the above, peripheral development has been carried as per the plan approved by the District Collector, Sundargarh for Manoharpur Coal Block and various activities have been covered in peripheral development such as Health, Education, Skill Development, Sports & Socio-Culture, Rural Infrastructure, Water Sanitation etc. About 7 nos. villages have been covered under these activities namely Hemgir, Manoharpur, Sanghumuda, Durubaga, Sundargarh, Laikhera, Sargipali. Further, the peripheral development will be also carried out for the PDF's/PAF's as per the plan to be approved by the District Collector, Sundargarh for Dip-side Manoharpur Coal Block.

Then Sri Biswajit Mohapatra, Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh, invited the public to present their views about the proposed expansion of project on environmental considerations only. Then the public deliberated on various issues one by one. During the public hearing, all have been given an opportunity to express their views freely on the proposed project. Around 181 persons had attended the public hearing meeting whose list is annexed as **Annexure III** whereas 19 persons had delivered their views. The statement of public participated in the deliberation is annexed as **Annexure IV**. After the deliberations were made by the public, Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh summarized the issues raised by the public and invited the project proponent to offer views on the issues. The summary of the views and opinions of the public and the commitments made by the project proponent are annexed in Odia language and English language as **Annexure V&VI** respectively.


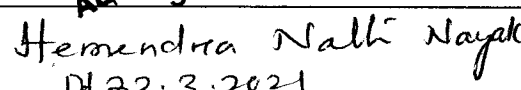
About 12 numbers of written representations were received which are annexed as **Annexure VII**. The video recording of the entire proceedings of the public hearing are enclosed herewith and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF &CC) of Govt. of India, New Delhi as such along with the written statements of the public & proceedings of the meeting. Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair, public and other participants.


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Sri Biswajit Mohapatra
Additional District Magistrate
Sundargarh

Annexure-I

Attendance sheet of panel members of public hearing of M/s. Odisha Coal and Power Limited for grant Of Environmental Clearance for Manoharpur and Dip-Side Manoharpur Coal Mine for Expansion of Manoharpur Coal Mine Production Capacity from 8 MTPA To 16 MTPA with increase in Project Area From 977.875 Ha To 1848.379 Ha, Tehsil Hemgir, Sundargarh held on 23.03.2021 at 10.30 AM. at Kathafali Village, Gram Panchayat – Durubaga, in the district of Sundargarh.

Sl. No.	Name of the Panel Members	Signature
1.	Sri Biswajit Mohapatra Additional District Magistrate Sundargarh	 23/03/2021 Addl. District Magistrate Sundargarh
2.	Sri Hemendra Nath Nayak Regional Officer, SPCB, Odisha Jharsuguda	 D/ 23.3.2021 Regional Officer

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