

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 23.08.2022 AT 11:00AM AT JAGANNATH KALAKENDRA IN THE DISTRICT OF ANGUL IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION OF COAL PRODUCTION FROM 8 MTPA TO 15 MTPA OVER AN AREA OF 2574.00 HA IN TALCHER COALFIELDS OF ANGUL DISTRICT

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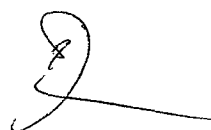
The Public Hearing of Balram OCP of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for expansion of Coal Production from 8 MTPA to 15 MTPA over an area of additional increase of 1265Ha land making total 2574.00Ha in Talcher Coalfields Ltd. of Angul was held on dtd. 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 at 11:00AM at the scheduled location at Jagannath Kalakendra in the district of Angul as per EIA Notification, 2006.

The panel consisted of following members:

- i. Shri Santosh Kumar Pradhan, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Angul-Representative of the District Magistrate & Collector, Angul District
- ii. Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul- Representative of State pollution Control Board, Odisha

Sri Santosh Kumar Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Angul presided over the meeting assisted by Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer and the other officials of Odisha state Pollution Control Board Regional Office, Angul organized and conducted the public hearing meeting. Officers from state government such as Sub-Collector, Talcher; Special Land Acquisition Officer, Angul; Tahasildar, Talcher, SPCB officials and Shri Arun Kumar Swarnkar, General Manager, Hingula Area, MCL and other MCL officials were present during meeting.

At the outset Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul welcome the other panel member, representative of the proponent and the public, gave an introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notifications 2006 in respect of Environmental Impact Assessment for expansion of Coal Production from 8 MTPA to 15 MTPA over an area of additional increase of 1265 Ha land making total 2574.00Ha proposed by Balram OCP of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. Talcher Coalfields Ltd. of Angul. He described about the agenda of the meeting. He requested the representatives of MCL for Balram OCP of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. to give brief description about the project and pollution control measures and Environmental Management Plan proposed to be taken by the project proponent.



Sri S.K Sahoo, GM (Operation) of Hingula Area, M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited welcomed the District administration, and Pollution Control Board and Public from all 4 Panchayats namely Kalamachhuin, Danara, Natada and Gopal Prasad. He explained about the different aspects of requirement of the Balram OCP Expansion Project & different pollution control measures to be adopted in the mine during operation of the coal mine. He presented that, in 1991 Balram OCP was started With 8 MTPA capacity. Now it is going for its expansion from 8 to 15 MTPA with an additional area increase of 1265 ha of land making total 2574 Ha of land. The new project capital cost will be of Rs.4021 Crore. On this expansion of the project, 3500 direct employment and 10,000 indirect employment will be generated. The Expenditure for CSR is Rs 5 per tonne so if the expansion increases from 8 to 15 MTPA the CSR expenditure will automatically increase. In the form of Royalty, in the past three years in year 2019-20- Rs. 148 Cr, 2020-21- Rs.123 Cr, 2021-22 - Rs. 251 Cr. Similarly Rs. 84 Cr.,Rs.31.54 ,Rs. 75.3 Cr respectively in DMF and Rs. 2.95Cr, Rs. 2.4Cr and rs. 5.02 Cr in NMET is funded. So, with the expansion of project, the fund to the Govt. will increase and ultimately benefits the Govt. revenue. In Past 7 years, 50,000 samplings for plantation is distributed to the villagers for plantation. Regarding pollution control measures are implanted in the form of wheel washing system, Instant shower system, trolley mounted fog cannon, mechanical road sweeper and others. 123 Ha of tree plantation is done by BOCP and avenue plantation is done in 6.75 running km. This year, 8000 plants in 5 Ha area will be planted and 6 ha of area will be done as grassing. In this new expansion, construction of Pipe conveyor will be implemented from interior of the mines to the Silo to take out the coal as a result dust will be reduced. The copy of the statement of the project proponent read at public hearing proceedings is enclosed.

As per EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14-09-2006, notice for public hearing of Balram OCP of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for expansion of Coal Production from 8 MTPA to 15 MTPA over an area of additional increase of 1265 Ha land making total 2574.00Ha in Talcher Coalfields Ltd. of Angul was publicized at the office notice Board of all 4 Panchayats namely Kalamachhuin, Danara, Natada and Gopal Prasad, Tahasil Office Talcher, Jilla Parisad Office, Angul, Block Chairman Office, Talcher and others. The Public hearing meeting with regard to date, place & time was announced in the public address system apart from its publication in local dailies. The notice for public hearing was also was published in Odia Daily and English daily and displayed in the portal of SPCB website [www.ospcboard.org](http://www.ospcboard.org) before one month for public information and comments. The attendance sheet of the public present in the public hearing meeting is annexed in



**Annexure-I.** Around 400 persons attended the public hearing meeting where as only 181 persons signed the attendance sheet. 24 persons had registered their name to deliver their view whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II.**

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board Odisha then invited the public to offer their views, obligations, opinions and suggestions regarding the project related to environment issues and also they may give written representation reflecting their views.

The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:

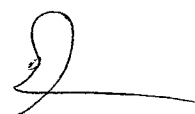
1.	<b>Shri Sanjay Sahoo, Danara Village</b>
	<p>He welcomed the dignitaries and the public. He thanked the Govt. for conducting public hearing for the expansion of the project. He said, on behalf of villagers of Danara, he supports the expansion project because for surviving apart from Food, Air and Water, electricity is also necessary and for the production of electricity, coal is required. Our Talcher city is blessed with black diamond and out country needs electricity for its development and for electricity coal is required and for coal expansion of mine is required, therefore, he fully supports the expansion project.</p> <p>Along with this he raised some issues that Balram OCP was started from their village land, people gave their land for the project but it is unfortunate that adequate measures have not been taken for the welfare of the villagers and pollution control in their village.</p> <p>Some of the un-employed people from his village have got jobs, some of them started their business while most of them engaged their truck in the mine for coal transportation. Coal transportation in mine (at stock yards) is the main source of livelihood for local truck owners and drivers. Two year back, from his village only 400-500 numbers of trucks were engaged in the mine. Now mine moved to another village and they are not getting enough coal transportation business. He requested the mine authority to give jobs to their villagers for transportation of coal from mine to coal stocks/siding located near to their village for their livelihood. 65 Acres balance land to be acquired by MCL for which decision may be taken at RPDAC. This area is surrounded by mine due to which is not being used for any purpose.</p> <p>He added that management is doing many this to control pollution and recently they</p>



	<p>have been awarded for CSR activities by Govt. of India.</p> <p>Due to global tender people are quoting and getting jobs at very low price due to which quality of work get deteriorated. For example, people get job for water sprinkling on road but due to low cost work water sprinkling is not done adequately causing air pollution in the area. Therefore, this should be controlled for the quality work and pollution control in the area.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Shri Rajendra Kumar Singh, Gopalprasad Village</b>
	<p>He asked the mine authority to confirm whether their Gopalprasad village is included in the proposed 1265Ha additional mine area and as far as he knows their village comes under the proposed expansion area but no notice has been served. He further said, as per 2006 policy, no socio economic survey through any NGO was done and ended his deliberation with a demand that Public hearing should be conducted again after including those villages which are left.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Shri Yugal Kishore Sahoo, Editor, Kalamchhuin Village</b>
	<p>Since coal is required for the development of the country, there, he extended his support for expansion of the project. He mentioned about some problems that require attention. He said, while coal transporting through coal corridor passing near to their village dust emission occurs which falls on the pond and well water which makes it unfit for use. He added, they had requested the mine authority to install water sprinklers along coal corridor road for the dust suppression, for which mine authority has given assurance. Due to consumption of contaminated water people are suffering from various health problems in the area such as kidney related diseases, cancer and liver diseases. People are spending lots of money for the treatment and cancer cases in Talcher are increasing day by day. Moreover, Medical College and Hospital constructed for the treatment of patients in the Talcher area has not yet started. Mine authority should take care of these issues with Government. He further presented following demands of the villagers;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rehabilitation and resettlement of PDF and PAF at a single place.</li> <li>2. Compensation amounting ₹1.47Cr., which has been approved, should be given to the people who have ponds.</li> <li>3. Employment should be given to all family members who have crossed 18 years of age. Provision of employment to the family member who have been excluded</li> </ol>




	<p>due to cut-off date, as per Govt. policy, because he/she has also right over the acquired land. This matter should be taken up with the Govt.</p> <p>4. He asked to do more plantations and install water sprinkling arrangements in the area to control pollution to prevent suffering of local people from various diseases.</p>
4.	<p><b>Shri Gajendra Ku. Singh, Chairman, Gopalprasad Khamar</b></p> <p>He supported the expansion of the project. He complained that their village was notified in 1994 but till now it has not been displaced and since it is located in between Hingula OCP and Balram OCP, they are receiving both air and water pollution. They are not receiving aids from either Government or MCL. Their villagers have not been given employment. Majority of population is SC in the village and they should get employment. He also said that Cut-off date should be increased for employment because villager's age has also increased as the matter was pending at Supreme Court since 2013. As Water is polluted in the local area, he demanded drinking water to be provided through pipes or tanker. He added that groundwater in their village got depleted due to mining. He requested not to discharge any wastewater to the Singhra Jor nallah but to treat and reuse it, he asked to develop proper drainage system in the mine and village areas to avoid it. He asked for water supply for irrigation purpose as the groundwater depleted and unavailability of surface water. Forest area is being used for mining, therefore, compensatory afforestation shall be done with similar species. Adequate dust control measures and plantation in their vacant land and along village roads shall be done by the MCL to control pollution. Water sprinkling shall be done on roads 5 times a day to control dust emission. New road construction and existing road repairment shall be done in the areas acquired by MCL, because since these areas come under MCL's, no such development work is carried by the Government. He also put an eye on Malaria concern that is being continued in the locality and its eradication measures may be taken by MCL authorities. He asked for free health checkup and medicine for local people.</p>
5.	<p><b>Shri Muralidhar Sahoo, Solada</b></p> <p>He supported the expansion of the project since coal is required for the development of the nation. He said attention is required to safeguard the environment and prevention from various diseases. R &amp; R Policy, 2006 should be followed for resettlement of displaced village but MCL is not following the same. We are supporting</p>

	<p>the project but they are not supporting us. As per policy all person/family of all gradation shall be given employment but MCL is providing employment to 1-3 gradation people, he requested Government to look into the matter so that common people will survive. He said that, there are total 8 no. of Sahi in Solada village and each Sahi has dug wells and ponds which are getting polluted thus becoming unfit for bathing. He asked the SPCB to check the pollution.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Shri Nabakishore Behera, Sarpanch, Danara GP</b></p>
	<p>He presented that Talcher Tahasil is known for its industrial development. It provides coal for generation of power which required for development of the nation. Although their village is contributing in development but its environment is getting polluted. He welcomed the project in the nation's interest. Since they are most affected by the Balram OCP project, he presented some of their demands;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coal transportation roads, railway siding and coal stack yards of the project are located only 100m away from their village. Necessary control measures shall be taken at these areas for dust control. Massive plantation shall be carried out in these areas.</li> <li>2. Installation of fixed type water sprinklers along the coal transportation road using new technology.</li> <li>3. Reduction of height of the outsourcing coal stockyards near Nakeipasi village and plantation around stack yard.</li> <li>4. Free health check-up, treatment and medicine facility in villages of their GP which are affected due to mining activities.</li> <li>5. Provision for training and skill development for ITI, Diploma and Degree holder and other youth. Engagement of people from Danara GP in the Balram OCP and in its captive units on priority basis.</li> <li>6. Admission of students from the Danara GP in the DAV School and Kendriya Vidyalaya under MCL on priority basis.</li> <li>7. Bus facility for the students going to the DAV and Kalinga School of MCL.</li> <li>8. Employment for land losers of the Danara GP.</li> <li>9. Acquisition of remaining 65 Acres of balance agricultural land by MCL. Facility and opportunity shall be provided as per Government norms.</li> <li>10. Coal distribution in all old and new coal stockyards through trucks so that unemployed local from the nearby village can be engaged.</li> </ol>




	<p>11. Demand for LED streetlight that should be setup is the Danara, Brahmanibahal, Ambedkar Nagar and Nakeipasi villages of Danara GP.</p> <p>12. Renovation of drainage from Kotabandha to Puruna Pokhari in Danara village for irrigation purpose.</p> <p>13. Renovation of Kalyan Mandap and its ancillary such as road, boundary wall, kitchen, lights, drinking water facility, etc. in Danara Village.</p> <p>14. Free electricity supply in the Danara village by MCL.</p>
7.	<b>Shri Arjun Sahoo, Solada</b>
	<p>He expressed his satisfaction that public hearing is being conducted for the environmental issues and public views. He said Talcher is the source of coal for the country's development. MCL acquires the land of villagers at low cost showing multiple temptations but not addressing problems of the villagers related to employment, health, drinking water, transportation, farming, etc. properly. If someone complains or stops the vehicle for dust emission during transportation, then a false case for extortion is registered against him/her and put in jail. Everyone needs fresh air and clean water for living, but the locals are deprived of that. Coal stock in the mining area should be covered with tarpaulin followed by soil cover to avoid dust emission and fire control which is not done by the MCL authority. There are no doctors at the Central hospital, the treatment quality is very poor and the patients are being forwarded to private hospitals where only CGHS (Central Govt. Health Scheme) rate is applied. Ayushman Yojana of Central Govt. and Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana of State Govt. covers 7 lakhs of free health treatment at Bhubaneswar but land losers who depends on their land only are not getting these facilities. He said that, MCL is adopting the divide and rule among the 8 sahi of Solada villages and creating separations between the villagers. He also advised that, dumps/ backfilled areas can be provided for establishment of resettlement colony after leveling and reclamation by MCL and transfer of reclaimed area to District Administration. He put a concern that, Mango trees, Kendu trees, Jamu trees, Jackfruit trees have almost extinct in few years from Talcher area. He advised MCL to plant fruit bearing trees in the mining areas for upcoming generation. Adequate plantation is not being done by the MCL in mining areas. He also added, clean drinking water may also be provided to Solada by the MCL.</p>
8.	<b>Shri Padma Charan Samal, Chalagarh, Talcher</b>
	He expressed his concern that with existing 8 MTPA capacity, people are suffering a lot




in the area then what will happen after expansion of the project to 15 MTPA. In the areas like Champapasi, Deulbera, Handidhua, Balanda, Dera, etc. where coal has already been excavated by MCL people are facing problems. He said that, likewise, area over which expansion is proposed will become desert after 20 years where people can't live. Talcher will become a cursed area as because those who have given their land for mining for county's development their future generation will not get food because there will be no agricultural land. Job of the people in this area is temporary therefore, he requested to be cautious for the future generation. He questioned the administration and SPCB for poor air and water quality in the Talcher area. He supported the previous speaker regarding registering of false case against the protestors complaining dust emission. He said that they were also arrested for demonstrating for opening of medical college. He read his representations before the public which is as follows;

1. They are opposing the expansion project.
2. SPCB is not taking any action against the pollution in the village and Talcher area caused due to coal transportation through truck. Import coal while coming NTPC through rail are covered with tarpaulin while coal rakes dispatching from Talcher are not being covered.
3. Monitoring is to be done quarterly and renewal of permission (Consent to Operate) is done annually by SPCB. How the permission is renewed by the SPCB although pollution is increasing day by day.
4. If plantation is done every year then where it is? Where is jungle? It is done on papers only. Tree is the only source of oxygen. There huge amount of loss of trees is done by the MCL.
5. Mine void or dump area should be reclaimed and made suitable for habitation and agriculture. But it is being filled by ash generated from NTPC and other power plants.
6. People becoming impotent due to pollution. Even vegetable and fruit plants became impotent due to which yield reduced in the Talcher area. Pollution should bring to zero.

9. **Shri Bimbabdhhar Behera, Solada, Ex- Sarpanch (Kalmchhuin GP)**

He complained that ash from NTPC and NALCO is being dumped in Talcher, which no politician could stop it. People will fall sick out of it. There is provision of filling of





	<p>mine void with soil and settling habitation over reclaimed area but it is not being raised by any politician. He also raised the issue of employment telling that if father has three sons and two of them got job as per cut off date then how the third one will survive. Layer of dust deposits over the water of their Solada village pond. People are suffering from cancer, lungs disease, etc.</p> <p>Since, they have taken the compensation money for houses and land they agree to leave their land but only after rehabilitation and resettlement of land oustees. Land should be provided for habitation, if not, 50 lakhs per head should be paid. In the meeting it was decided that land &amp; house will be provided by MCL, boundary wall will be constructed, drinking water, electricity, pond, lighting, etc. will be provided to oustees for their resettlement, but it has not yet provided. Mining is being done very close, 100-200m, to the Solada village, if MCL suddenly asks to evacuate then where will people go? There is no such facility given by MCL. Moreover, he pointed out the discrepancies in CSR activities of MCL done in their village.</p>
10.	<p><b>Shri Ratan Ku. Satpathy, Solada</b></p>
	<p>He said that our environment comprises of 5 'Ja' i.e. Jana (People), Jala (Water), Jami (Land), Jantu (Animal) &amp; Jungle (Forest) but our environment in the area is damaged due to mining activities. He said, management has planted many trees in an area of 123 acre but no evidence of survival of trees and plantation. He asked, why water sprinkling is done through water tanker only in mining area but not in the human habitation area as in their village and what is the pollution level in these areas? By drinking water supplied by MCL, people are falling sick. He asked for free medicine supply to patients having no card instead of ₹2 registration fee in MCL hospital. Students in their village school/college which are close to the active mining area are facing noise pollution which can easily be verified. MCL should address these issues then they can go for expansion. He also raised the issue of employment of family members.</p>
11.	<p><b>Shri Daktar Mohanty, Danara</b></p>
	<p>He said those who have got job they have been facilitated with quarter, free electricity, drinking water, education, etc. but those who were deprived of job, they are suffering and paying their dues. He asked for free bus service from Kumunda to DAV School for their children and free electricity in every panchayat. He pointed out that in NALCO in every panchayat 4 doctors are visiting per day, but no such facility in their</p>




	<p>areas. He asked to provide area for settlement of land oustees. He further asked for bus services from Talcher to DAV schools of MCL. Pollution will occur due to mining activities for which water sprinkling will be done but steps shall be taken by MCL for welfare of the local people. Employment should be given to all land losers irrespective of size and shape of the land.</p>
12.	<p><b>Shri Sunil Ku. Biswal, Ex-Sarpanch, Ghantapada GP</b></p> <p>He said even than we opposed, MCL will increase its production capacity. This public hearing is just a farce, they have seen and participated in such 8-10 public hearings but no such fruitful results achieved. Earlier each member of a family was getting job but after changes in rules/policy now only one or two of them are being employed. If a village displaced, villagers get settled in places far from each other resulting break-up of brotherhood and relationship. Therefore, it is better to survive with minimum resources rather development. People should think whether we developed or destroyed after getting mine by MCL. We were more content in agriculture than job. He requested media to write/show about development and destruction due to mining. He said local administration is also not listening to their demands. He opposed the expansion project referring that whether MCL has not done plantation proportionately to the expansion from 8MTPA to 15 MTPA and asked if they (MCL) can give any assurance in written for plantation proportionately. MCL delays in giving employment by asking various papers/certificate. If MCL takes necessary steps for abatement of pollution and environment safeguard, then they (MCL) can do the project.</p>
13.	<p><b>Shri Ratnakar Sahu, Danara</b></p> <p>He asked, before land acquisition at least 2 public hearings must be conducted, one is for environmental clearance and other for land acquisition related issues w.r.t. 2006 policy. He requested the district administration to follow the 2006 policy for matters relating to employment, compensation, payment, etc. He said even than we opposed this meeting, project will be discussed at Collector level then Secretary level and then to pollution board and will be approved for country's development. He said although they got an ambulance in their area but they couldn't avail its services. Whenever they asked for ambulance, they were given various excuses by MCL authority. Therefore, he asked to resolve the ambulance issue and to make its contact number public. He asked for proper medical facility and free medicine supply.</p>




He asked for another awareness programme for employment issues. He informed that earlier jobs were provided in package system as per 1989 policy. In this, whose name was sponsored by collector he was only getting the job, no specific law was there. Land of Baidasira, Balanda, Danara, Hensmul and Balunga villages were acquired as per 1989 policy. Policy was also used in various ways for acquisition and employment. No mechanical system was maintained. In 2006 Policy, there is a provision to conduct socio-economic survey through an NGO prior to acquisition of land. As per policy MCL will select the NGO and will be recommended by Collector then Secretary, Revenue will approve. After this, there is a 29 pages format wherein details of person is going to loose his land, why should he will leave his land, what is its rate, when he will get his home, when he will get job, etc. shall be mentioned. This one is also not being followed. MCL has not fault in it, those who are custodian of these rules like Collector, ADM, Secretary, Sub-collector they are responsible. He requested to do conduct socio-economic survey through an NGO and publish it publicly.

He requested MCL and District Administration should conduct a public awareness programme for understanding rules & regulations, guidelines and issues related to employment as per R & R Policy, 2006 and state policies. Public should be clarified w.r.t. category wise (A, B, C, D & E) eligibility for employment. Nowhere, it is written that category A & B will get job and rest will not, it also not written anywhere or no one (in RPDAC or any Politician) told that under age person will not get a job. It is only a practice, therefore it needs to be clarified and there should be a proper system. Even if one's employment is recommended by sub-collector, he/she is also not provided any job and if someone protests, he/she sends to jail filing any false case like robbery, theft, etc.

The soil (OB) that is deposited should be refilled as it is also main concern for pollution. Pollution board should not give EC for next year if mine is not backfilling soil. If such conditions will be applied, then MCL will do backfilling unless they will not.

14. Shri Satya Narayan Sahoo, Danara

He expressed his happiness that a public hearing is being conducted from state govt. where they can express their problems freely. Their village is affected by Bharatpur and Balaram mine both and in 2006 RPDAC meeting was conducted in presence of MPs Tathagat Sathpathy and Mahesh Sahu. Today MCL and administration is not obeying the

decisions taken in RPDAC meeting that were taken in favour of us. There is a rule that village whose 50% of areas have been acquired is not suitable for habitation, but that is not being implemented. As a result, they forced to move to the high court in 2020, where they came to know that 88% of land of their village was taken by MCL. According to MCL report 12% that is 65 acre is not taken. But their (MCL) own policy says that where 50% land is taken of a village, it is unsuitable to live there. They are not able to approach the said 65cares of land as coal corridor is passing in between village and said land. They are not able to cultivate the arrested land due to inaccessibility and unavailability of water for irrigation. They are complaining since 2008 about this matter, but no one is listening to their issues. With respect to environmental issues, Danara situation is in very bad condition because dust came from coal washery located in west side, there is a coal transporting road and OB dump in north, soil dumping everything including workshop is there while in east starting from Bharatpur workshop, Magazine house everything is situated within 100-150 metres. Even Nandira underground mines is extended from Kochianali up to Natada. He informed that administration is planning to establish a new colony as welfare work at there (Kochianali) where below ground everything is empty and it is very risky to live, a small earthquake can destroy everything. He said they don't have any problem in it but they also don't want live in 12% of land. Supreme and High court laws say that if any acquired land is unused for 5 years then the same land should be returned back to its original owner. He informed that they are facing water scarcity and electricity problems in their village. If rain occurs, they are facing mud issues and in dry season huge dust emission due to dust fall on roads and other areas.

He said an agreement before district administration and MCL was made in 2017-18 that 2.5 lakh metric tonne of coal will be deposited on both side of stocks but till today it has not done. So, they don't have faith on them.

He complained that MCL is planting only non-fruit bearing short life trees within mining area instead of fruit bearing and long-life trees. MCL is cutting 100yrs old trees while planting 20yrs short life trees. They demanded to take 65-acre land as soon as possible. He said they are dying due to such bad conditions and additionally MCL and administration are putting other people life in danger by establishing them at Kochianali. Due to these faults of both MCL and administration, Odisha Govt. is undergoing debt. MCL is so profitable and generating revenue for Govt. but in compare



to NTPC and Nalco, MCL is not doing adequate CSR activities in the welfare of local people.

He asked to reduce coal transportation through rail and enhance through road so that local trucks/tippers can be engaged and local people can get job for their livelihood. He requested the local people to go through the proceedings of RPDAC meeting and asked the district and MCL to implement it.

He further requested the administration to quickly open the medical college at the earliest.

**15. Shri Anil Kumar Pradhan, Sarpanch, Kalamchhuin GP**

If MCL fall short of land they ask us to give our land at the earliest but when we ask to solve our problems, they say it will take time to fulfil our demands. MCL took their 4000 Acre of land of their panchayat but giving 400 acre of plot for establishment and survival. MCL asked us to buy plots on our own separately for 20-20 families and they (MCL) will give all facilities. He said MCL is giving 19 lakh or 10 decimal land to oustees families which is inadequate to live. If group of 20-20 families will live separately, how will they school, college and other facilities? We want to live together as we were living in our village but MCL does not want us to be united.

He said, MCL can establish them over the backfilled areas after reclamation. He informed Majhika village was acquired before 32 years and Kalamchhuin was acquired before 22 years. If MCL wanted they could fill the soil in mine void and make ready to use it, but they didn't. MCL says there is no land provide. However, Govt. is providing land free of cost those who don't have land but MCL says Govt. does not give land to them for resettlement.

He added, when they ask for any development work in their village, MCL denies and says development cannot be made since our village has already been acquired. He asked if MCL couldn't resettle us to different location after acquisition, then, how will they survive for 20-30 years there. Till today since 25-30 years no one is giving attention on this. Their village is not getting 75% of all yojana of Govt. like Indrabasa and benefits of MGNREGA because their village has been acquired. CSR work done by MCL is not known to anyone. There is no street light or any light on the streets of the villages, they are giving drinking water for only 3-4 months. If they are doing so then it should be known to everybody, MCL should do CSR works by consulting village



committee.

He informed that they recently asked MCL to provide water and electricity to their GP through Sub. PWD has made 8 to 10 water points in and around their G.P for 1500 people. Electricity bill for water supply rise to 18 lakhs per year and from govt. they get 30 lakh for G.P, if 18 Lakh/year will be given as bill, how will they survive. He asked to provide employment to the land losers under CB Act. CSR work must be declared publicly. Medical college should be commenced soon. He asked MCL to construct a single "smasana" (cremation house) in their village.

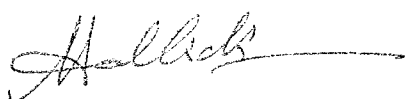
He backed previous speakers and said, if 50% land acquisition happens then it is unsuitable for livelihood, then why administration is not looking after the village that are acquired 25-30 years before, why don't they demand the clarification to MCL why these people are not leaving the places and proper resettlement is not done yet.

He asked to conduct small consultation programmes/ meeting by MCL in every village for the development of the village.

**16. Shri Dillip Ku. Das, Chairman, Lakeipasi Village**

He said they don't have a proper safe house to live in, everyone's house is in damaged condition due to blasting. MCL is giving water but it is not suitable to use even when they do farming with the same water, their crops get damaged. By using that water, most people are falling sick. They are facing huge dust emission and fall in their areas. If one person is standing in front of you, you cannot see the person due to heavy dust. Their village is Surrounded by 2 collieries, one is Bharatpur & other is Balram at a distance of 200 meters. He said, to produce electricity, coal is needed not in state but in country and worldwide and we support this. But it is poison for Talcher people. Coal is produced from Talcher but its people remained poor. Proper employment is not being provided to us. If anybody falls in the category of A & B, then he/she will get employment, but if he/she is in category C, D or E then she/he has to wait. Odisha Govt. has a law that if an area is acquired then 90% people of that area will be employed. MCL has many private firms working under it. Only about 20% local people are working, rest are from outsides.

He backed previous speaker who said that in a family if two brothers get job and other is not getting, then it is unfair & it leads to violence. MCL authorities, when acquires the land, they promise a lot but after acquisition they fulfill very few. When they ask



	<p>for jobs, MCL play with them citing various issues. But MCL does not follow the orders of the administration. He said, on 7th May, in presence of MLA and MP, Collector &amp; MCL management a meeting was held in the collector office and it was decided that Nakeipasi villagers will be resettled to Balanda Shiv mandir. MCL was agreed for the same in the meeting. But after 4 months, when people asked about this, GM, PO &amp; others said that there is no land. He asked, if MCL had no land then why they agreed in the meeting in front Collector. He requested district administration to resettle them to end their problems. He said they will only support the expansion project if they will be completely resettled at different location because they are surrounded by mines at a distance of 150-200 meters and it's impossible for them to live there.</p> <p>He said, 'we support the expansion because we want to see the development of our country but once again, we request to look after our serious problems'.</p>
17.	<p><b>Shri Haramohan Sahoo, Natada</b></p> <p>He said around 164 acres of land of their village was taken by MCL &amp; also acquired 36 acres of land for railway. 12 demands were raised in a meeting with sub-collector in his office. MCL promised to do so but till date no work has been done. Railway line is passing through their village which divides the area into two Parts, one side it is like desert and the other side is full of water bodies. So, it is not possible for them to do agriculture over the area. He said if they cannot do farming for our livelihood and survival then why should they support the project for Environment Clearance. He asked to conduct RPDAC meeting. He said, he came to know another railway is going to pass through our village and a coal depot (railway siding) will be constructed near to then then they will face heavy pollution. He requested district administration to look after their problems. He requested MCL to take their all land but to resettle them and provide all kind of benefits to the villagers. There is no water in wells; thick layer of dust is covered on water bodies. They are not getting any benefit from the MCL.</p>
18.	<p><b>Shri Sukanta Sahoo, Natada</b></p> <p>He refused to deliberate.</p>
19.	<p><b>Shri Saroj Sahoo, Village President, Brahmanbahal</b></p> <p>He said there are 10 eligible people from their village for the job but they did not get the job for 24 years. Whenever, they go for the job enquiry to MCL office, the management said they have missed the documents and has not given any employment</p>




to these people. Whenever they go to MCL office, the management says there is no case of Bramhanbahal. He asked if their village is not included then why they have been called today for Public Hearing. He requested MCL management or administration to call one by one village and to solve their problems accordingly. If you go in search of job as a driver, no one is recruiting local people but 80% of outsiders are getting work in companies.

He requested the MCL management that in those villages where mining has started, such villages must be given 80% priority in providing employment then 20% to outsiders, through village committee in written. Because when MCL management said verbally, things did not happen, so in written they should give priority to village. He said, if someone has 4 sons and 3 of them got the job but 1 did not, won't this lead to violence between family. Good environment is necessary for all but along with it every problem starting from jobs to resettlement everything must be solved. He asked to solve the employment issue of their 10 villagers whose cases are still pending.

20. Shri Sarojkanta Pradhan, Solada

He said project for expansion of coal production from 8 MTY to 15 MTY of Balram mines is needed for the development of country. They completely support this project but the basic rights of the people specially health, education, etc. should be fulfilled. He emphasizes on health issues and said that when they go to Bhubaneswar private hospitals, they see maximum people are from Talcher. Solada village has 8 sahi and it's surrounded by mines. In the morning they experience thick layer of dust deposition on the road, water bodies everywhere due to which they are not getting good drinking water and ponds are not usable for bathing. People are suffering from skin infections due to bathing in the affected ponds.

He asked MCL to provide clean hygienic drinking water. The benefits they expected to get from Govt. they are not getting. Therefore, MCL should do the development work of the village from its CSR fund. Employees does not have quarters, so, they bound to live in the village. He asked for bus services for their children studying in DAV school of MCL. He asked for employment to many of their villagers and implementation of 2006 policy of state govt. MCL must grow nicely but without hampering the basic and fundamental rights of people. He requested the SPCB to monitor MCL properly for its Pollution Control measures, because, MCL is saying that they are planting trees but where is the forest.





	Before acquiring any land, like this public hearing, MCL management should conduct small meetings like pallisabha with the village committee members in order to fulfil the demands of the village people properly raised by them.
21.	<b>Shri Pathani Bariha, Gopalprasad Khamar</b>
	He said he supports the expansion. However, after the expansion neither the Govt. nor the MCL authorities, no one will listen to any public problems. The local people will give their land, people will ask to resolve their issues but they will not be rewarded. He asked who is responsible for this? Why MCL does not stand before public problems? He informed that their G.P Khamar was acquired in 1993-94 but they have not got the payment or job. After going to Supreme Court, they came to know that putting 2011 as cut-off date, their people are not getting the jobs. He asked, if this basic settlement were not done, then why someone would will lose their land?
22.	<b>Shri Sudhir Ranjan Pardhan, Solada</b>
	He said dust emission will start from next 2 months. MCL does not spray water on road properly due to which huge dust emission occurs during plying of trucks/tippers over the road covered with coal dust. When they ask MCL to spray water, they say there is no availability of sprinklers and sometimes water tanker cannot go on road as the road is concrete road and it is not wide enough to accommodate the sprinkler. He also cited the traffic issue and said that on this road, both sides, trucks are standing, so water tanker cannot pass through it. Due to this dust get spreads to village. MCL also does not spray water on coal stocks and while loading of coal dust emission occurs.
23.	<b>Shri Binod Lal, Ex-Samiti Member, Tentuloi Panchayat</b>
	He said when MCL started, at that time there was a mistake happened and till now that is continuing. He added 'We all are Hindu, when we wake up in the morning we pray God, Tulsi, Cow etc. When a land is acquired by anyone, human beings are settled somewhere, and they get jobs but does any benefits or support system has been made for the cows. We are farmers. We know the importance of the cows in our society. Where MCL is evacuating the land, there it should construct a cow shelter'. He said earlier they have requested MCL to build a cow shelter. There are many unemployed youths. If MCL could use them to take care of the cows, it will generate some employment. This way we can save many cows. He requested the MCL management to build various cow shelters in different areas.

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	He also requested MCL to build a Yoga centre. There is no yoga centre not even in Angul district. There are total around 60-yoga teachers present toady. He said they go to clubs to teach yoga but with various programmes and occasions used to held in the club, they discontinue their teaching. He said Yoga will be give much health benefits to our people, with polluted environment, yoga can save us to extend. He asked MCL to build yoga centres and cow shelters.
<b>24.</b>	<b>Shri Rasananda Dash, Nakeipasi</b>
	He said Nakeipasi Mauja comes under Bharatpur OCP. Bharatpur OCP lies in east side and Kalinga (Balram) OCP lies on west side to their village. He requested MCL many times to resettle them but MCL didn't listen to their requests. He said they are always ready to give their land but if MCL properly resettle them, they will happily move there. He said they are living their life like on an island. It is impossible for their children to go DAV school. They are facing various problems. He requested MCL to provide a bus for children. He said their village pond is covered with dust layers. It is totally unusable. We getting affected with various skin diseases and other health problems. He added, due to blasting inside the mines, they are living in fear if their house will collapse and they may lose their lives.

During public hearing, 25 numbers of persons submitted their written representation before the panel members which is enclosed separately.

**Observation:**

Dust emission due to mining activities and transportation, dust deposition over water bodies, adequacy of plantation in mining areas, deployment of trucks for coal transportation, supply of clean hygienic drinking water, commencement of Medical college, free health check-up, treatment and medicine facility, repair maintenance of village road and drainage system, development of the village temple, education of children, free bus service, construction of goshalas and yoga centers, land acquisition, employment, rehabilitation and resettlement of PDF & PAF, etc. were the most important issues emerged during the discussion.

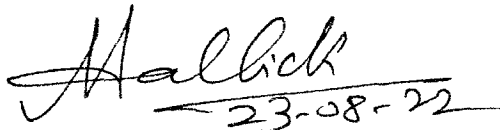
Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the




speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicant read over to the audience at the end of the meeting explaining the contents in the ODIA language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting was prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicant, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed herewith separately.

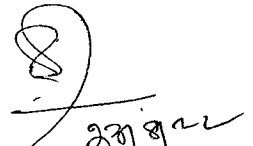
The President of Public Hearing meeting Shri Santosh Kumar Pradhan, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Angul District, ratified the minutes of meeting and with the views and demands of public. He then delivered vote of thanks to the public for extending co-operation in smooth conducting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

The meeting was ended with thanks to the chair.



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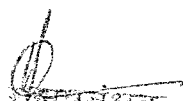
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC AND COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 23.08.2022 AT 11:00AM AT JAGANNATH KALAKENDRA IN THE DISTRICT OF ANGUL IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION OF COAL PRODUCTION FROM 8 MTPA TO 15 MTPA OVER AN AREA OF 2574.00 HA IN TALCHER COALFIELDS OF ANGUL DISTRICT.


ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF PROJECT PROPONENT
The issues raised at the Public Hearing meeting are mainly two fold. These are issues concerning to pollution due to proposed mine and its mitigation, Land Acquisition Rehabilitation & Resettlement, Employment and issues relating to CSR & development of the area i.e., peripheral development.	Shri Arun Kumar Swarnakar, General Manager, Hingula Area of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. on behalf of the proponent present at the public hearing gave his comments on certain demands raised by public which are as follows:-
The issues concerning to control of pollution are:	
1. Checking of quality of works awarded through Global tenders for pollution control measures.	The work awarded through e-tender is being checked as per the NIT; work order terms & conditions.
2. Dust emission from coal corridor road while plying of vehicles. Installation of fixed type water sprinklers along coal corridor.	Fixed sprinklers will be provided from Hingula OCP to Balram OCP zero point. In addition to that, avenue plantation is being planted, mechanical road sweeper and mobile fog canon is already deployed in coal corridor.
3. Provision of water sprinkling arrangements in local village areas to control pollution.	Currently, Sprinkling through water tankers is being done on roads in nearby villages. However, no. of trips for sprinkling of water through mobile water tankers will be increased.
4. Plantation in vacant areas and along roads in local villages.	Plantation in the villages is being taken up as per the request received from villages. This year, 3700 nos. plants will be planted from Salbani Chhak to Kumunda bridge (Hingula Temple Road).  Every year during Van Mahotsav, on average 5000 nos. of fruit bearing saplings is being distributed to the villagers for plantation. In last 7 years,

  
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	total 50,500 nos. of plants distributed to surrounding villagers and employees of MCL. In coming years, the no. of plants to be distributed will be increased considerably.
5. Compensatory afforestation with native species.	Plantation is being done in consultation with the state forest department and choice of native species will be decided by state forest department. Out of which, 30% is fruit bearing saplings.
6. Massive plantation and adoption of dust control measures at coal transportation roads, railway siding and coal stack yards.	Vertical greenery system has been constructed at coal stockyard and railway siding. On coal transportation road, avenue plantation, 1 no. mechanical road sweeper, mobile fog cannon, wheel washing system and instant shower system has been deployed.  The no. of water tankers along with no. of trips will be increased. 1 more no. mechanical road sweeper will be deployed in coal transportation roads.
7. Reduction of height of the outsourcing coal stockyards near Nakeipasi village.	Current stockyard is temporary in nature. After evacuation of coal from the temporary stockyard, stocking of coal will be moved to permanent coal stockyard which is adjacent to coal corridor and surrounded by constructed vertical greenery system.
8. Covering of coal stockyards.	Vertical greenery system is constructed.  However, if the coal stock is piled up for long duration, to make sure that, the coal stock is stored in dome shape and covered with suitable material for dust suppression.
9. Plantation of fruit bearing trees in dump areas and local areas.	Plantation is being done in consultation with the state forest department and choice of native species will be decided by state forest department. Out of which, 30% is fruit bearing saplings.

  
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10. Covering of coal loaded rakes dispatching from Talcher area.	The issue will be taken up with the railways for covering of coal loaded rakes dispatching from Talcher area .
11. Dust deposition over local water bodies (ponds, dug wells, etc.)	<p>The following dust suppression measures is being taken in and around mine lease area.</p> <p>Vertical greenery system has been constructed at coal stock yard and railway siding. On coal transportation road, avenue plantation is being planted, 1 no. mechanical road sweeper, mobile fog cannon, wheel washing system and instant shower system has been deployed.</p> <p>The no. of water tankers along with no. of trips will be increased. 1 more no. mechanical road sweeper will be deployed in coal transportation roads. Plantation in around mine area will be increased.</p>
12. Water sprinkling on coal stocks and during loading of trucks to control dust emission.	<p>Fixed sprinklers and trolley mounted fog cannon deployed for dust suppression.</p> <p>The no. of fixed sprinklers/trolley mounted fog cannon will be increased to control the dust emissions during loading of trucks.</p>
<b>The issues concerning to CSR &amp; development of the area are:-</b>	
1. Engagement of trucks of local villagers for coal transportation within mine.	Already implemented, preference is always is given to the local villagers.
2. Commencement of Medical College and Hospital constructed for the treatment of patients in the Talcher area.	<p>MCL constructed Medical College and Hospital in Talcher Area.</p> <p>Discussions are undergoing with MCL and State Govt. for early commencement of Medical college and Hospital.</p>
3. Supply of clean hygienic drinking water in local villages (Gopalprasad Khamar, Solada, Danara, Natada, etc.) through pipes or	Water supply through tankers is being provided to villagers as per the directives of District Admin & Request

  
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tankers.	by villagers. MCL has Deposited Rs 254 crore to State Govt. for Rural water supply scheme to the villages of Angul district.
4. Development of drainage system and supply of clear water for irrigation in local villages.	As per Hon'ble High court of Odisha order and Balram OCP CTO condition, mine is being maintained as zero discharge mine.  Request letter is submitted to Member Secretary, OSPCB to allow the supply of mine sump water for agriculture to the villages.
5. Repair of existing village roads and construction of new roads in areas under MCL.	Repairs/construction of village road is done as per the applications received from the village committee members/Sarpanch. Roads under MCL areas are being maintained on the regular basis.
6. Free health check-up, treatment and medicine facility to local people (PDF and PAF).	OPD facility at Central Hospital is provided for local people for Rs. 2 per visit.
7. Provision for training and skill development for ITI, Diploma and Degree holder and other youth.	Signed MoU with CIPET for skill development programmes like 2 year ITI, 6 months special skill programmes for local youths.
8. Enrolment of students from local affected villages in the DAV School and Kendriya Vidyalaya under MCL on priority basis	Already implemented
9. Free Bus facility for the students going to the DAV, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Kalinga School of MCL.	Bus will be provided.
10.LED streetlight that should be setup in the Danara, Brahmanibahal, Ambedkar Nagar and Nakeipasi villages of Danara GP	Proposal for solar street lights is under process.
11.Renovation of drainage from Kotabandha to Puruna Pokhari in Danara village for irrigation purpose.	The said work will be done after receiving NOC from District administration.
12.Renovation of Kalyan Mandap and its	Proposal is under process and will be

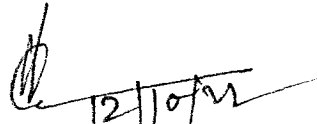
  
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ancillaries in local villages (Danara).	implemented in financial year 2023-24
13.Free Electricity supply to local project affected villages/GP.	Electrification may be done by MCL but electricity is provided by other agencies.
14.Registering of false case against the protestors complaining dust emission and other issues.	No such case in Balram OCP.
15.Deployment of ambulance in local areas and easy availability of existing ambulance to local people.	Proposal for providing 2 nos. of ambulance is under process.
16.CSR & development activities in the village area which are acquired by MCL but not displaced.	Permanent nature of work cannot be taken up in these areas as per CSR policy. However, temporary nature of works like water supply, sanitation etc., can be taken up as per the request received from villagers after receiving NOC from District administration.
17.Provision of cremation house in Kalamchhuin village.	Proposal is under process.
18.Conducting meeting/ pallisabha with village committee members for CSR activities in their village.	CSR activities are taken up only after the representation given by the village committee and NOC from state govt.
19.Provision of shelter house in Lakeipasi village	Will be taken up after receiving NOC from District administration.
20.Construction of cow shelters (Goshalas) in local villages.	Will be constructed after receiving NOC from District administration.
21.Construction of yoga centres in local villages.	Will be constructed after receiving NOC from District administration.
<b>The issues concerning to Land Acquisition, Employment and Rehabilitation &amp; Resettlement</b>	
1. Strict pursuance of provisions under R & R Policy, 2006 and state policy for resettlement and employment of displaced villages.	Is being implemented.
2. Acquisition of 65 Acres of balance land of Danara village through RPDAC.	Action will be taken after the decision of RPDAC.

  
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3. Rehabilitation and resettlement of PDF and PAF at a single place with all amenities.	R&R sites were chosen in consultation with the state govt. on available land and all the amenities will be provide as per provisions.
4. Employment should be given to all family members irrespective of category.	Employment is being provided as per R&R policy of state govt. In addition, preference is given to PAFs in different contractual employment.
5. Provision of employment to the family member who have been excluded due to cut-off date, as per Govt. policy.	Employment is being provided as per R&R policy of state govt. In addition, preference is given to PAFs in different contractual employment.
6. Extension of cut-off date for the employment.	Action will be taken as per the RPDAC meeting & R&R policy.
7. Dumps/ backfilled areas shall be provided for establishment of resettlement colony after leveling and reclamation by MCL.	Permission is already given by Ministry of coal in 2022. In future, the backfilled area maybe considered for R&R site.
8. Awareness programme for employment issues.	Several meetings at District level and villages were conducted. Apart from that, land department at MCL has given facility for PAFs to have one to one discussion to provide awareness on employment issues.
9. Conducting socio-economic survey of local village (PAF and PDF) areas through any NGO.	Socio economic survey is already conducted by NGO, Social Action for Rural Development (SARDA) in the year 2022.
10. Priority shall be given to local people for employment.	Employment is being provided as per R&R policy of state govt. In addition, preference is given to PAFs in different contractual employment.

  
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No. 11997/IND-II/PH-1036 Date: 14/07/2022

**NOTICE**

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for expansion of Barain OCP (Earlier known as Kalinga OCP) from 8.0 MTPA to 15.1 MTPA with increase of mine lease area from 1309 Ha to 2574.00 Ha (Additional land of 1265 Ha) of villages namely Nakapasi, Brammanobhari, Kodhanali, Damal, Prasana Nagar, Nathagaon, Mahika, Kalamekhun, Danara, Nalada, Banabaspur, Telpur, Solada, Sayabadipur, Gopalprasadkhamar, Khuranga and Brahampur under the Tehsil of Talcher Sadar in Angul District to obtain Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. The proponent has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for a Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E)-Dttd. 12/09/2006, the Board has been authorized to conduct environmental public hearing and as such invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on matters relating to environmental aspects of the proposed project from all the persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the proposed site/sites of displacement/sites likely to be affected.

- For the above purpose, a person will only mean:
- A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
  - B. Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
  - C. Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
  - D. Any local authority within any part of whose local limits is within the neighborhood wherein the project is proposed to be located.

Persons as above who desire to submit their views, comments, objections etc. relevant to the project, may do so in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice addressing the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board Odisha through Registered Post. Besides this, persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed mining project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on 23/08/2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Jagannath Kalakendra, At Jagannath Colony, South Balanda, Talcher in Angul district.

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia is also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website [www.ospcbboard.org](http://www.ospcbboard.org) free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, Angul
2. District Industries Center, Angul
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Angul
4. In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-12
5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Angul
6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

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