

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED FOR SUBHADRA OPEN CAST COAL MINE FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 25 MTPA OVER AN ML AREA OF 1111.85 HA. IN VILLAGES KANKAREI, PIRAKHAMAN, CHHOTABERENI, BALICHANDRAPUR, RAIJHARAN, KAUNSIDHIPA, GOLAGADIA, KUMUNDA, BHALUGADIA, BAGHUABOL AND JAIPUR R.F UNDER CHENDIPADA AND TALCHER TAHASILS OF ANGUL DISTRICT HELD ON 25.08.2023 AT- 11.00 AM ON THE GROUND NEAR PIRAKHAMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDER KANKAREI GRAMPANCHAYAT OF CHHENDIPADATAHASIL OF ANGUL DISTRICT.

Sri Pratap Pritimaya, O.A.S. (S), Additional District Magistrate, Angul presided over the meeting along with Er. Ramesh Kumar Ekka, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul, Odisha.

At the outset, Regional Officer welcomed the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of the public hearing conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533(E) of Dt.14th September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change (MOEF & CC), Government of India. He also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing meeting for Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for Subhadra Open Cast Coal Mine for production capacity of 25 MTPA over an ML area of 1111.85 Ha. in villages Kankarei, Pirakhaman, Chhotabereni, Balichandrapur, Raijharan, Kaunsidhipa, Golagadia, Kumunda, Bhalugadia, Baghuabol and Jaipur R.F under Chhendipada and Talcher Tahasils of Angul district was scheduled to be held on 25.08.2023 at 11.00 AM on the Ground near Pirakhaman Primary School under Kankarei Gram Panchayat of Chhendipada Tahasil of Angul District was duly advertised in Odia daily "*The Sambad*", dtd. 25.07.2023 and English daily "*The Times of India*" dtd. 25.07.2023 (Paper clipping are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate, Angul has also briefed about the proposed mines project and requested the public who were present during the public hearing meeting to express their opinion and views on the proposed project. He also requested the representative of the project to highlight about their proposed project before the public.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Bahadul Sahoo, Project Officer, Subhadra OCP, representative of the mine addressed the public during the public hearing meeting. He briefly explained about the project and informed about the contribution of Subhadra OCP to exchequer in form of Royalty, DMF, NMET fund etc. and CSR expenditure taken up in the surrounding areas. He informed the public about the adoption of Technology like Silo, Rapid Loading System (RLS) with closed conveyor belt for dustless dispatch, adoption of Fog cannons, sprinklers, Water tankers for dust suppression, and surface miner, wet drilling arrangement, controlled blasting, large plantation, road sweeping machines as part of environment protection measures. He also informed that the proposed project will adopt sustainable mining practices for better environment.

The Regional Officer invited the public to keep their views on environmental related issues for the proposed project.

About 450-500 participants have attended the public hearing meeting and out of them 302 participants have put their signatures in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. During meeting, 16 persons have registered their names and delivered their views. List is annexed as **Annexure-III**.

Regional Officer invited the public to register their names at the registration counter one by one and express their views, opinions and suggestions about the proposed mining project.

Statements of the public participated in the deliberation during public hearing meeting is as follows;

Sl. No.	Name of the participants and their deliberation on the proposed project.
1.	<p><u>Sri Pratap Kumar Sahoo, Sarpanch Kankarei G.P:</u> Heinformed that 1111.85 Ha. of land from 10 villages involving 05 Gram Panchayats is going to be acquired for the proposed coal mine project. However, bulk of the land belongs to Kankarei Gram Panchayat. The inhabitants of all 03 villages of this Gram Panchayat shall be displaced. He stated that in national interest the villagers are supporting the proposed projects at the cost of losing their ancestral properties. Hence they should be properly taken care of. He demanded that the villagers should be provided adequate land compensation as per law and all the displaced families should be duly rehabilitated and resettled. He raised the issues related to environment protection and suggested to take up steps like massive plantation, water sprinkling for dust suppression, transportation of coal by trucks with proper tarpaulin covering, installation of auto sprinkler system, adoption of modern technologies for controlled blasting, plantation on both sides of transporting road & safety zone area, undertaking measures to prevent fire in coal stock yard, construction of ETP and settling tank and proper reclamation of de-coaled area after completion of mining. Besides he emphasized that MCL should develop the villages in the vicinity of the proposed coal mine project through its CSR activities. He demanded for solar street lighting arrangement, medical facilities for the villagers, infrastructure provision in the area where displaced families would reside after their displacement, provision of Ambulance to all the surrounding villages etc. At the end of his speech, he submitted a written memorandum to the Chair.</p>
2.	<p><u>Sri Abhiram Sahu, Pirakhaman:</u> He gave emphasis on land compensation and resettlement and rehabilitation. He demanded that all adults above 18 years of age should get permanent employment in MCL. Those who are minor, they should get permanent employment after they become major. He further demanded that Rs.50 Lakh should be paid as cash compensation in lieu of employment. He further demanded provision of indirect employment for villagers who are above 40 years of age. He went on demanding</p>

	<p>Ac.0.10 Homestead land for each displaced family or 04 times cash compensation than what usually MCL is providing in lieu of Ac.0.10 Homestead land. Provision to be made for finalization of one land rate for the entire project. Besides he stressed that all the structures trees etc. that are existing as on date i.e 2023, should be adequately compensated. MCL must not float any other formula like any cut-off date for payment of compensation for structures that came up beyond that date.</p>
3.	<p><u>Sri Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, Pirakhaman:</u> He started his speech describing that when such type of coal mine projects come up, these bring prosperity for the nation, for the state and overall economic development of public at large. However, for accrual of real benefit to the people who are going to be affected by the project, existing policies of MCL with respect to resettlement and rehabilitation should change in consultation with District Administration through RPDAC as per 2006 R & R Policy of Govt of Odisha. He also demanded Ac.0.10 Homestead land for each displaced family or 04 times cash compensation than what usually MCL is providing in lieu of Ac.0.10 Homestead land. He went on saying that District Administration and MCL are taking plea that required quantum of suitable Govt. land is not available for R&R purpose hence providing Ac.0.10 Homestead land is not possible but at the same time forest land is getting diverted for different company's projects. Hence appropriate decision should be taken so that R&R plot is made available to the displaced families. He expressed that due to coal mining operation, massive tree cutting would be done resulting in adverse effect to local environment, hence adequate plantation should be taken up by MCL to mitigate the potential hazards. He further said that village Pirakhaman is situated nearer to Hingula Mines and because of mining operation at Hingula, it is becoming difficult for the villagers to lead a normal life there. In this situation MCL should take urgent and early action so that land compensation and proper R&R benefits are provided to all the Pirakhaman villagers for Subhadra OCP, as a result of which they all would relocate to a better place. He demanded that all efforts should be undertaken involving Govt. of India, Ministry of Coal, Govt. of Odisha and MCL to suitably revise the existing MCL R&R Policy so that the actual affected villagers would be benefitted by this project. Lastly he demanded that till relocation of Pirakhaman villagers for Subhadra OCP, mining should not be done in the nearby Hingula Mines.</p>
4.	<p><u>Sri Prasant Kumar Sahoo, Pirakhaman:</u> He gave thrust for reclamation of land after completion of mining operation and its proper levelling so that the reclaimed land can be used for villagers' resettlement and for agricultural purpose too. He emphasized that proper water sprinkler system and de-dusting system should be commissioned in the coal conveyor site, coal crushing and screening site and these must be kept operationalized for dust suppression. He demanded massive tree plantation to compensate the loss of forest land. He demanded that by December 2023 all Awards should be passed and land compensation should be disbursed to the land oustees including provision of employment for the displaced families. All issue related to land compensation and R&R should be resolved through RPDAC.</p>

5.

Sri Lambodar Pradhan, Advocate, Kankarei:

He stated that because of this coal mine project there will be air pollution, water pollution and sound pollution. Huge quantity of trees would be felled. In this connection he wanted to know the quantum of land identified for compensatory afforestation. He also enquired about the area where CA land had been finalized. He was of the opinion that the compensatory afforestation should be undertaken within 10 kms radius of the proposed project for the benefit of the villagers going to be affected due to the project. Further he expressed that due to contaminated water; kidney disease is rampant in this district. MCL Central Hospital does not have dialysis facilities. Moreover, in that hospital except MCL employees, no other villagers are getting treatment. He demanded opening of Talcher Medical College and Hospital at the earliest for benefit of the people staying in this area. He told that coal transportation of other mines is being undertaken in the same road where public are commuting. There is no water sprinkling in the road where hundreds of trucks are plying and requested state pollution control board to take cognizance of the matter. He went on saying that due to blasting and other mining activities of Hingula Mines, Pirakhaman villagers are getting maximum difficulties. Hence Hingula mines should provide employment to Pirakhaman villagers not Subhadra OCP as it is yet to be commenced. He demanded that Pirakhaman villagers should get compensation for all those structures came up post publication of 9(1) Notification under CBA Act. He wanted complete transparency to be maintained so that the villagers would know actually what is happening in respect of land acquisition and R&R. He seriously objected to drone survey and wanted to know under which law drone survey was done. He told that under Land Acquisition Act there is no provision of Drone Survey and unless clarified, he would approach High Court. He demanded that MCL is loosely intimating villagers that by December 2023 land compensation would be disbursed. He demanded that as the Pirakhaman villagers are suffering a lot due to mining activity at Hingula, they must be compensated as per their right under law for their land with proper R&R facilities by the authorities of Subhadra OCP. He echoed his views with Kankarei Sarpanch that in case coal transportation is done by road, then the affected villagers should get 80% of total coal transportation work so that localities would be benefitted economically.

6.

Sri Satyaranjan Sahoo, Kankarei:

He told that there will be air pollution, water pollution because of this coal mine project. People will lose their forefathers' property for this project. Till now as a whole villagers are supporting the project as a result of which preliminary work in respect of land acquisition for physical possession is going on smoothly. He also told that past deeds of MCL are compelling him to believe in the fashion as stated above. He told that villagers are cooperating with MCL for Subhadra OCP in the hope that they would get permanent employment in MCL. He expressed his doubt and opined that MCL is pretending and in reality would not fulfil the lawful demand of villagers. In order to get their due share of land compensation and R&R benefit including employment, a mass movement is required. Therefore, he demanded that MCL must fulfil the lawful

	demand of the villagers.
7.	<p><u>Sri Samir Ranjan Pradhan, Kankarei:</u> He demanded that a definite time period should be decided within which all eligible persons should get permanent employment in MCL. He also demanded Ac.0.10 homestead land for each displaced family. He added that after finalizing the cut-off date, all eligible persons should get employment at once. He requested to establish a facility at Kankarei for the medical fitness screening test mandatory to get employment in MCL. He also requested to grant 01 year time to dismantle their respective house contrary to existing policy of provision of employment after demolition of house.</p>
8.	<p><u>Sri Sadhu Charan Barik, Kankarei:</u> He told that Coal is a national property and the major power requirement of the country is getting fulfilled by Coal. In national interest the villagers are supporting the project. He confided that though there would be adverse impact on environment due to the proposed coal mine, MCL, Pollution Control Board and Govt. would take appropriate mitigate measures as per law to tackle the issues After stating above he put forth following demands; All displaced families should be provided with Ac.0.10 Homestead land at one place at once as per R&R Policy 2006 of GoO; Employment for all 18 years above male and female in Subhadra OCP or maximum in Talcher Coal field at a time; Transparent and fair determination of market value of land and disbursement of land compensation to land oustees accordingly; Provision of employment to those who are minors at the time of cut-off date once they become major post 18 years of age Since there was no land settlement after 1952, land, structure, well, pond, tree etc. compensation to be disbursed through share note Pre-employment medical test to be done at Kankarei Panchayat. All 40 years above persons to be imparted proper training and to get employment through MDO. Development activities to be undertaken in the surrounding villages through CSR activities by MCL. All the Land and R&R related issues to be resolved through RPDAC under the Chairmanship of RDC(ND) Sambalpur. Award for all 03 villages namely Kankarei, Pirakhaman and Chhotabereni to be passed at a timesupport for infrastructures to be provided by MCL in the area where at least 20 displaced families would resettle after displacement</p>
9.	<p><u>Sri Ashok Kumar Sahu, Pirakhaman:</u> He stated that nothing is mentioned in the Draft EIA/EMP regarding measures for environment management. He wanted to know about the effect of cumulative pollution after commencement of Subhadra OCP over and above existing pollution level due to other industrial and mining activities. He said that water sprinkle is not the correct measure to counter adverse impact of CO₂, NO_x, SO_x as these would get dissolved with water and would fall on soil ultimately. He told that as per Sustainable Development Goals promulgated by UN, reckless mining must stop so that our next</p>

	<p>generations would be benefitted. He wanted to know from the state pollution control board regarding the steps taken to control SO₂ related pollution. He told that the villagers are clueless about the ways and manner through which compensation would be decided and disbursed. He wanted cremation ground for the villagers post resettlement.</p>
10.	<p><u>Sri Gauranga Chandra Sethi, Ex-Sarpanch, Rajjharan:</u> He told that all the young people will get employment in MCL but old people above 60 years age would be helpless. MCL should address this issue. He stressed that to eradicate adverse impact on environment, adequate plantation is required. Similarly steps should also be taken to manage depleting ground water level. He wanted to know about component-wise details of MCL R&R Package particularly the square feet area of the R&R house, cash compensation in lieu of employment/Homestead Plot etc. He stressed for provision of cremation ground in R&R colony.</p>
11.	<p><u>Sri Agasti Behera, Social Worker Chhendipada:</u> He informed that MCL is one of the Maharatna Company of Govt. of India and it has added economically to the exchequer as well as to the localities of Angul and Talcher area. He went on saying that whatever development is seen in and around Talcher-Angul area, bulk of the credit goes to only MCL. For MCL only the people at large in this area are economically and socially well off. He further stated that since most of the Chhendipada area is coal bearing area hence most of the villages of Chhendipada area are going to be displaced. He requested District Administration to identify non-coal bearing area where R&R colonies can be set up. As far as Subhadra OCP is concerned, here Land acquisition is going on since a long time. Hence all effort should be taken up so that Award is passed by December 2023 for disbursement of compensation to the villagers. He requested MCL authorities and District Administration to clarify in more effective manner that MCL will provide employment to land oustees as per their eligibility. He thanked local youth for making the public hearing meeting a grand success and requested all concerned to maintain a cordial atmosphere so that all the issues could be resolved amicably. Lastly he expressed his happiness for success of the Public Hearing.</p>
12.	<p><u>Sri Ram Chandra Behera, Sarpanch, Nisha G.P.:</u> He told that though Kankarei, Pirakhaman and Chhotabereni are going to be fully displaced, the surrounding villages which are not part of the project will also suffer as they are also dependant on agricultural and forest land involved in the project. Some kind of arrangement for their livelihood should also be arranged. He requested MCL authorities to do needful so that Award is passed and land compensation is disbursed to the land oustees by December 2023. He told that industries, mines etc. are required for national interest. In this endeavour some people get benefitted whereas some suffered loss. Hence MCL should take all steps so that all the land oustees are properly compensated, resettled and rehabilitated. He further told that irrespective of categories of land oustees all should get employment. He requested that MCL authorities should take all steps to mitigate adverse impact of mining activity on environment going beyond the statutory provisions in this regard. Adequate measures</p>

	to be taken to manage air and water pollution. He stressed that some arrangement should also be done for those people who will not lose any land but their livelihood will be impaired.
13.	<p><u>Dr. Rama Charan Routray, President, District Environment Protection and Pollution Control Association, Angul:</u></p> <p>He welcomed the project as it is essential for development of the nation and public also. However, he stressed that since villagers are going to lose their valuable properties, they must be equally and rightfully compensated. He demanded that all the land oustees should get an employment so that their living standard would increase. He told that the Company should take care of the villagers in such a manner so that the villagers would also cooperate with company in a cordial way. He expressed that the hundreds of participants present in the meeting are in a joyful mood and if the company takes care of the people in future the same spirit would also continue. He added that there must be provision of temple, pond, well, cremation ground, hospital etc in the R&R colony so that the displaced families would stay there happily. He cautioned that at no point of time human values and rights should be violated. He emphasized on large scale plantation everywhere even if there is paucity of Govt. land in Chhendipada area as it is a complete coal bearing zone. He appreciated both the villagers and company for success of the meeting.</p>
14.	<p><u>Sri Rajesh Sahoo, Pirakhaman:</u></p> <p>He welcomed the participants on behalf of Pirakhaman Youth Club and requested MCL to fulfil the commitment given during a meeting presided by the Collector, Angul regarding disbursement of compensation and provision of employment as well as Resettlement and Rehabilitation.</p>
15.	<p><u>Sri Prasant Kumar Sethi, Sarpanch Raijharan G.P:</u></p> <p>He addressed the gathering by raising women issues. He stressed that the womenfolk should be trained so that become self-reliant. He also told that apart from cremation ground, 01 Kalyan Mandap ,01 Sabha Ghruha should also be constructed in the R&R colony. He opined that care should be given for wild animals like elephant etc. as with increasing mining activities; wild animals are also going to be affected.</p>
16.	<p><u>Sri Suresh Chandra Sahoo, Bhalugadia:</u></p> <p>He told that his village has been displaced by Hingula Mines and he is staying at a different location where he along with his peer villagers who are resettled there, are getting difficulties due to coal transportation of another mines. He requested the Chair to address the issue and resolve their hardships.</p>


Summary of the points raised by the participants in the public hearing are being briefed by Regional Officer and same in English and Odia (vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A & B)**.

After the completion of the deliberation process the Regional Officer invited the representatives of M/s. MCL to give a brief note on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.


On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Bahadul Sahoo, Project Officer, Subhadra OCP, representative of the minehas responded on the issues raised by the participants during public hearing and the same in English and Odia (vernacular language) are also given in **Annexure-V (A& B)**. The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed as Compact Disc (CD). During public hearing meeting **05 nos.** of written applications were received which are enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

After the above-mentioned deliberation, the Addl. District Magistrate, Angul has announced the completion of public hearing meeting and Regional Officer has proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present during the public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

 25/08/2023

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State Pollution Control Board, Angul
(Assisted as representative of SPCB, Odisha)
Regional Officer
State Pollution Control Board
ANGUL

 25/08/23

Sri Pratap Pritimaya, O.A.S.(S)
Addl. District Magistrate, Angul
(Presided and supervised over the
PublicHearing meeting)
Additional District Magistrate
Angul

TIME TABLE FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION OF ODISHA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-2021

D-92: The Commission has decided to conduct the written examination of Odisha Municipal Administrative Services-2021 on 13.08.2023 (Sunday) in five zones i.e. Balasore, Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack & Sambalpur, pursuant to Advertisement No. 06 of 2022-23 as per time table mentioned below:-

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N.B. - As there is no vacancy for PwD candidates, no extra compensatory time will be allowed to PwD candidates.

2. "Admission Certificate" & "Instructions to candidates" of the eligible candidates will be available in the website of Commission later. The candidates are advised to visit the website of the Commission at http://opsc.gov.in to download their "Admission Certificate" & "Instructions to Candidates".

OIPR-12002/11/0064/2324 Sd/- Secretary

Odisha Public Service Commission advertisement for CAD-1381. Includes Odisha logo, text in Odia regarding the recruitment of 1500 candidates for various roles, and detailed instructions.

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Date : 20.07.2023

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Subhadra Open Cast Mine for production capacity of 25 MTPA over an ML area of 1111.85 Ha. in villages Kankarai, Pirakhman, Balichadrapur, Rajharan, Kaunsidhipa, Golagadia, Chhotabereni, Kumunda, Bhalugadia, Baghuaboli and Jaipur RF under Talcher & Chhendipada tehsil of Angul district to obtain Environmental Clearance from, Ministry of Environment, Forests & 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) Dtd. 14.09.2006, 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:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
- 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 **25.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M on the Ground near Pirakhman Primary School under Kankaree gram panchayat of Chhendipada Tahsil of 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.ospcboard.org free of cost.

- District Collector's Office, **Angul.**
- District Industries Center, **Angul.**
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, **Angul.**
- In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit -VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
- Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, **Angul.**
- 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.

Sd/-

MEMBER SECRETARY

