

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S. MAHANDI COALFIELDS LIMITED, FOR GRANT OF ENVIROMENTAL CLERANCE FOR BASUNDHARA WASHERY ON BUILD, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN (BOM) CONCEPT HAVING RAW COAL THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 10 MTPA WITHIN THE LEASE HOLD AREA OF KULDA OCP IN BASUNDHARA AREA OF IB VALLY COALFIELDS OF MAHANADI COALFIELDS LTD., SUNDARGARH DISTRICT, NEAR ME SCHOOL, BARPALI (BANKIBAHAL RI, BANKIBAHAL) UNDER HEMGIR TAHASIL OF SUNDARGARH DISTRICT HELD ON 27.07.2016 AT 10.00 AM.

The public hearing of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for grant of Environmental clearance for establishing Basundhara Washery on Build, Operate and Maintain (BOM) concept having raw coal throughput capacity of 10 MTPA within the lease hold area of Kulda OCP in Basundhara area of IB valley coal fields., near ME School, Barpali (Bankibahal RI, Bankibahal) under Hemgir Tahasil of Sundargarh District was held on 27.07.2016 at 10.00 AM. **Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk, OAS (S), Addl. District Magistrate (R & R), MCL BG Area, Sundargarh**, supervised and presided over the Public Hearing process, assisted by **Sri Niranjan Mallick, Regional officer, State Pollution Control Board, Jharsuguda** & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha. The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha Bhubaneswar had advertised in Oriya daily- "The Dharitri" on 23.06.16 and in the English daily- "The New Indian Express" on 22.06.16. 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 members present in the public hearing is annexed as **Annexure – I**. The attendance sheet of the members delivered their views is annexed as **Annexure – II**.

At the outset **Sri Niranjan Mallik, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Jharsuguda** welcomed the panel member, Press Media, Police officials and the assembled public in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of the proposed Basundhara Washery Project and procedures followed for conducting such public meeting as per EIA Notification NO. S.O. 1533(E) dated. 14.09.2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India and requested ADM to preside over the meeting.



Welcoming the public, **Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk, OAS-4 (S), Addl. District Magistrate (R & R), MCL BG Area, Sundargarh**, explained that the views, comments, objections and opinion of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He advised the project proponent to make a brief presentation about the various aspects of the proposed project, to be undertaken, for better understanding of the public.

On behalf of the project proponent, **Sri Neeraj Kalla, GM, Basundhara-Siarmal Area** of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., gave a brief description about the proposed project. It has been proposed that Basundhara Area will produce more than 100 Mte of coal in the coming 5-7 years. When production increases activities related to coal evacuation and transportation will also be increased. In this context Central Government, State Government and CMD & Directors of M/s. MCL have a vision to set up coal washery. For this reason railway line from Jharsuguda to Sardega is being set up. Further, at Barpali yard there will be a bulb where coal from all proposed six (06) coal washery will be transported in future. Along this line the first coal washery is being set up now. He also informed that at present the production of coal from this area is 8-10 Mte and lots of problems are being faced in respect to pollution and transportation. Then he tried to convince the villagers about the bad impact of pollution and transportation when production increases to ten (10) times of present capacity. Considering those problems the concept of washery is being introduced in this area which will reduce truck transportation and also help in controlling the pollution of this area. He informed that at present Basundhara area is producing G – 12 grade of coal which contains more than 43% of ash and after washing of the coal, the ash % will reduce to less than 33%.


Sri Niranjana Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Jharsuguda & representative of State Pollution Control Board Odisha invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental considerations only.

The views expressed by various speakers present in the meeting are as follows:

1. **Sumitra Patel of Bankibahal village** expressed her satisfaction that washery should be opened in this area. By which accidents can be prevented. Truck dispatch system will be minimized. Coal can be transported through railway and all Railway facility will also be available in this area. So she has no objection to the establishment of this washery.



2. **Sukanti Naik of Balinga village** expressed that due to this washery they will be benefited. Truck transportation can be minimized. High grade of coal will be produced. Hence she has ^{no} objection to this project.
3. **Binay Kumar Pati of Gopalpur** informed that the number of trucks and transportation gradually increases day by day in this area. So road is now overloaded and causes accident. He was staying outside of this area for the last ten (10) years. Now when he has come back to this area, observed that pollution level has increased and simultaneously road transportation has also increased. So he informed that to overcome those problems there is only one solution i.e. washery. Coal can also be transported through conveyor belt to the washery. Finally, he expressed his satisfaction for the construction of this washery.
4. **Supriya Patel of Bankibahal** expressed her satisfaction for opening of the coal washery. She informed that now thousands of trucks are used for coal transportation. But after opening up of the washery truck transportation will be minimized. In this way dust emission can be controlled and accidents can also be prevented. Passenger train facility can also be made available to their area. Stealing of coal can also be prevented. Quality of coal can also be enhanced after washing. In her view, establishment of coal washery in that area is very important.
5. **Hemanta Khanda of Balinga** informed that everyone in this area will be benefited by this washery. Coal transportation by thousands of truck can be minimized and also help in reducing occurrence of accident. Passenger train facility can also be available in that area. She has no objection to the establishment of coal washery.
6. **Shila Kalo, Balinga** - She expressed that she has no objection to establishment of this washery. Coal will be transported through train and passenger train facility can also be available in their area.
7. **Sabitri Chandan of Bankibahal** - She informed that due to heavy traffic high rate of accident occurring in this area. During rainy season roads become muddy as the wheels of the transportation vehicle deposit mud on these road and hence damage the road. She has no objection for establishment of this washery.



8. **Sundar Naik of Bankibahal-** He complained that he lost his house & land for MCL. But he has not received any land patta. He had support for MCL always. But M/s. MCL has always cheated him. Finally he said that he is an aged person and requested to consider his views.
9. **Muralidhar Panchebhaya of Barpali** stated that only employees of M/s. MCL were expressing their views while others were not expressing their opinion.
10. **Khageswar Shasini of Balinga** expressed that dust condition is very high in the road. In rainy season road becomes muddy. They are facing problem when they are going to their duty. If washery will be established he has no problem. More coal can be transported and more revenue will be generated for Government. He has no objection to the construction of the coal washery. Rather people will get clean water and air due to this washery.
11. **Sishir Choudhary of Balinga** informed that MCL authority's commitment was very high when the people of their area dedicated their land, house and everything for the nation i.e. MCL with the hope that their condition would be improved. He requested MCL to change their attitude and fulfil their commitment. Further, he said that pollution control Board authority should intimate them about the steps to be taken to control pollution in that area. He reminded that previously in a pallisabha he requested to L. N. Agrawal, GM, MCL to fulfill the demand of the people residing in that area. He also said that the people living in their area are very simple and their demands are not very costly for MCL. He requested MCL to work properly, so that the area will stand out and outsiders will be impressed by the development of this area. He informed that initially this area was known as Carbon shales and they fought for the opening of coal mine. But no one has valued their sacrifice. He requested MCL to involve the people of that area for the development. Finally, he requested to give importance to his views and work properly.
12. **J. Majhi of Barpali**, complained that MCL has completed its thirty (30) years. But during those period it has not done anything. They are facing road accidents due to MCL and instead MCL is not giving any compensation to them. Some people now become physically handicapped. He also intimated that if they approach to the MCL to solve their problem, the authority of MCL handed them over to the police. Outsiders are working in the MCL. He apprehended that even in the


railway line construction as well as coal washery, outsiders will be given priority. MCL is not giving opportunity to their local people. So he finally opposed all the works of MCL in the area.

Regarding Public Hearing of **Basundhara Washery on Build, Operate and Maintain (BOM) concept of M/s. MCL** notices were displayed in the Office notice Board of Balinga GP. EIA report was also given to the Sarpanch Balinga GP. The information about Public Hearing was also given through public addressed system in the project affected villages. OSPCB has uploaded the EIA report & Executive summary of the proposed project to **OSPCB's website**.

During the Public Hearing all have been given opportunity to express their views on the proposed project. Sri Niranjan Mallick, Regional Officer, Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB), Jharsuguda who is representing OSPCB, recorded the views and concerns expressed during the Public Hearing and the summary was read out to the audience in Odia language at the end.

Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk, OAS(S), Addl. District Magistrate (R & R), MCL BG Area, Sundargarh who has chaired the Public Hearing, ratified the minutes of meeting along with the views and demands of the public hearing.


At the end Sri N. Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Jharsuguda proposed vote of thanks and extended special thanks to the chair.


Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk
Add. Dist. Magistrate(R & R), MCL BG Area,
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROJECT OF M/S. MAHANDI COALFIELDS LIMITED, FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR BASUNDHARA WASHERY ON BUILD, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN (BOM) CONCEPT HAVING RAW COAL THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 10 MTPA WITHIN THE LEASE HOLD AREA OF KULDA OCP IN BASUNDHARA AREA OF IB VALLY COALFIELDS OF MAHANADI COALFIELDS LTD., SUNDARGARH DISTRICT, NEAR ME SCHOOL, BARPALI (BANKIBAHAL RI, BANKIBAHAL) UNDER HEMGIR TAHASIL OF SUNDARGARH DISTRICT HELD ON 27.07.2016 AT 10.00 AM.

Issues raised by the Public	Response of the project proponent
<p>The issues raised at the public meeting were as follows:</p> <p>1. Issues concerning environmental problems at projected affected villages due to Basundhara Washery on build, operate and maintain (BOM) concept having raw coal throughput capacity of 10 MTPA within the lease hold area of Kulda OCP.</p>	<p>Sri Neeraj Kalla, General Manager, Basundhara- Siarmal Area M/s.Mahanadi Coalfields, delivered during his clarification on the action proposed by the project proponent and clarified on the issues raised by the public during their deliberation.</p> <p>1. Give assurance to the people to provide a pollution free and safe environment in the coming days. He stressed that exclusively for the purpose of a better and safe environment they are introducing coal washery concept in their area. Finally, he requested to the public to co-operate them.</p>


**Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk (OAS (S),
 Addl. District Magistrate (R & R),
 MCL BG Area, Sundargarh)**


**Sri Niranjan Mallick
 Regional Officer, OSPCB,
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