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PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION / HEARING OF GORUMAHISANI IRON ORE MINES OF M/S GHANASHYAM MISRA & SONS PVT. LTD. HELD ON 02.11.2018 (10 AM) AT BLOCK INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION & TRAINING UNDER RAIRANGPUR BLOCK IN THE DIST. OF MAYURBHANJ

- Sri B. B. Bhol, Addl. Dist. Magistrate of Mayurbhanj district presided over and started the meeting.
- Dr. P. K. Mohapatra, Regional Officer, Balasore of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha welcomed the public present for the public hearing and explained them on different aspects of the public hearing for the environmental clearance of the project as per provisions of the E. I. A. Notification, 2006 framed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. Dr. Mohapatra then invited the project proponent or his / her representative to present details of the project, its environmental aspects and proposed pollution control measures / systems before the public to make them aware on the matter before they opine their views.
- Sri Bikash Ranjan Nayak, Mines Manager, representing the Lessee of Gorumhisani Iron Ore mines of M/s Ghanashyam Misra & Sons Pvt. Ltd. delivered a brief talk on the project and told that the proposed expansion to increase annual production capacity is over the existing mining area. He told that adverse environmental impacts due to expansion of mining will be there and the mines accordingly have best environmental control ways related to water pollution, soil cover of down land paddy fields, disposal of overburdens etc. He also told on the pollution control measures to be taken like construction of check dams and garland drains around overburden dumps, plantations @ 33% of the area, provision of rain water harvesting and on other peripheral development matters.
- The President, Sri Bhol then invited the public present in the meeting to register their names and present their views.
- Out of about 450 nos. of persons present in the meeting, the following persons presented their views on the project as mentioned below. Attendance sheet of them along with some others is enclosed.

1. Smt. Shanti Munda, Besharakucha village:

Smt. Munda told that her paddy fields have been covered with soil from the mines which has not been cleaned yet even after telling the mines and getting assurance for cleaning. She also told about her grievance to get PF value.

2. Sri Hadibandhu Sardar, Katukit village:

Sri Sardar welcomes the expansion project first for economic, social and cultural development of the area. He also told that the mine takes step for dump area by stone chipping etc. He then agreed that there is water problem and paddy fields get covered with soil. He requested the mines to attend the problems. He then told about PD matters and requested to make the PDC active for that.

3. Sri Bijayendu Das, Sanmauda village:

Sri Das told that it's a plea of the company to tell non polluted area and there will be no increase in labour out of expansion. The mine has not done any peripheral development; what has been done is by the govt. Water sprinkling what has been done on road today is not done. He also told that plantations have not been done. He then told other development matters like health etc. which the mine has not done and told to cancel the public hearing and conduct it in a public place.

4. Sri Bhairab Patbandha, Sundhal:

Sri Patbandha told that he was working in the mine and has been retrenched since 2 years. He is now in a bad condition and when approached for work to meet the domestic expenditure, the mine does not provide. The mine does not go for development and labour payment is not right.

5. Sri Raisen Majhi, Sundhal village:

Sri Majhi told that he was working for many days in the mines and he has been retrenched. He also told on water problem of the area and death of an elephant in 2016. He so opposed the expansion project of the mine.

6. Sri Kusuna Majhi, Sundhal village:

Sri Majhi told that his house is in the downhill of the mine and all degraded from the hill reaches his house. He also told on soil dump at non-leased area, deforestation and water problem. He then told that one each of elephant, cow and deer have died in the past due to water and food problem. One elephant was once survived out of feeding bulk of bananas. He also told on agriculture problem due to soil cover of paddy fields. He then opposed the expansion project.

7. Sri Jaharlal Patbandha, Sundhal village:

Sri Patbandha told that the mine operates since 50 years and the area has agricultural income. Though the paddy fields get covered with soil, no land rehabilitation is done at the rate of central govt. Once, Dasahara gift @ Rupees 3000/- was given to each for 2-3 years and then stopped. So, when they will get the balance amount of their 50 years mining.

8. Sri Pramesh Kumar Mandal, Sudarshanpur village:

Sri Mandal told on inadequate provision of labour and he was once refused for his inadequate qualification. He also demanded new transformer to supply heavy power.

9. Sri Singharaj Hembram, Ladhabani village:

Sri Hembram told that his village is in the downhill of the mine and soil from the mine cover and damage their paddy fields. The mine after repeated requests provided drinking water and other development matters are not taken for consideration.

10. Sri Shyam Sundar Sardar, Sundhal village:

Sri Sardar told that he has 2-4 acres of paddy fields in the downhill of the mine and 2 acres of the fields have been covered with murrom soil from the mine. It was once being given compensatory money of Rupees 100 / 200 / 300 and he did not take 200 when his 2 crops value comes Rupees 40,000/- per year. So, he asked when the mine will share his value which comes 20-25 lakhs. At the end, he demanded that the mine shall be under shut of operation.

11. Sri Ajit Kumar Mandal, Badamauda village:

Sri Mandal told that there is economic impact of the mine on 5000 – 10000 people of the area directly or indirectly.

12. Sri Budhram Murmu, Asana village:

Sri Murmu told that he is a contract labour of the mines and comes from 22 kms. He then cited about the mine's non help on medical ground even to one woman for delivery of child.

13. Sri Dillip Kumar Sethi, Jambani village:

Sri Sethi told that road transportation for return in the night after duty at about 11 pm is not good and safe. He also told on water supply problem and said to let the mine under shut of operation.

14. Sk. Mukhtar, Kuleisila village:

Sk. Mukhtar told that he is a worker of the mine and of Gorumahisani soil. He told to support the increase in production capacity because he has seen the conditions of market and business men when the mine was shut two times in the past. The mine is the economic or financial backbone of the area and increase in production capacity will increase the local economy.

15. Sri Dayanidhi Mahakud, Kuleisila village:

Sri Mahakud told that the mine is backbone of the area and shall run as per the law and rules. He also told on environmental damage caused by the mine like soil cover of paddy fields. He then suggested to form a local environmental committee to expedite the steps to be taken. He also told on death of cattle and elephant due to water shortage and said to not allow for extra production.

16. Sri Dukhu Marndi, Gorumahisani village:

Sri Marndi told that dumping is done on the area where plantations have been made causing pollution and it is found from the hospitals that pollution causes jaundices and typhoid.

17. Sri Gyana Ranjan Hembram, Sarpanch, Sudarsanpur G.P.:

Sri Hembram told that there is no development of the area and air pollution in summer. Water sprinkling is not done and he told to oppose the expansion project.

18. Sri Umesh Chandra Sahu, Gorumahisani village:

Sri Sahu told that there is no development of the area on road etc. There is also pollution and water problem. It is so better for no expansion of production.

19. Sri Rama Chandra Naik, Kuleisila village:

Sri Naik opposed the SPCB to conduct public hearing and told that the mine is near many educational institutions causing respiratory problems of the students and there is increase in TB patients. Production shall therefore not increase.

20. Sri Basanta Kumar Majhi, Sarpanch, Badamauda G.P.:

Sri Majhi told that two times production of the mine shall be done which will make labours/neighbours happy.

21. Sri Upendra Mandal, Advocate & P.S. Member, Badamauda village:

Sri Mandal told that the mine has lease up to 31.03.2020 and will not shut if it is opposed. There will be increase in pollution and area problem due to increase in production. During rainy season, paddy fields at the downhill get covered with murrom soil from the mine. He so demanded that DMF shall be utilised by the Collector for soil removal and in hospitals, education etc. which he does not do and do at Baripada. At last, he supported the expansion project. Ms. Gangarani, Sarpanch, Jhipabandha G.P.:

22. Sri Debasish Muduli, Gorumahisani village:

Sri Muduli asked Nayak babu representing the mine that what they have done for pollution and water problem in their period of 48 years ? What trust they will possess for the future ? He told that water sprinkling on road is not done and has been done today only. There is dust pollution, TB etc. He so opposed the expansion project.

23. Sri Suguda Marndi, Teleighari village (Z.P. Member):

Sri Suguda told that the hearing should be like Palli Sabha or Grama Sabha. He then told that DMF of rupees 60 lakhs under Rairangpur block is utilised for a temple at Baripada and Rairangpur Hospital. There is no development in schools of the area. He said to feel shame to tell on soil cover and pollution. He finally told that increase in production of the mine is not required.

24. Sri Ashok Kumar Mohanta, Gorumahisani village:

Sri Mohanta told that the mine cause huge air pollution out of the machineries and crusher used. There is no water sprinkling. He so opposed the expansion in production and told that the mining may continue at the existing capacity till it is over shortly

25. Smt. Basanti Marandi, P.S. Member, Kuleisila village:

Smt. Basanti told that Ghanashyam Misra was conducting meeting twice in a month from 1997 to 2012 and listening to the area problem which is not done now for 5-6 years. People are not united here and shout for own benefits. She then told to demand their objectives from the mine on water sprinkling etc. and let the mine run because if the mine gets shut, it will be like a cremation ground.

26. Smt. Laki Sardar, Sarpanch, Hatia G.P.:

Smt. Laki told that people of Hatia G.P. are working in the mine and not getting benefit / facility from the mine.

27. Sri Nandi Ghosh Kalandi, Kuludiha village:

Sri Kalandi told that what the company representative told to have done during last 48 years whether have done so ? He laos told that therein water and dust pollution and environmental problem. The company what will do in the balance period. He at last opposed the project for increase in production.

28. Sri Laxman Hansda, Dhatikidi village:

Sri Hansda told that the mine is running since 1970 and the mine let run but shall invest for area development on education, health etc.

29. Sri Subash Chandra Sethy, Badamauda village:

Sri Sethy told that paddy fields get dried since Durga puja and there is pollution due to road transportation. Water sprinkling is not done in public places. He so opposed the expansion project and told that the let the mine run at the same production and not be under shut of operation.

30. Sri Majhia Soren, Ladhubani village:

Sri Soren told that agricultural fields get dry in March because the canal water does not flow due to dumping of soil there by the mine. He then opposed the project.

31. Sri Bikash Gupta, Kuleisila village:

Sri Gupta told that what the company has done during last 48 years and telling to do now. Labour payment is not done properly and they will go to Delhi.

32. Sri Arjun Hansdah, Hatia village:

Sri Hansdah told that the mine has not provided any benefit during last 48 years and so he first opposes the project. Let the mine first shift ITI, Shishu Mandira and Hospital to safe places at its own cost and the people will then think for the expansion project.

33. Sri Naresh Chandra Giri, Hatia village:

Sri Giri told that he was working in the mine for 21/2 – 3 years and expressed that people are working in the mine like under the English administration.

34. Sri Tukuna Dhal, Sundhal village:

Sri Dhal told that his father was working in the mine and he does not get the PF money.

35. Sri N. K. Mishra, Principal, G. I. Jr. College, Gorumahisani:

Sri Mishra told that the college was neglected for years together and do not get assistance towards the college problem on hostel accommodation facility, insufficient rooms, not well equipped laboratory etc.

The President then asked the project proponent & mines authority to highlight their action on the issues raised by the people on environmental pollution, crop loss and health problem. He told to discuss with the Collector on DMF matter what the people have raised. Sri Bikash Ranjan Nayak then on behalf of the mine cited the followings:

- Local environmental committee will be constituted to look after adverse impacts of mining on air and water pollution, biodiversity etc.;
- Water sprinkling with two more water tankers to control air pollution out of road transportation;
- Construction of check dams and garland drains and two times of massive plantations to control flow of murrom soil over paddy fields;
- Peripheral development matters with consultation of P.S. members and CRS Committee.

Statements of issues raised by the public in English and in vernacular language are annexed (Annexure – I & II). Petitions on environmental problems received during the hearing are also enclosed.

The President then declared the hearing / consultation closed.



Regional Officer, Balasore,
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha

Agreed



15-11-18
Addl. Dist. Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj, Baripada

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

A statement of the issues raised by the public and comments of the representative of the project proponent is mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Issues	Comments
1	Road dust pollution and no water sprinkling.	Water sprinkling is done for suppression of road dusts and two more tankers will be provided for sufficient sprinkling.
2	Paddy fields in the downhill get covered with red murrom soil in the runoff water.	Check dams and garland drains will be constructed followed with two times of massive plantations for flow control of murrom soil over paddy fields during rains.
3	Constitution of local environmental committee.	Local environmental committee will be constituted to look after adverse impacts of mining on air and water pollution, biodiversity etc.
4	Peripheral development	Peripheral development matters will be taken with consultation of P.S. members and CRS Committee.

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୧.	ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରୀୟ ଧୂଳି ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ଓ ପାଣି ସିଞ୍ଚନ ନହିଁ ।	ପାଣି ସିଞ୍ଚନ କରାହେଉଛି ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରରେ ଧୂଳି ନଉଡ଼ିବା ପାଇଁ ଏବଂ ଆଉ ଦୁଇଟି ପାଣି ଟ୍ୟାଙ୍କର ବିଆଯିବ ସଂପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ସିଞ୍ଚନ ପାଇଁ ।
୨.	ବର୍ଷାପାଣି ଦ୍ୱାରା ମାଟିରେ ପାହାଡ଼ ତଳ ଧାନ ଚାଷ ଜମିଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଉପରେ ଆବରଣ ହୋଇ ଯାଉଛି ।	ବର୍ଷାଦ୍ୱାରା ମାଟି ଆସି ଧାନ ଚାଷ ଜମିରେ ଆବରଣ ନକରିବା ପାଇଁ ଗତିରୋଧ ବନ୍ଧ ଓ ମାଳାକୃତ ନାଳ ତିଆରି କରାଯିବ ଓ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ ଦୁଇଗୁଣ କରାଯିବ ।
୩.	ଆଞ୍ଚଳିକ ପରିବେଶ ସମିତିର ଗଠନ ।	ଖଣିଦ୍ୱାରା ଜଳ ଓ ବାୟୁ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ତଥା ସଂକ୍ରମିତ ପରିବେଶ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ଉପରେ କୁପ୍ରଭାବ ଦେଖିବା ପାଇଁ ଆଞ୍ଚଳିକ ପରିବେଶ ସମିତି ତିଆରି କରାଯିବ ।
୪.	ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ଉନ୍ନତି ।	ପଞ୍ଚାୟତ ସମିତି ସଭ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କୁ ଓ CRS ସମିତିକୁ ନେଇ ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ଉନ୍ନତି କଥା ଦେଖାଯିବ ।