

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.02.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT PLAY GROUND, BANSPAL, and KHATA NO. 173 (RAKHIT), PLOT NO. 480, KISSAM-BASTIJOGYA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF ARDENT STEEL LIMITED FOR EXPANSION OF IRON ORE PELLETISATION PLANT (0.6 MTPA TO 1.8 MTPA), IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANT (3.0 MTPA), DRI PLANT (0.6 MTPA), PIG IRON BF (0.6 MTPA), SINTER PLANT (0.8 MTPA), SMS (1.2 MTPA), ROLLING MILLS (1.2 MTPA) AND CAPTIVE POWER PLANT (125 MW) AT VILLAGE PHULJHAR, BLOCK BANSPAL IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA.

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. for expansion of iron ore pelletisation plant (0.6 MTPA to 1.8 MTPA), iron ore beneficiation plant (3.0 MTPA), DRI Plant (0.6 MTPA), Pig Iron BF (0.6 MTPA), Sinter Plant (0.8 MTPA), SMS (1.2 MTPA), Rolling Mills (1.2 MTPA) and Captive Power Plant (125 MW) was held on scheduled date & time at play ground, Banspal, Khata No. 173 (Rakhit), Plot No. 480, Kissam-Bastijogya in the district of Keonjhar with reference to:

- I. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006 and Amendments thereafter.

The Panel consisted of the following members:

1. Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar
2. Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Keonjhar.

Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, supervised & presided the public hearing process and was assisted by Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset, welcoming the members participated in the meeting, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, in respect of project proposed by M/s. Ardent Steel Ltd.

Shri Behera explained that the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He asked the project proponent to make a brief presentation before the public, gathered in the meeting, about the various aspects of the proposed project to be undertaken for better awareness of the public. On behalf of the Project Proponent,

Shri Subhasish Das, addressed the committee members and assembled public and made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control measures, waste management, aforestation programme and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

The views expressed by various speakers on the proposed project are as follows:

1. Sri Kshetra Mohan Mahanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

After welcoming the panel and gathering, he supported the expansion proposal of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. He gave a small comparison of livelihood of the villagers before and after the setting of plant. He welcomed the proposed expansion of the plant and requested the management to look after the following few points for the interest of the villagers.

- i. Opening of a school for the primary education for children of the villagers.
- ii. Opening of an ITI for the skill development.
- iii. Opening of a primary health care center.
- iv. Supply of drinking water through pipe line to all villagers.
- v. Employment to unemployed villagers / land losers.
- vi. Development of local roads.
- vii. Giving priority to the villagers for transporting for incoming & outgoing of materials.
- viii. Aiding of old age pension to the senior citizens of the villagers.

2. Sri Bijay Kumar Khuntia, Vill: Phuljhar.

Welcoming the gathering he expressed his positive attitude towards the proposed expansion proposal of the unit. He told that before setting of the plant in the area, there was no income source of the local people for their livelihood. After establishment of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. at Phuljhar, now there is a change in livelihood, education, employment etc. Hence, he supported & welcomes the expansion project proposed by the Company.

3. Sri Dillip Kumar Barik, Vill: Phuljhar.

During his deliberation he told that there was no electricity and road facility before the operation of the plant. He also told that before establishment of the Industry, there was no Income source and other facilities for local villagers. Now, the company has provided electrification to the villagers, teachers to the

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nearby schools and drinking water through water tanker. At the end he supported the expansion project of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd.

4. Sri Pitambar Mohanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

Welcoming the panel members and assembled gathering he told that after establishment of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. in their area, local people are benefited a lot directly and indirectly. He told that company has undertaken developmental works for the villagers such as supply of electricity, construction of village road and appointment of teachers in the School. He realized the changes of their life style before and after commissioning of the plant. Finally he welcomed the expansion proposal of the project.

5. Sri Pradip Kumar Mahanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

He supported the proposed expansion project of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd.

6. Sri Pranabandhu Khuntia, Vill: Phuljhar.

During his deliberation he told that they are getting more benefits from the company. He also told that no health service after 6 PM from nearby PHC. Ardent Steel Limited has taken steps by establishing a dispensary for emergency medical requirements. He thanks the management of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. for the service to people. He supported the expansion of this project and requested the management for providing better utility services like development of road from Bardapal to Phuljhar, supply of drinking water through pipe line instead of tankers. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of company.

7. Sri Manoranjan Mahanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

Welcoming to the gathering he thanks to the management of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. for providing them benefits using new concepts, new development. He also told that they were demoralized for the operational shutdown of plant for 9 months. He thanks to the Director of the company for giving a new hope by running the plant. The company had already fulfilled most of our demands and we hope to fulfill the other demands after expansion of the project.

8. Sri Akhila Chandra Khuntia, Vill: Phuljhar

Welcoming the expansion project of the company he told that the villagers were depends on cultivation and jungle products before establishment of the plant. At present people are benefited by earning for their livelihood and educated their children. He also told that M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. has appointed teachers for the nearby villagers and dug bore wells in some villages for

drinking water purpose. At the end he told that local people will be more benefited after expansion of the industry.

9. Sri Ghasinath Barik, Vill: Phuljhar

He expressed his support towards expansion proposal of the company and told that the local villagers are benefited after establishment of the plant. He also told that company has provided facilities like education, health and drinking water to the villagers and people may be more benefited after expansion of the project.

10. Sri Khageswara Mahanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

He suggested that the public hearing would have been better if it was at phuljhar village. He told that many villagers may get chance to be the part of the hearing.

11. Sri Ishwar Mahakud, Vill: Phuljhar

He expressed his unhappiness and told that there are some financial dues yet to get as regards to their land from the management. He does not told anything regarding expansion proposal of the company.

12. Sri Niranjan Barik, Vill: Phuljhar.

He told that they have benefited after establishment of the plant at Phuljhar area and people may more benefit after expansion of the plant.

13. Sri Padmalochan Pradhan, Vill: Phuljhar.

He told that the management is terminating the workers for their silly mistakes and giving employment to outsiders.

14. Sri Fakir Mahakud, Vill: Phuljhar.

He expressed his displeasure and told that company has not given him some outstanding dues with respect to land. Though he requested the company to educate his children through ITI, company has not fulfilled it.

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15. Sri Akshya Kumar Mahanta, Vill: Phuljhar.

He told that there is some development of the villagers after establishment of this plant. But, the management has not given attention towards employment of their ITI educated children.

16. Sri Pramod Barik, Vill: Phuljhar.

He supported the expansion project of the company.

17. Sri Rajendra Kumar Dehury, Vill: Phuljhar.

He told that he is not in favour of expansion of this project as because the management terminates the labors for their silly mistakes. They are facing lot of problems and he does not want to further expansion of the plant.

18. Sri Udaynath Khuntia, Vill: Phuljhar.

Welcoming the expansion project of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. he told that he is in service in this plant since 2008. He told that before establishment of this plant villagers were mainly dependent on forest products. After setting of this plant there is a change in economical conditions of villagers. Company has also appointed teachers in their school. He supported this expansion proposal. He suggested that as the school is in the village area there should be a bypass road for movement of heavy vehicles to the plant.

19. Sri Suresh Barik, Vill: Phuljhar.

He supported the expansion project of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. and told that they will be more benefited after expansion of the plant.

20. Sri Bhagaban Barik, Vill: Phuljhar.

Welcoming the panel and gathering he requested that the company shall give employment opportunity to the local Diploma holders and other unemployed youth mass as per their qualification in the expansion project of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of the company.

21. Dr. Suresh Chandra Khato, M.D Minment Consultants,

He has registered his name but does not speak anything on expansion proposal of M/s Ardent Steel Ltd.

The Panel received 02 nos. of written representations from the local people during the hearing demanding different facilities in the locality which are enclosed herewith in original.

Observation:

The overall opinion of the public about the proposed project was favorable. However, the local people have some aspirations as laid down in their deliberations.

Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar & 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 applicants, read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing is prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicants, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed as per Annexure-I & II. List of participants is annexed as per Annexure-III.

The President of Public Hearing, Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar ratified the minutes of hearing with the views and demands of public. He extended his vote of thanks to the public for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing.


The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.

Meanwhile, before release of the proceeding of the above public hearing, the Sarpanch and others of Phuljhar G.P. filed an allegation petition dtd. 01.03.2019(Copy enclosed) before Collector, Keonjhar protesting against the conduct of such public hearing at village Banspal. The said petition was given to RO, SPCB, Keonjhar for enquiry. The RO, SPCB, Keonjhar submitted his enquiry report vide his letter No.328 dtd. 12.03.2019(Copy enclosed) which was put up before Collector, Keonjhar along with letter dtd. 05.02.2019 of Ardent Steel Ltd.(Copy enclosed)addressed to Phuljhar Sarpanch for necessary orders. Basing on the report of RO, SPCB, Keonjhar, Collector, Keonjhar was pleased to pass order on dtd.

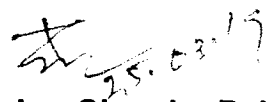


18.03.2019 for release of the proceeding of public hearing, annexing all documents therewith.

Accordingly, the proceeding is released.


25.3.19
(Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan)
Additional District Magistrate,
Keonjhar

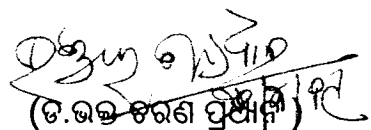
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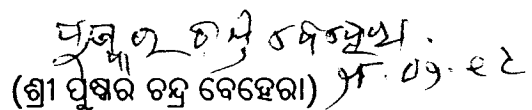

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(Sri Puskar Chandra Behera)
Regional Officer
State Pollution Control
Board, Odisha, Keonjhar
*(Assisted as representative of
State Pollution Control Board)*

ମେର୍ସସ ଆର୍ଡେଣ୍ଟ ଷ୍ଟିଲ ଲିମିଟେଡ, ଓଡିଶା ର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଜିଲ୍ଲା ବାଂଶପାଳ ତହସିଲ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ପୁଲଝର ଗ୍ରାମ ଠାରେ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଆଇରନ ଓର ପେଲେଟ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ କ୍ଷମତା ବାର୍ଷିକ ୦.୬ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ରୁ ବାର୍ଷିକ ୧.୮ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ତତସହିତ ୩.୦ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ର ବେନିଫିସିଏସନ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ୦.୬ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ଡି.ଆର .ଆଇ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ, ୦.୬ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ଗ୍ଲାଷ୍ ପରନେସ, ୦.୮ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ସିଣ୍ଡର ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ , ୧.୨ ନିୟୁତ ଟନର ଏସ.ଏମ .ଏସ , ୧.୨ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ର ରୋଲିଙ୍ଗ ମିଲ ଏବଂ ୧୨୫ ମେଟାଫାଟ ର ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପରିବେଶୀୟ ମଞ୍ଜୁରୀ ନିମନ୍ତେ ୨୮.୦୨.୨୦୧୯ ରିଜ ଦିବା ୧୧.୦୦ ଘଟିକା ସମୟରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଜିଲ୍ଲା ବାଂଶପାଳ ଖେଳ ପଡିଆ ରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣୀରେ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଓ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ।

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି
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୧) ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି	ଡଃ.ଶୁଭାଶିଷ ଦାସ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ପେଲେଟ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ରେ ପାଖାପାଖି ଗ୍ରାମ ଏବଂ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ଶତକଡା ୯୨ ଭାଗ ବିନା ଶିକ୍ଷା ଏବଂ ଦକ୍ଷତା ସ୍ତରେ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏବଂ ନୂତନ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପରେ ସେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ନିୟୁକ୍ତିରେ ଅଗ୍ରାଧିକାର ଦେବାପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ ।
୨) ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା	ଡଃ. ଦାସ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ ଯେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ପେଲେଟ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ରେ ୨ଟି ଆୟୁଲେନ୍ଦ୍ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି, ଯାହା ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀଙ୍କର ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବାରେ ନିଯୋଜିତ । ଡଃ. ଦାସଙ୍କର ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ପି.ଏଚ୍ .ସି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ୨ଗୋଟି ଡକ୍ଟରଙ୍କ ର ନିୟୁକ୍ତି କରାଯିବ । (.ପ୍ରସୂତି ବିଭାଗ ରୁ ଜଣେ ଓ ଅସ୍ତି ଶଲ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗରୁ ଜଣେ) ଏଥିନେଇ ସେ ସି.ଡି. ଏମ .ଓ କ ସହିତ ଯୋଗ ଯୋଗ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ଆଗାମୀ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ୩୧ ତାରିଖ ସୁଧା ଏ ବାବଦରେ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି କହିଛନ୍ତି ।
୩) ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଣ	ଡଃ. ଦାସ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଭୁଉଳ ଜଳକୁ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ହିସାବରେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ପାଇପ ଲାଇନ ଓ ଟ୍ୟାଙ୍କର ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଉଛି । ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତିତ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ରେ ଭୂପୃଷ୍ଠ ଜଳର ଅନୁମତି ନିଆ ଯାଇ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଣର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯିବା ଜଳ ର ଅପରସ୍ତ ନକରିବା ପାଇଁ ସେ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରିଥିଲେ ।

<p>୪)ଶିକ୍ଷା</p>	<p>ଡଃ. ଦାସ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ କମ୍ପାନୀ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଶିକ୍ଷକଙ୍କୁ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଦିଆ ଯାଇଛି । ଉଚ୍ଚ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କୁ ଉଚ୍ଚ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ରୂପେ ଉନ୍ନୀତ କରାଯିବାର ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତିତ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପରେ ଭାରତ ସରକରଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଶିକ୍ଷା ତାଲିମ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର କମ୍ପାନୀ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରାଯିବ ।</p>
<p>୫)ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ</p>	<p>ଶେଷରେ ସେ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେଯେ ପରିବହନ ର ସୁବିଧା ନିମନ୍ତେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନର ପ୍ରସ୍ଥାନ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ କରାଯାଇ ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚ ପାଖରେ ଜାଗା ଚିହ୍ନଟ କରାଯିବ । ପରିବହନର ସମସ୍ତ ସୁଯୋଗ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ। କୌଣସି ବାହାର ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ପରିବହନର ସୁବିଧା ଦିଆଯିବ ନାହିଁ । ପରିବହନର ସୁବିଧା ନିମନ୍ତେ ଅଧିକ ସଂଖ୍ୟାରେ ଗାଡ଼ି ନିୟୋଜିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସେ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରିଥିଲେ । ୨ଗୋଟି ଉପ-ପଥ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ନିମନ୍ତେ କମ୍ପାନୀ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଯୋଜନା କରାଯାଇଛି । ଗୋଟିଏ ଅଂରାଠାରୁ ଜଗଦଳା ତ୍ୟାମ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟ ଗୋଟିଏ କଞ୍ଚାମାଲ ଆମଦାନୀ ଓ ରପ୍ତାନି ପାଇଁ ଉପ-ପଥ କରାଯିବ ବୋଲି ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣୀରେ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ ।</p>


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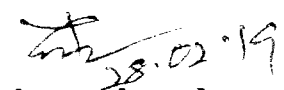
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.02.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT PLAY GROUND, BANSPAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF M/S ARDENT STEEL LIMITED FOR EXPANSION OF IRON ORE PELLETISATION PLANT (0.6 MTPA TO 1.8 MTPA), IRON ORE BENEFICIATION (3.0 MTPA), DRI PLANT (0.6 MTPA), PIG IRON BLAST FURNACE (0.6 MTPA), SINTER PLANT (0.8 MTPA), SMS (1.2 MTPA), ROLLING MILLS (1.2 MTPA) & CAPTIVE POWER PLANT (125 MW) AT VILLAGE PHULJHAR, BLOCK BANSPAL IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT
<p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:</p> <p>1. Employment to the local people</p> <p>2. Medical Facility</p> <p>3. Supply of Drinking Water</p>	<p>Dr. Subhasish Das, Director of M/s Ardent Steel Limited committed to certain issues raised by the public (speakers), details of which is as under:</p> <p>Dr. Subhasish Das, Director of M/s Ardent Steel Limited told that in the existing pellet plant about 92% of local and district people have given the employment opportunity irrespective of their qualification & experience. He also committed that employment to the local people shall be considered as per their qualification and skill on the basis requirement of the company in the expansion proposal.</p> <p>He informed that in the existing plant 2 nos. of Ambulance have been provided for the day to day medical emergencies of the villagers. He had a talk with CDMO, Keonjhar to handover the PHC, Phuljhar to the company who will engage two nos. of doctors mainly a gynecology & orthopedic doctor, who will provide their service atleast 3 hours in day & night. As per him the CDMO assured to take a decision within 31st March'2019. He also told the better medical facilities will be provided in the expansion proposal.</p> <p>Dr.Subhasish Das, told that now we are supplying of drinking water to the villagers through pipe line and water tanker. After expansion it will not possible to supply drinking</p>

	<p>water from ground water source, they will take the allocation of surface water which is under process. Once it is allocated they will distribute the villagers through pipe line permanently. He requested all the villagers not to waste the water as it is very precious.</p> <p>Dr. Das informed that they have engaged teachers in the local schools. They also committed to upgrade the school up to high school level. They will definitely establish an ITI for the betterment of villagers as per Govt. rule in the expansion proposal.</p> <p>Dr. Das informed that after expansion of the plant there will be increased in movement of heavy vehicles and the existing "exit point" will be closed and new "exit point" will be identified near church. He also assured that all the transportation work will be given to the local villagers, no outsiders will be allowed to carry the transportation job. He also requested to the villagers to increase the movement of vehicles for transportation.</p> <p>He also informed that two nos. of bypasses has been planned to construct one in between Anra to Jagadal Dam and another for movement of inward and outward material without using the existing gate.</p>
<p>4. Education</p>	
<p>5. Other Demands</p>	


 25.3.19
(Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan)
Additional District Magistrate,
Keonjhar
 (Presided and supervised the
 public hearing meeting)


 28.02.19
(Sri Puskar Chandra Behera)
Regional Officer, State
Pollution Control Board,
Odisha, Keonjhar
 (Assisted as representative of
 State Pollution Control Board)