

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 12.04.2021(AT 11.00 AM) AT VILLAGE SANKARI KHATA NO. 29 & 30, PLOT NO. 371 & 370 WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S ARCELOR MITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA LIMITED (FORMERLY M/S ESSAR STEEL INDIA LIMITED) FOR EXPANSION OF IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANT CAPACITY FROM 10.7 MTPA TO 16.0 MTPA (THROUGHPUT) , RELOCATION OF TAILING DAM AT VILLAGE SANKARI (G.P PHULJHAR), KEONKJHAR, LAYING OF TAILING PIPELINE AND RETURN WATER PIPELINE FROM BENEFICIATION PLANT TO TAILING DAM AND LAYING OF WATER PIPELINE & SLURRY PIPELINE FROM BENEFICIATION PLANT TO GHORABURHANI- SAGASAH I IRON ORE BLOCK AT VILLAGE DUBUNA & SANKARI IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE.

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited for expansion of Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant capacity from 10.7 MTPA to 16.0 MTPA (Throughput), relocation of tailing dam at village Sankari (G.P Phuljhar), Keonkjar, laying of tailing pipeline and return water pipeline from beneficiation plant to tailing dam and laying of water pipeline & slurry pipeline from beneficiation plant to Ghoraburhani- Sagasahi iron ore block at village Dubuna & Sankari held on scheduled date & time at Khata no. 29 & 30, Plot No. 371 & 370 in village Sankari 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. Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha
- 2. Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, Odisha

Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha, supervised & presided over 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 the project proposed by M/s. Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited and also guidelines to be followed in COVID-19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India as well as Govt. of Odisha.

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 Lakshmi Charan Mahapatra, Head (Corporate Affairs) 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 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 Adit Kumar Dehuri, Sundara, Talakadaka GP:

Welcoming the delegates present in the Public Hearing, he supported the proposed project of M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited. He told that it is a historic day for them because world famous reputed Company M/s. Arcelor Mittal will construct a tailing pond in a remote village at Sankari. In 2006, a Steel Plant proposed by M/s Arcelor Mittal at Patna block which could not be set up due to protested by few people with vested interest. Further, he told that after publication of the news in electronic media, newspaper about construction of a Steel Plant by M/s Mittal at Kendrapada, intellectuals of Keonjhar district demanded a Steel Plant for Keonjhar. If we support the Company, then definitely a Steel Plant will be established at Keonjhar district. There will be all round development if a plant is operated in this area. He requested management of Mittal Company to take care of welfare, CSR activities, Education, Health and transportation facilities for this area.

2. Smt Jharana Pradhan, Sarpanch, Phuljhar GP:

While supported the proposed project, she expressed his happiness, told that with this industrialization they will march forward and this area should be developed by providing education, drinking water, health care facilities for the people of this area by the management of M/s. Arcelor Mittal.

3. Smt. Ahalya Dehuri, Sankari GP :

While supporting for the proposed project, she expressed her views that Company should make this village as a model village. Further, she demanded for providing facilities like drinking water, construction of road etc. by the Company. Since this is a reputed and good company, the management will look forward for all round development of this area. Hope, the Company will make the Sankari village to a model village.

4. Sri Lochan Pradhan, Sankari:

He welcomes M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited for coming to their village, for which their village will be developed. He told that Company should provide School teachers, benefits to Anganbadi, roads and bridge in the area. In addition to above, he also expressed that solar light should be provided to look area as a town. Further, he demanded that Patta should be provided to the villagers against the Govt. land because the Government is giving land to the Company. Employment should be provided to all the villagers otherwise, they will not allow the Company to operate from here.

5. Smt. Kamalini Patra, President Zilla Parishad, Keonjhar:

While supported the proposed project of the Company, she told that as a representative of the people, she has some demands. Though Sankari village is coming under Banspal block, it is very close to the Sadar. The people of this area are very simple and innocent; hence they are unable to raise their voice.

He requested the Company to take appropriate action towards reduction of Air, water and noise pollution. Whenever any Company operates in any area, it is a common thing that health problem crop up and pollution increases in the said area, hence she requested for periodical health check up at the interval of 3 months or six months. Due to financial problem, the people of this locality even cannot proceed to Keonjhar for treatment whenever they fall sick, hence she demanded for Ambulance facilities. She again requested to extend educational facility for the children of this locality. Further, she told that the Company should ensure that the livelihood of the villagers should not be affected. At the same time she requested to look after the noise pollution, water pollution, environment pollution. She pointed out that grazing of cattle should not be affected as a result of this project. In view of construction of the tailing pond, massive compensatory afforestation should be done by the Government. In addition to the above, employment to be provided from each family as per qualification and their livelihood should be taken care by the Company. She informed that she is speaking here is in favour of the general public of this area.

6. Sri Gopala Naik, Sankari:

While supporting M/s. Arcelor Mittal for their proposed Project, he told that their demand should be fulfilled and time to time they will be putting their demands to the company authority. Written request has been given.

7. Sri Parsuram Mantri, Balibeda, Phuljhar :

He told that, he never thought that such a reputed Company will come to this remote area for a new project. Definitely, all round development will be done by the Company. Further, he told that people of this area are even not getting food to eat; they are managing their livelihood with hard work. He has given written request.

8. Sri krushna Chandra Naik, Sankari village

While supporting the propped project, he told that if Company operates here, then there will be development of road, drinking water supply, construction of pond and overall in economy. Further, he expressed that Company will operate the Tailing Pond in their land, then what the villagers will do. Since long, the villagers are managing their livelihood from their landed properly only. Hence, he demanded permanent employment to the educated as well as uneducated youths of this locality. Also in past he has experienced that some Company after commitment for employment ask so many questions, and deprive the villagers from their rights.

9. Sri Krushna Karjee, Sankari:

While supporting the Proposed Project, he expressed that all will be benefited for the Project of the Company. However, he demanded that Education facility and roads should be provided by the Company.

10. Sri Bhagirathi Ghaga, Sankari:

He told that the Sankari villagers have not been provided Patta till date, whereas in other areas, villagers have been given Patta. Therefore, he demanded monthly pension and construction of houses for the villagers.

11. Sri Kirtan Chandra Pradhan, Bholadihi:

While supporting the project proposed by the Mittal company, he informed that he came to know from M/s. Arcellor Mittal that Public Hearing is being conducted here. In past no company has come to this area for any Project, now it is a happy moment for us that M/s. Arcellor Mittal has come to this locality for their project. He requested the management of the Company to develop this Adivasi area with roads, Education facility and priority should be given to health care. Further he told that educated youths to be given employment so that they need not go to outside for their livelihood.

12. Sri Braja Kishore Dehuri:

While supporting the proposed project, he expressed that the Company should take care of roads, educational facilities, transportation and pollution control measures. Further, he demanded for Patta for the villagers. Compensation should be given to the Patta land holders

13. Smt. Minati Naik, Phuljhar:

While supporting the proposed project of the Company, she submitted her demand in writing.

14. Sri Santosh Kumar Dehuri, Sankari:

He told that they will not let the Company operate from this place unless their demands are fulfilled.

15. Smt. Jasoda Dehuri, Sankari:

She expressed her anguish that why Government has not informed them about the Public Hearing even though they ran to different Govt. offices like RI office, Tahasildar Office etc. but they all informed them that no Public Hearing will be conducted. Without our knowledge the Public Hearing has been conducted. She demanded employment for villagers and protection to the land losers.

16. Sri Parikar Dehuri, Sankari:

While supporting the proposed expansion proposal he requested the Company to provide road communication, solve the drinking water problem in the villages in phased manner. If company does not fulfill their demands they will be in trouble in future.

17. Sri Muna Kishan Kisan, Itapokhari:

While supporting the proposed project, he expressed that there is no employment opportunity for the villagers, hence going to outside to work as bounded labour. He told that if the project by the Company operates here, then employment opportunity will be created and livelihood of the villagers will be improved. Further, he emphasized to open a school in this area. In addition to the above, he informed that their Banspal village is surrounded mostly by the forests and most of the times this forest is being destroyed by the wild fire, hence requested to form a team of 8-10 persons who will take care of fire fighting in forest areas to protect the forest.

18. Ganeswar Pradhan, Sankari:

He supported the proposed expansion project. At the same time he demanded for Jungle land patta from State Government. He also demanded for pension to the farmers who will lose their land.

19. Hagru Pradhan, Sankari:

While supporting the proposed expansion project, he demanded for monthly pension and distribution of rice to every villager.

20. Debanda Dehury, Kendughati :

While supporting the Company, he extended his sincere thanks for the project. He requested for better road condition and communication facilities.

21. Durga Pradhan, Sankari :

He demanded for Jungle Jameen patta for the persons who have been leading their lives by cultivation on the Jungle Jameen.

22. Kanchan Dehury, Sankari:

He stated that they went several times to office of the Collector, Keonjhar but till today they have not allotted Jungle Jameen patta to the villagers. He demanded for monthly pension of Rs.50,000/- per month to the land holders.

23. Raju Naik, Dholadihi :

He told that this is a happy moment for him that M/s.Arcelor Mittal & Nippon Steel India Ltd. has come to set up one plant in their village which is a remote place. He has given his demand in writing to the authority. He stated that due to industrialization at least 250 families in the nearby village have been benefited. In this area Companies like Sri Metaliks and Ardant are operating. He expressed that they are more fortunate to have a company like Arcelor Mittal and definitely the fate of the unemployed local villagers will change. He demanded for Education facility, transportation facility and employment to the local youths so that they will not go to other states for their livelihood.

24. BaidyanathDehury,Sankari :

While supporting the project, he demanded for better road condition, drinking water facility, electricity and play ground so that they will be benefited out of this.

25. Ranjit Dehury, Sankari :

He stated that this project will last for 18 years only at the same time he raised his concern that after 18 years the land pattern will change then what they will do to maintain their livelihood. So after the project is over, the land pattern should be same as it is now.

26. Radhakanta Dehury :

While supporting the proposed project, he put up his written demand.

27. Rajan Munda, Balibeda:

He supported the expansion proposal of M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited.

28. Pian Dehury, Sankari :

While supporting the project he demanded for compensation. He requested for providing good road communication, school and drinking water facility.

29. Sushanta Karjee, Itapokhari :

He put up his written demand.

30. Artta Kumar Naik, Itapokhari :

While supporting the project he stated that he is feeling very happy to have M/s. Arcelor Mittal at their village as this is a very big company. He did not repeat the demand as his previous speakers have pointed out the demands.

31. Smt Bhama Dehury, Sankari :

While supporting the proposed project she told that she is member SHG group and she requested for one room for their meeting purpose and education needs to be provided to the uneducated mothers and other facilities.

32. Ajay Pradhan, Sankari :

While supporting the proposed project, he stated that this is a good project which will bring development in the village and surrounding area.

33. Gopal Pradhan, Uchamadihi:

While supporting the project he requested to look into the employment for the unemployed, providing drinking water, roads and pollution level to be maintained.

34. Kanhei Charan Pradhan, Dholadihi :

While supporting the project he demanded to give more focus on education facility at least up to 10th Std. At the same time he requested the company authority to take necessary confidence building measures by doing various welfare jobs because earlier also many company came but did not do much and cheated the villagers. He requested for construction of a temple at the village so that people need not to go long way for puja purpose.

35. Parbati Dehury, Dholadihi:

While supporting the proposed expansion project, she expressed her feeling that today is an auspicious day for them that they did not expect to have this big company in their village which is a remote and surrounded by forest. During those days, people were not educated, even though her father was a determined person who filed a case against TISCO. Her father also wrote a letter to the Prime Minister for setting up a Steel Plant. She demanded for employment, Education and health care.

36. Narottam Dehuri, Kendughati:

While supporting the proposed project, he expressed for health care, education, electricity and roads.

The Panel received **36 nos.** of written representations of the local people demanding different facilities in the locality during the hearing which are enclosed herewith in original.

Observation:

The overall opinion of the public about the proposed expansion 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 Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting 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, Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha ratified the minutes of meetings 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.

(Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak)
Additional District Magistrate,
Keonjhar
*(Presided and Supervised
the Public Hearing Meeting)*

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

ମେସର୍ସ ଆର୍ସେଲର ମିତଲ ନିପୁନ୍, ଷ୍ଟିଲ ଇଣ୍ଡିଆ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍ (ପୂର୍ବତନ ଏସାର ଷ୍ଟିଲ ଇଣ୍ଡିଆ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍) ଓଡ଼ିଶାର କେନ୍ଦୁଝର ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ତୁରୁନା ଏବଂ ସଙ୍କାରୀ ଗ୍ରାମ ସ୍ଥିତ ଲୌହ ପଥର ବେନିଫିସିଏସନ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପର ସଂପ୍ରସାରଣ (୧୦.୭ ମିଲିୟନ ଟନ୍ ରୁ ୧୭.୦ ମିଲିୟନ ଟନ୍) ସହିତ ଟେଲିଙ୍ଗ୍ ଡ୍ୟାମର ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତର, ବେନିଫିସିଏସନ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ଠାରୁ ଟେଲିଙ୍ଗ୍ ଡ୍ୟାମ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଟେଲିଙ୍ଗ୍ ପାଇପ ଲାଇନ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟାବର୍ତ୍ତନ ହେଉଥିବା ଜଳ ନିମନ୍ତେ ପାଇପ ଲାଇନ ର ସ୍ଥାପନ ଏବଂ ବେନିଫିସିଏସନ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ଠାରୁ ଘୋରାବୁରହାଣି-ସାଗାସାହି ଲୌହ ଖଣିଜ ପଥର ବ୍ଲକ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଜଳ ଏବଂ ସ୍ମୃତି ପାଇପ ଲାଇନ ର ସ୍ଥାପନ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଭାରତ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପରିବେଶ, ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଏବଂ ଜଳବାୟୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାଳୟ ଦ୍ଵାରା ପରିବେଶୀୟ ମଞ୍ଜୁରୀ ନିମନ୍ତେ ତା ୧୨.୦୪.୨୦୨୧ ରିଖ ଦିବା ୧୧.୦୦ ଘଟିକା ସମୟରେ କେନ୍ଦୁଝର ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ସଙ୍କାରୀ ଗ୍ରାମ (ଖାତା ନଂ ୨୯ ଏବଂ ୩୦ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ପ୍ଲଟ୍ ନଂ ୩୭୧ ଏବଂ ୩୭୦) ଠାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣୀରେ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଓ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ।

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସାରକଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି
<p>ଜନଶୁଣାଣୀ ବୈଠକରେ ନିମ୍ନଲିଖିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଉଠାଯାଇଥିଲା ।</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ଶିକ୍ଷା ➤ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ➤ ସ୍ଵାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ➤ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ କରଣ ➤ ରାସ୍ତା ଓ ପୋଲ ନିର୍ମାଣ ➤ ପ୍ରଦ୍ୟୁଷଣ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ ➤ ବୃକ୍ଷ ରୋପଣ ➤ ଜୀବିକା 	<p>ଶ୍ରୀ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀବରଣ ମହାପାତ୍ର ମୁଖ୍ୟ (କର୍ପୋରେଟ୍ ଆଫେୟାରସ୍) ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ (ବକ୍ତା) ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା କିଛି ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ପ୍ରତି ନିଜର ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ବ୍ୟତୀ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରି କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ;</p> <p>ସର୍ବ ସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣୀରେ ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ସମସ୍ତ ବାସ୍ତବିକ ସମସ୍ୟା ଗୁଡ଼ିକ କମ୍ପାନୀ ପୂରଣ କରିବାକୁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ରଖି । ସେ ଆହୁରି ମଧ୍ୟ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଜନ ସାଧାରଣଙ୍କର ସମସ୍ୟା ଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ସମାଧାନ କରିବାରେ / ପୂରଣ କରିବାରେ ମେସର୍ସ ଆର୍ସେଲର ମିତଲ ନିପୁନ୍, ଷ୍ଟିଲ ଇଣ୍ଡିଆ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍ କେବେ ପଛଘୁଞ୍ଚି ଦେବନାହିଁ । ଶେଷରେ ସେ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପୁନରବସ ନିୟମକୁ ପାଳନ କରି ପୁନରବସ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କମ୍ପାନୀ ଦ୍ଵାରା କରାଯିବ ।</p>

(ଶ୍ରୀ ସତ୍ୟୋଷ କୁମାର ନାୟକ)
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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 12.04.2021(AT 11.00 AM) AT VILLAGE SANKARI KHATA NO. 29 & 30, PLOT NO. 371 & 370 WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S ARCELOR MITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA LIMITED (FORMERLY M/S ESSAR STEEL INDIA LIMITED) FOR EXPANSION OF IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANT CAPACITY FROM 10.7 MTPA TO 16.0 MTPA (THROUGHPUT), RELOCATION OF TAILING DAM AT VILLAGE SANKARI (G.P PHULJHAR), KEONKJHAR, LAYING OF TAILING PIPELINE AND RETURN WATER PIPELINE FROM BENEFICIATION PLANT TO TAILING DAM AND LAYING OF WATER PIPELINE & SLURRY PIPELINE FROM BENEFICIATION PLANT TO GHORABURHANI- SAGASAH I IRON ORE BLOCK AT VILLAGE DUBUNA & SANKARI IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE.

Issues raised by Public	Commitment of the Project Proponent
<p>The following issues were raised during the public hearing by the speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education ➤ Employment ➤ Medical Facility ➤ Electricity ➤ Construction of Road and bridge ➤ Pollution Control ➤ Plantation ➤ Livelihood 	<p>Shri Lakshmi Charan Mohapatra, Head (Corporate Affairs) of M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited committed to certain issues raised by the public (speakers), details of which is as under:</p> <p>Sri Lakshmi Charan Mohapatra said that all the genuine demands raised by the speakers during their deliberation shall be fulfilled by the Company. He further told that Company is not at all back out for any justified demand. The rehabilitation of the people will also be taken care as per the Govt. Rehabilitation policy.</p>

(Sri Santosh Kumar Nayak)
Addl. District Magistrate, Keonjhar

(Presided and supervised the public hearing)

(Sri Puskar Chandra Behera)
Regional Officer, Keonjhar
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha

(Assisted as representative of State Pollution Control Board)