

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LTD FOR KOTTAMETA LIME STONE MINES (AUCTIONED BLOCK) WITH TOTAL EXCAVATION OF 7.6 MMTPA (LIME STONE: 3.0 MMTPA; SOIL: 0.5 MMTPA & WASTE: 4.1 MMTPA) WITH CRUSHER CAPACITY OF 1000 TPH AT VILLAGE KOTTAMATER UNDER TEHASIL / DISTRICT MALKANGIRI CONDUCTED ON 12.03.2022 AT 10.00 AM AT MATAPAKA GP HEAD QUARTER IN MALKANGIRI DISTRICT.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 12.03.2022 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was announced in Public Address System in nearby villages of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer I/c, State Pollution Control Board, Koraput welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Shri Birasen Pradhan, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate, Malkangiri presided over and supervised the public hearing. He briefed about the importance and objectives of such hearing and invited the project proponent to highlight on proposed project.

Sri S K Rout, Deputy Executive Director of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

The following is the summary of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Koraput.

1. Sri Ananda Sodi, Orkelguda, Matapaka

Sri Sodi hoped that his village will be benefitted by the proposed Cement Project & demanded to provide job opportunity to the educated youths of Matapaka, Niliguda & Sikhkali GP in the project. He drew attention on non availability of mobile network & subsequent problems in their area and requested for provision of mobile Tower. Further he demanded to provide Hospital, School & College with Hostel facilities in their area by the company.

2. Sri Erma Madkami, Purnaguda, Matapaka

Sri Madkami hoped that their area will be developed due to Dalmia Project. He demanded for provision of Hospital & Ambulance facilities in each village, School & College facilities and Water supply to each village by the company.

3. Sri Ram Chandra Padiami, Orkelguda, Matapaka

Sri Padiami spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He informed that he came to know about the establishment of Cement plant project at Kottamateru village, He urged that facilities of water supply and road development will be beneficial for them.

4. Sri Nanda Kishore Madhi, Matapaka

Sri Madhi expressed that he came to know about the establishment of Lime stone factory at Kottamater village & informed about the non availability of Odisha mobile network in their areas leading to difficulties faced by them for medical support & strongly demanded for Mobile Tower.

He demanded better Hospital facilities, School and college for higher education in Matapaka village. He informed that their cattle are dying due to water scarcity in their area in summer & demanded to provide water supply to their villages.

5. Sri Mukundh Madkami, Orkelguda, Matapaka

Sri Madkami informed that he passed +3 & got 1st Division with his friend. He expressed his dissatisfaction over non availabilities of any facilities in their locality & neglect by the local Sarapancha for development of their area. He expressed that School with Boundary wall is required for Matapaka village & demanded for development of Road communication from Matapaka to Kamalapadar village by the company.

6. Miss Puspan Madkami, Purnaguda, Matapaka

Miss Madkami expressed that the local educated youths are going to other states for their livelihood & urged that if company get established in their area they will get job opportunity in nearby locality instead of going outside.

7. Smt Gangi Madi, Matapaka

Smt Madi informed that there is no water & other facilities in her village. She demanded for provision of Water supply, School, Hospital facilities for them.

8. Sri Nabin Madkami, Akarpalli, Matapaka

Sri Madkami demanded that there should not be any displacement of village, Provision of job to local unemployed youth based on their qualification in the project, construction of school & college, Better Health facilities for local people, Supply of Electricity to their village, provision of Drinking water supply & ambulance facilities for them, ITI training to local youths, Training to local women for their empowerment, Irrigation facilities & levelling of agricultural land for double crops & Establishment of Cement Plant in Malkangiri District instead of shifting to other districts.

He submitted a written memorandum to the Chair.

9. Sri Binayak Chandra Madkami, Purnaguda, Matapaka

Sri Madkami informed that their forefathers left the valuable mines for them & now Dalmia Company going to establish their project in their area. He expressed that they are not aware about which area to be acquired & how many villages to be affected. He enquired about how much Forest area, Government Land & Private Land to be acquired by the company for the project & requested the Government to clarify it before the Public.

10. Sri Budra Kartami, Ex Sarpanch, Niliguda, Matapaka

Sri Kartami informed that Thick Forests exist in their Matapaka GP & people of Koya Tribes are living there since 100 years ago. He apprehended that Dalmia Company will carry out mining in their locality & will establish Cement Plant in other District. He requested to the District Administration & to the Company to put the cement Plant in Malkangiri District & strongly demanded to give employment to each educated and uneducated youth of their locality in the Plant & Mines as the local people are going to lose their Forest, Land & water which they kept since hundreds of years by facing various natural problems. He demanded employment to each

family with at least Rs 30 to 40 Thousand per month salary & pension for old peoples of the locality. He further demanded to provide land in exchange of land to be acquired for their livelihoods.

He warned that if company will do mining only instead of establishing the cement plant in Malkangiri they will strongly oppose the project. He suggested that the management & the recruitment in the company should be done through a common committee to be formed by the Matapaka & Nilibadi GP. He demanded that company should abide the conditions of the committee for development of their locality or else they will oppose the project.

11. Sri Aditya Kobasi, Koyagiri, Matapaka

Sri Kobasi spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri.

He informed that the deposit of limestone in their area is known to them from his childhood and they are aware about land will be acquired by Government in future. Further he explained that they used to go to other states like Andhra Pradesh as migrant labourer and faced problems. He informed that their forefathers settled in this village for last four to five generation. He expressed that land records belong to Government and it is not individual issues whereas it is common issues of their society and Government. He hoped that, The proposed Dalmia project will be beneficial for them to get their livelihood in the locality.

12. Sri Kosa Madi, Matapaka

Sri Madi introduced himself as resident of Matapaka GP. He demanded to extend different facilities for their locality by the company & emphasised on employment of local youth in the project. He strongly recommended establishing the Cement Plant in their locality instead of putting the plant in any other Districts for overall development of their area. He further added that they will write to the Government to redress their problems & for establishing the cement plant in Malkangiri.

13. Sri Ananda Madhi, Matapaka

Sri Madhi demanded for provision of Bank & English Medium School in their locality & requested to provide Lift Irrigation facilities for the Agricultural lands to support cultivation for the livelihoods of local people.

14. Sri Suresh Sodi, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Sodi informed that their area is mostly illiterate & demanded to provide job to them in the project. He demanded for establishment of Cement Plant in their locality instead of any other Districts & requested to show the land where Plant to be established.

15. Sri Nanda Madkami, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Madkami spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He informed that the area get developed by their forefathers by cutting forests and making it suitable for agriculture, habitation and also planted trees. He apprehended that they may not get any employment in the project as they are not educated and outsiders will get job opportunities. Further he apprehended that they may not even able to engage vehicles for transportation in the project to get their livelihood and others will be benefited. He emphasized for not to sell their land at any cost in order to protect it for their future generation to construct houses for agriculture purposes as lands are scarce and will not

be available for them in anywhere. He further expressed that the money will be exhausted but land will continue for future. He further informed that, if they could be educated, they can sell half of their land and rest can be kept for them and would be benefitted. He further repeated his previous version for not to sale the land as it is hard earned land by their forefather.

16. Sri Prasanta Beti, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Beti spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He expressed that they will not get better land in exchange of these lands. Further he expressed his doubt over the commitment made by the company for giving job and other facilities and apprehended that company may throw them out from the land. He strongly opposed to give their land for the project as it is the question of their livelihood.

17. Sri Ganga Sodi, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Sodi informed that they are residing in that area from their forefathers & they are not interested to give their land for the project. He demanded to provide employment to at least 99% of their youth in the project prior to acquire land. He demanded for at least 3 to 4 times compensation to the land losers & for Mango, Tamarind Trees exist in their land as these are their livelihoods. He emphasised on employment facilities for educated & uneducated youths of the locality in the project.

18. Sri Kana Madkami, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Madkami spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He expressed that the population may grow but not the land. He further expressed that they are dependent on land and questioned how they will survive if land get sold. He expressed his doubt over getting job in the project and apprehended that outsiders will get employment and they are likely to be ruined. He strongly advocated for not to give their land for the project.

19. Sri Muka Kunjami, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Kunjami spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He informed that since long their forefather settled in that area. They developed the land and planted trees. He strongly argued not to give their land and ready to fight for it. He expressed that they will preserve that land for future generation and will not sell it to anybody.

20. Sri Subhransu Sekhar Sahoo, Podia

Sri Sahoo welcomed the Lime stone Mines Project of Dalmia Cement. He appreciated the co operation extended by the Local leaders for making the Hearing successful & hoped that the management of Dalmia Company & State Pollution Control Board will make the Gram Panchayat and the Project Pollution free, clean & Green.

He explained the difficulties faced by the thousands of Migrant Labourer of Malkangiri during COVID pandemic due to lack of any Industry in the District. He extended Thanks to the District Administration & Dalmia Company for their vision of proposed Project in Malkangiri with a hope that company will provide facilities for development of people of Matapaka GP, Land losers, physically challenged people & educated mass of Malkangiri District. He emphasised on employment of educated youths in the project & for overall development of the District. He thanked to all who participated & co operated in the hearing.

21. Sri Jaga Madkami, Kottamateru, Matapaka

Sri Madkami spoke in Koya Language which gets translated by Sri Jagdish Kartami, ORS, Additional Tehasildar, Malkangiri. He expressed that they have family, cattle and memories of their ancestors and questioned how they will survive leaving behind it. He expressed that elderly people are even not getting pension and how the youths will get job in the company. Further he expressed that they will prefer to die than to give their land.

He informed that their land is best than any other land and expressed his doubt over the commitment made by the company for providing various facilities. He explained that they are enjoying full year by working for six months in their land but in job the person who employed will only get his livelihood. He questioned that, what they will get from the company whereas they are getting everything from their land for their survival.

The Regional Officer I/C, SPCB, Koraput read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing. Sri S K Rout, Deputy Executive Director of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd responded to the issues raised. Shri Birasen Pradhan, OAS(S), ADM Malkangiri gave concluding remarks of the Hearing.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure I & II respectively, list of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure III & IV respectively. Four number of written representations received during public hearing is annexed as Annexure-V (a to d). The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (I & II).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.


12-03-2022
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12/3/2022
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