

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S JSW CEMENT LTD., FOR ESTABLISHING PROPOSED CEMENT PLANT HAVING CAPACITY OF CEMENT 7 MTPA (0.7 MTPA OPC, 3.5 MTPA PSC & 2.80 PPC), CLINKER 3 MTPA AT BHIMNAGAR VILLAGE, SEDAM TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT.

AND

PROPOSED LIMESTONE MINE, MOGLA LIMESTONE MINE HAVING LIMESTONE PRODUCTION OF 4.51 MTPA IN MINE LEASE AREA OF EXTENT 404.29 Ha AT MOGLA VILLAGE, CHITTAPUR TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT.

DATE: 27.05.2016

TIME: 11.00 AM

VENUE: At Project Site, Bhimnagar Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi.

M/s JSW Cement Ltd., have proposed for establishing cement plant having capacity of cement 7 MTPA (0.7 MTPA OPC, 3.5 MTPA PSC & 2.80 PPC), Clinker 3 MTPA at Bhimnagar village, Sedam taluk, Kalaburagi District

And

Proposed Limestone Mine, Mogla Limestone Mine having limestone production of capacity 4.51 MTPA in mine lease area of extent 404.29 Ha at Mogla Village, Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi District.

Details of the Project Location:

1. M/s JSW Cement Ltd., Bhimnagar village, Sedam taluk, Kalaburagi District.
2. Mogla Limestone Mine of M/s JSW Cement Ltd., Mogla village, Chittapur taluk, Kalaburagi District.

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF, Government of India, 14-09-2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

**Public Hearing Panel:**

Public Hearing Panel		
1	Sri. Vipul Bansal, I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

**District Administration Officials**

1. Shri. Bhimashankar, Assistant Commissioner, Sedam Taluk, Kalaburagi District

**Officers of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board**

1. Shri. B. Rudresh, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
2. Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
3. Shri. Adamsāb Patel, Assistant Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

**REPRESENTATIVE OF M/S. JSW CEMENT LTD.,**

1	Shri Anilkumar Pillai	Director & CEO
2	Shri Pushparaj Singh	CMO
3	Shri. L. Subramanya	HR & Admin.
4	Shri. Manish Poojari	AGM
5	Shri. Arvind Sharma	DGM (ENV.)
6	Shri. Vishal Bajpai	Legal Advisor
7	Shri. S.R. Bose	Sr. Manager Mines

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of

Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter dated 20-02-2013 for Cement plant of capacity 7 MTPA Cement & 3 MTPA Clinker and the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 25-11-2015, as well as Terms of Reference letter dated 21-11-2013 for Mogla Limestone Mine of capacity 4.5 MTPA at Mogla village in extent of area 404.29 Ha and the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated: 31-01-2016, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 27-05-2016 at the Project Site Bhimnagar village, Sedam Taluk, Kalaburagi District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Vijaya Karnataka" and English daily news paper "Deccan Herral" on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and local daily Kannada "Praja Vani" & English daily "Deccan Herral" on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or written or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English have been placed at the following places for the references to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi.
2. Office of the Chief Executive officer, Zilla Panchayath, Kalaburagi.
3. District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi.
4. City Corporation, Kalaburagi.
5. Town Municipal Council, Sedam, Kalaburagi District.

6. Grampanchayat Office, Malkhed Village, Sedam Taluk, Kalaburagi.
7. Town Municipal Council, Chittapur, Kalaburagi District.
8. Grampanchayat Office, Mogla Village, Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi District.
9. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
10. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India Bangalore.
11. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church street, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel, Kalaburagi verified the Notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether the sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, all the public, the officials of different departments, elected representatives, members and the staff of the Company and media who were present on the occasion. He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing, and requested the public to interact and to discuss about the project and to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of both written record and entire proceedings is Videographed.

He requested Sri. Vipul Bansal, Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District to start the proceedings.

Sri. Vipul Bansal, Deputy Commissioner, briefed the audience about the Public Hearing and explained the procedure of conducting the Public Hearing. He also

informed the gathering to express their views/comments/objections pertaining to the environmental aspect on the proposed expansion of Cement Plant and Limestone mining project. If there is any environmental impact, those affected should express their objection/suggestions either verbally or by representation in writing without any hesitation. The Chairperson asked the Industry representative to provide a brief technical presentation on the proposed project.

Sri. Swamy, Project Consultant, M/s Bhagvati Ana Labs gave a presentation in Kannada language and explained in detail regarding the project and suitable measures to be taken up on the proposed Cement plant and Limestone mining project and measures to mitigate environmental pollution problems as per the REIA and Environment Management Plan. He explained the existing scenario of the Company, scope of the proposed to Cement and Limestone mining project, its impact on Air, Water, Noise, Soil Environment, Socio Economic Status of the area, technical details such as production, consumption of water and waste water generation, availability of land and sources of pollution and measures proposed to mitigate the impact. He informed that suitable precautionary measures would be taken during commissioning of the proposed of Cement and Limestone mining project, based on the Environment Management Plan. He also explained the Company's vision towards its Corporate Social Responsibilities. Copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Thereafter, Sri Diwakar.D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi informed the public to place their Views/Comments/Objections as related to environmental issues on the proposed expansion of Cement and Limestone mining project.

The following persons expressed their submissions/views/suggestions/comments:

**1) Sri. Santhosh Rathod, Kishan Thanda Village**

He expressed that in radius of 16 kms there are 4 cement plants and each plant has 4 units and in radius of 3 to 6 kms there is no water in the existing bore wells leading to water scarcity. He opined that if permission is given to the proposed cement

plant/mines there would be increase in the pollution levels leading to water scarcity problems already existing, to give permission for other industrial plants excepting cement plants.

**2) Sri. Veerbhadrappa, Mogla Village**

He expressed that he is owning land at Sy. No. 111 of extent 3 acre 13 guntas in view of the increasing population nobody cares about the environment. In this regard everybody should unite and take steps to control environmental pollution.

**3) Sri. Sidramayya Hiremath, (RTI Activist), Kalaburagi.**

He expressed that he has gone through the EIA report prepared by M/s Bhagvati Ana labs and also surveyed the area and some of the objections to the EIA reports published is as follows.

- i. Archaeological Department says that there are no forts within 15 kms radius whereas in the EIA report it is reported that, there is fort within 4 kms radius which is false.
- ii. Under CSR activity budget of Rs. 20 crores has been allocated for next 10 years and existing cement plants have not taken up any CSR activities. There is already increase in temperature of about 45 °C due to the surrounding 3 to 5 cement factories not taking up greenery plantation and requested not to give permission for the proposed cement plant.
- iii. The established cement industries have not spent any amount on CSR activity and in particular opposed about establishment of M/s Orient cement Ltd., committed to provide 50 beds hospital and same is yet to be provided.
- iv. As per EIA report committee has to be established for taking up CSR activity but no committee has been proposed in the report.
- v. The company has proposed to spent Rs. 2 crores per year under CSR activity for developing the surrounding villages, whereas it is

observed that the existing cement industries have not spent money on CSR activity for development of villages.

- vi. The day time and night time reports of Air & Noise pollution has been published but even then the existing industries continue to do blasting activity in the mines leading to Air & Noise pollution.
- vii. The source of water has not been furnished but reported that rain water harvesting will be done and already the locals are facing severe water scarcity problem and the existing cement industries have not provided rain water harvesting system.

In view of the above, he requested the Deputy Commissioner that false report has been furnished and same to be brought to the notice of MoEF & CC and also not to give permission for establishment of the proposed cement plant.

**4) Sri. Raju Katti, President, Huda Seva Samiti**

He expressed that existing cement plant particularly M/s Rajashree cement plant showing that every year they are planting the saplings and improving greenery and if it had been so, the place should having covered with 100% greenery which would give a good environment.

He also opined that industrial plants should come up leading to employment and existing industries environment management is poor and in particular M/s Rajshree cements discharges emissions in the night which is visible from 10 kms distance and affecting the local public.

The existing industry M/s Rajshree cements is charging very high school fees to the local villagers children for education whereas the local villagers have also parted with their land for the industry and also the school bus facility provided to LKG students has also been stopped.

Existing industries are not providing local employment and most of the employment is given to outsiders. Finally he expressed that River Kagina water quality is degraded hence, due diligence should be taken up by the industry to provide better environment in the surroundings.

**5) Sri. Shivsharnapp Bandeppa Hugar Poojari, Mogla Village.**

He expressed that farmers of Mogla village don't have any objections for setting up the proposed cement plant & Limestone mine. He opined that the meeting should have been conducted at Mogla village since, the extent of limestone mines is more than proposed cement plant.

**6) Sri. Deepaknag Shashidhar Punneshetty, Ainoli, Member & Ex-ZP President, Kalaburagi.**

He expressed his objection to the establishment of M/s JSW cement plant and limestone mines and has submitted following objections. (Enclosed as Annexure-3).

**7) Sri. Shivraj, Mogla Village.**

He expressed that already 4 to 5 cement plants are existing here and in Mogla village there are about 30 Engineers unemployed and employment opportunity should be given to them.

**8) Sri. Jagannath Tarnalli, Sedam**

He expressed concern over the issue already discussed about whether a new cement factory and limestone mine is required in this area. He also expressed that Sedam and Chincholi has been designated as SEZ zone wherein the lands will be acquired and there will be no land left for the future generation children. He also said that already defunct CCI, Kurkunta is now a barren zone, nothing can be grown and requested the farmers who were willing to give their lands that the industry should provide proper facilities, employment for their upbringing & good environment.

**9) Sri. Ashok Kumar Sheelvant, Social Worker, Malkhed**

He expressed his objection for whatever reason the the proposed cement and limestone mine should not be allowed to establish and has submitted memorandum vide annexure- 4 in this regard.

**10) Sri. Vishwanath, Mogla village.**

He expressed that it is the fault of the farmers giving land for establishment of the industry thereby causing pollution and unemployment leading to migration of locals to the cities



**11) Sri. Nagraj Shivasharanappa Hoogar, Mogla village.**

He welcomed all and expressed the industry should give good value to the farmers land since the land are rich in limestone deposits.

**12) Sri. Mallikarjun R Pujari, Mogla Village.**

He opined that the farmers themselves are not maintaining proper environment in their fields and the proposed cement plant and limestone mine industry should maintain proper Air, Water, Soil pollution control facilities and should also provide good value to the land being taken by the industry.

**13) Sri. Mahesh Patil, Malkhed Village.**

He opined that the lands belongs to their forefathers and is valuable will not be given to the industry without portion with their land as per the government programmes in agriculture, the farmers can sustain themselves and expressed his objection to the establishment of M/s JSW cement plant.

**14) Hanumant, Malkhed.**

He expressed that, there are lands wherein crops have been grown and increased the economic value of the farmers even in drought situation and objected to the establishment of of the cement industry and limestone mines.

**15) Sharanu Aavate, Malkhed.**

He opined that, most of the farmers who give land will get money compensation and inturn these farmers will spend the money and with no land to live, they will migrate in search of livelihood. Hence requested farmers not to part with their land.

**16) Sri. Shivaputrappa Telkur, Mogla village.**

He expressed that, Public Hearing is a waste of time since he has earlier opposed for the establishment of cement plants and requested locals to get united and not sell the land to industries.

**17) Sri. Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.**

He welcomed all and submitted the memorandum regarding proposed cement plant & limestone mine (Enclosed as Annexure-5 & 6).

**Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner**, intervened and addressed the public that, the permission is not being given to industry or limestone mine by the District Administration or the State Government, which has no role in this. The Central Government will decide on the clearance for establishment of the industry and the whole proceedings is being videographed. The Deputy Commissioner also expressed that the sale of the land and its proceeds is with the will and wish of the land owner and the industry. District Administration is neither for or against the land owner or the industry and the District Administration can only guide the farmers in respect of land value, market value and guidance value. The Deputy Commissioner requested the land owners to discuss with the previous land losers who had complained about the land price but in this also the land losers had sold their land out of their own self will and the District Administration had no role in this.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed if any help is required, the District Administration will help in this regard.

**18) Sri. Mukram Khan, Karnataka Pradesh Janata Dal (S) Labour Committee, Sedam**

He expressed his objections to the establishment of the plant and the limestone mine and submitted memorandum in this regard which are enclosed as Annexure -7.

**19) Sri. Md. Moinuddin Mansafbadar, Karnataka Pradesh Janata Dala (S), leader.**

He expressed that the proposed industry should compensate properly to the land losers, which shall be between industry shall not involve any middle man in the land acquisition process directly be before farmer and industry, injustice to the farmers to be avoided.

During the Environmental Public Hearing following written memorandums were received;-

1. Sri. Deepaknag Shashidhar Punyshetty, Ex President & ZP Member, ZP, Kalaburagi, Post: Aiyonalli, Tq: Chincholli, Dist: Kalaburagi - Annexure-3.

2. Memorandum received from Sri. Ashok Kumar Sheelvant , Social Worker, Bus Stand colony, Post: Malkhed, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi enclosed as Annexure-4.
3. Memorandum received from Sri. Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, President Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Samstha, H.No. 6-7-414, Shivaji Nagar, Nalgonda District, Telangana State enclosed as Annexure-5 for cement plant.
4. Memorandum received from Sri. Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, President Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Samstha, H.No. 6-7-414, Shivaji Nagar, Nalgonda District, Telangana State enclosed as Annexure-6 for Limestone mine.
5. Memorandum received from Sri. Mukram Khan, Karnataka Pradesh Janata Dal (Jatyatita), State General Secretary, Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi enclosed as Annexure-7.

Sri. Diwakar D, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Kalaburagi while thanking the participants he informed that the views/suggestions/objections raised by the participants is recorded and will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India for their consideration.

The whole proceedings of 27-05-2016 have been videographed in accordance with EIA Notification dtd.14-9-2006.

The particulars contained in the annexure to the proceedings public hearing held on 27-05-2016 pertaining to M/s JSW Cement Limited.

1. The hard copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure-1.
2. The list of participants who attended the public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-2.
3. Memorandum received from Sri. Deepaknag Shashidhar Punyshetty, Ex President & ZP Member, ZP, Kalaburagi, Post: Aiyonalli, Tq: Chincholli, Dist: Kalaburagi enclosed as Annexure-3.
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8. Memorandum received from Sri. Arunkumar Chavan, State President, Nrupatunga Seva Sangh (R), Nrupatunga Nagar, Malkhed, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi enclosed as Annexure-8.
9. Memorandum received from Mogla Villagers, Tq: Chittapur, Dist: Kalaburagi enclosed as Annexure-9.
10. Memorandum received (Cement Plant) from Sri. H. Madhubabu, Environment Volunteer (REEHAS, Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society) R/o of Hyderabad, Telangana State enclosed as Annexure-10 for cement plant & mines.



(Sri. VIPUL BANSAL, I.A.S)

Deputy Commissioner

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,

Kalaburagi, Karnataka