

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., PROPOSED PROJECT KARIGATTA LIMESTONE MINE WITH PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 1.0 MTPA IN THE MINE LEASE AREA OF 52.81 Ha AT SY.NO.66,65,485,486,487,488 & 500, ML NO.1339 LOCATED AT VILLAGES- SEDAM AND INJEPALLI, SEDAM TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 10/09/2020 AT 11.00 AM.

VENUE: At Cement Corporation of India (CCI) Colony, Near Temple, Kurkunta, Tq: Sedam, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State

M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., has proposed project Karigatta Lime Stone Mine with production capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 52.81 Ha at Sy.No. 66,65,485,486,487,488 & 500, ML NO.1339 located at villages- Sedam & Injepalli, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

Production: Limestone Mine with production capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 52.81 Ha, at Sy.No. 66,65,485,486,487,488 & 500, ML NO.1339 located at villages-Sedam & Injepalli, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Government of India, Dt. 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel:

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1	Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Sri Ramesh Kolar, Assistant Commissioner, Sedam.
2. Sri C.N. Manjappa , Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD PRESENT IN THE MEETING,

1	Sri Pulkit Ambwekar	Deputy Manager, CCI
2	Sri M.Suresh	Jr.Engineer, CCI
3	Sri A.K.Singh	Executive Incharge, CCI Kurkunta
4	Sri Basawaraj Patil	Employee, CCI
5	Sri Sharad Kumar	Addl.General Manager, CCI
6	Sri Deepak Kumar Adil	Mines (J.O), CCI
7	Sri Manish Kumar Shukla	DM Mines-CCI
8	Sri Omprakash Kumar	General Manager-GMEC International, Jaipur
9	Sri Sahil Alwaria	Environmental Engineer-GMEC International, Jaipur

The attendance extract of public participated in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

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 & Climate Change (I.A Division), Government of India, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. J-11015/114/2018-IA.II (M) New Delhi dated 29.08.2019 for production of limestone mine with capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 52.81 Ha and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 26.12.2019, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 10.09.2020 at project site.

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 "Prajavani" and English daily news paper "Indian Express" on 9th August, 2020. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local Kannada daily news paper "Sanjevani" on 13/08/2020. 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/at the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were 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. CMC, Sedam.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Madkal Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi.
7. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
8. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bangalore.
9. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi, Sri C.N. Manjappa, has welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, all the public, the officials of all departments and others who were present on the occasion. He has briefed 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 at different places. He has requested the Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He has informed the public to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Videographed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to present their project proposal to the gathered public.

Accordingly, Sri Basavaraj Patil representative of the project presented the salient features of the project viz the executive summary - background of the project, Land requirement, proposed activity, solid and Hazardous waste management, Water requirement, mining type, production details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures

proposed, Base line study, Ambient air quality, Noise environment, Water environment, Surface water quality, Ground water quality, land environment, biological environment, anticipated environmental impacts, Green belt development, CSR and environmental management plan of the proposed project. The presentation made by the project proponent in the public hearing is enclosed in Annexure -II.

After the detailed presentation made by the factory representative, the public were called to present their views and comments to environmental issues of the project. The stage was open to public for their hearing.

The written suggestions/ objections submitted to the Board and submitted at the time of the hearing are enclosed as Annexure-III.

Further, the following persons expressed their concerns in the public hearing are as follows:

1) Sri Neharu Jatoth, Batgera K Gate, Kurkunta Village;

Due to long time fighting by all the public and representatives of this region, today that has materialised and today we have public hearing of this plant. During operation of CCI Cement plant, all this surrounding area was developed and employment was generated. Hence, we are requesting once again to restart of the plant. Land losers were not informed about this meeting. The common decision has to be taken by the Taluka administration regarding reopen of this plant. We are giving memorandum in behalf of our organization. He read out the memorandum contents which are as follows;

1. CCI has to be reopened and employment shall be given to land losers. Better compensation shall be given to land losers.
2. CCI mines shall be the part of the CCI Cement plant.
3. Priority shall be given to the educated local youths for employment in the plant.
4. As per Central government Rules, minimum wages and working time shall be fixed to the workers.
5. All benefits announced by the central government shall be given to all employees and workers of the plant.

We have given lands to this plant and now we are not having jobs. Hence, I am requesting to give justice to all land losers. I am concluding my speech.



2) Sri Akram Pasha, CCI Colony, Kurkunta Village;

There are many issues relating to this plant. There are several employees in this plant. There are many contract employees of the company are now jobless and they have not given any compensation. Many have gone to court. These contract labour families shall be helped by the company. Only Rs.40,000/- amount paid by the company during closure of the plant. Once again I am requesting to restart the plant. The people will get jobs and educated youths will get employment. Many educated youths are staying at home due to non availability of employment. Develop this Kurkunta village. Restart the plant at the earliest. I am concluding my speech.

3) Sri Shanthayya Guttedar, Kurkunta Village;

In 1968-69, we have given our lands to CCI and that period the land rate was Rs.400/- to Rs.500/- per acre. Government has purchase land at the rate of Rs.900/- per Acre. In 1998, the plant was completely stopped. Government is not able to run this factory and hence proposed to give it to private party. I am urging to run the factory by government only. Government can stop increase of cement rate if the plant is run by the government. I am concluding my speech.

4) Sri Gopal Rathod, Ganeshnagar, Sedam;

We have seen that this CCI company cement quality was very good and durable. But private company cement is not durable. CCI has very good quality limestone and it is available at ground level. CCI was closed mainly due to upcame of new private industries in Sedam. Kurkunta was developed when the CCI plant was in operation. If the government runs this factory, the plant can be operated efficiently and can make profits also. Due to closure of this plant, thousands of families have come to the streets. There is no job to these people and land losers. I am once again urge the government to run the factory. I am concluding my speech.

5) Sri Veeranna Manthatti, Kurkunta Village;

My advise is to give mine lease license by KSPCB to CCI factory only for 20 years. My demand is to run the mines and factory only by CCI factory. If the Central government decides to give the CCI factory to private agency, but the mines shall be operated and mined material shall be used only in CCI factory. We are opposing transport of limestone outside CCI factory. The large companies like Tata & Birla can buy this CCI company and shall install the plant in this old plant area and use the mined limestone in this factory only. License shall be issued by pollution control Board to this mines with a condition to run this CCI Plant. This has to be mentioned in the proceedings. I am concluding my speech.



6) Sri. Shantayya Guttedar, Kurkunta Village;

He urged to start the CCI plant at the earliest and we will fight for restart of the plant.

7) Sri Lingu C. Rathod, Betgera, Kurkunta Village;

My request is to consider this project. People are waiting from several years for restart of the plant and for employment, people have lost the lands. The government has to support this project. Give compensations to land losers. Give employment to local people. I am concluding my speech.


8) Sri Tulasiram, Betgera, Kurkunta Village;

All we requesting to restart of this plant. We are virtually crying due to closure of this plant. Sy.No.65, 66 lands have been given to plant. We have migrated to other states in search of jobs. We have educated youths in our families who are not having jobs. Company has to be started at the earliest.

Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi has thanked all the public for concluding this meeting peacefully. She said tomorrow also we have one public hearing relating to CCI. Tomorrow also we will come and receive your opinions. All opinions will be recorded and sent to Government.

Finally, Environmental Officer informed that all of you have attended environmental public hearing of M/s Cement Corporation of India Limited (CCI) and heard the environmental management plan of the industry. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and said that they are concluding this Environment Public hearing meeting.


(Smt. V.V. Jyothsna, I.A.S)
Deputy Commissioner,

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
 Kalaburagi, Karnataka.